



Friday
16th January 2026

FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

What a dreary weather week it has been! The children have smiled throughout and have enjoyed their wet breaktimes and lunchtimes when they have been necessary. Last year our community came together to collect tokens in the County Press, the £500 Amazon Voucher we won is going to be spent on replenishing some of the wet breaktime resources in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who took part in the competition, the children will be very grateful for the additional resources.

This week Year 1 have been making bread. The whole school smelled divine Wednesday and it was so lovely to see the children tucking in and enjoying the fruits of their labour on their way out of school, not being able to wait to try them! A HUGE thank you goes out to Grace's Bakery for supplying the ingredients needed for the baking! Well done to the children in Year 1 for their fantastic baking skills.

Yesterday, Year 2 enjoyed their Victorian Workshop. They learnt all about life in Victorian times and handled many artefacts. The children had some fantastic questions for Estelle who ran the workshop and were a credit to Team Binstead! Well done Year 2.

This year, Binstead will be taking part in the RSPB School's Bird Watch between the 6th Jan and 13th Feb. If you would like to join in at home, please take a look at the resources at <https://www.rspb.org.uk/>

Have a wonderful weekend everyone and fingers crossed for some drier weather soon.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs C

ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95.9%

Year 1: 96.7%

Year 2: 95.6%

Year 3: 95.9%

Year 4: 95.9%

Year 5: 97.5%

Year 6: 94.3%

Whole School 95.8%

Whole School Target: 96%

If your child is absent from school, please email or phone the office by 9.15am. Telephone calls must be confirmed in writing or the absence will be coded as unauthorised.

Children arriving between 8:55 and 9:15 will be coded as 'Late'.

Arrivals after 9:15 are coded as an 'unauthorised absence' for the session.

If they have a medical appointment and are going to be late, please also let us know and tell us if they would like a school meal ordered.

Holidays in term time -

Due to new Government led expectations you may be asked to show proof of travel so please do not be offended if we ask. We are fulfilling our legal obligations. Thank you

Examples of attendance levels and their impact

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost	38 days lost	47 days lost
190 school days each year	180 days at school	171 days at school	161 days at school	152 days at school	143 days at school
Best chance of success!	Makes it harder for your child to progress		Not fair on your child – possible legal action		

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1

W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

	MONDAY	TU E S DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1 Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges <	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta < >	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Pie with Potato Wedges	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2 OR BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges < >	OR Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta < # < >	OR Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	OR Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	OR Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3 OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta < # <	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta < # <	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta < # <	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta < # <	OR Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta < # <
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DESSERT	Crunchy Apple Slice	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings



Available daily
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain Nutritionist's Choice

Chartwells
Schools

COMMUNICATION SENT

Dojo - School Uniform Sale

Parent Governor Vacancy

Please check your emails for details and an application form

Binstead Primary School - Dates for the School Year

Spring Term

10th Feb - Isle Dance Competition

13th Feb Last day of term

14th - 22nd Feb - Half term

23rd Feb - First Day Back

9th March - Scholastic book fair (tbc)

25th & 26th March - Parent's Evenings

27th March- Last day of term

28th March- 12th April - Easter
Holidays

Summer Term

13th April - First day back after holidays

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday

Week of the 11th May – SATS week

21st May - School Class Photos

21st May - School Disco

22nd May – last day of term

23rd May- 31st May- Half Term

1st & 2nd June – INSET Days TBC

24th June - 1.30pm Midsummer Dance

7th July - Year 6 Transition Day

17th July - 1.30pm Sports Day

22nd July 1.30pm Leaver's Service -
Holy Cross Church

24th July – Last day of term

27th July – INSET Day

Some of our children are in this production.

In Aid of Island Charities

**THE WIGHT
STROLLERS**
— panto —

Robin Hood

and the Babes in the Wood

14th, 15th & 21st February

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