



12th December 2025

Dear Families,

It has been such a lovely festive week here with Team Binstead. Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children performed two AMAZING performances of Baa Baa Bethlehem. It was so lovely to see the children on stage, having learnt their lines, rehearsed for weeks, performed their songs on repeat and had such a lovely time on the performance days too. It really did make me smile to watch them enjoying the experience and they made Team Binstead proud! Well done to everyone!

Thank you to all the staff for putting together such a wonderful performance. I know and appreciate how much work goes into these things for everyone to enjoy!

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed an Ancient Egyptian workshop where they handled artefacts, learnt about the mummification process and asked some fantastic questions.

On Monday, Year 6 walked to Lift Ryde to be in the audience of their production of Matilda. They were a credit to the school and really enjoyed the experience too. Well done everyone!

Next week we have so much to cram into the last week of term, the KS2 performance of Elf the Musical, Christmas Dinner day, a fly by from a VERY special visitor and ending the term with the Friend's Christmas Fayre in the Community Centre after school on Friday.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs C

Please login to Arbor and pay for Elf tickets - we do have spaces in the Wednesday and Thursday 1.30pm show only.

Please use this new Google form to request extra tickets. Thank you

<https://forms.gle/7unLZN3H3XtC5RaLA>

Raffle tickets can be purchased via this link:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/raffle/binstead-primary-school-christmas-affle>



MENU—please order online through Arbor

Week 1 menu	Monday	Tuesday Christmas Meal	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Roast Turkey	Beef Bolognese	Chicken and Vegetable Pie	Fish fingers
Option 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap	Vegetable and Cranberry Slice	Vegetarian Bolognese	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Crunchy Apple Slice	Festive Shortbread	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie

Tuna, Cheese, Beans or Cheese and Beans Jacket potato, tomato pasta, yoghurt and fruit available daily

Attendance 4th —10th December

EYFS: 94.7%

Year 1: 92.7%

Year 2: 92.4%

Year 3: 96.3%

Year 4: 96.9%

Year 5: 92.4%

Year 6: 95.3%

Whole School 94.4%

Whole School Target: 97% + Total learning lost due to lateness— 1 hour 34minutes

If your child is absent from school, please email or phone the office by 9.15am.

Telephone calls must be confirmed in writing within 7 days 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

Binstead Primary School - Dates for the Year 2025/26

Autumn Term

14th & 15th October -
Parent's Evenings

17th October – Last day of half term

18th Oct-2nd Nov - Half Term

3rd November -INSET Day

13th November - School Disco

12th December -
Christmas Jumper Day

KS1 Nativity- 9th & 10th December
afternoons

17th & 18th December - KS2
Christmas Production

19th Dec - Last day of term

20th Dec - 4th January -
Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

5th Jan 2025 - First day back
after holidays

13th Feb Last day of term

14th - 22nd Feb - Half term

23rd Feb - First Day Back

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 Disco

22nd May – last day of term

23rd May- 31st May- Half Term

1st June – INSET Day TBC

2nd June – INSET Day TBC

24th June - 1.30pm Midsummer Dance

7th July - Year 6 Transition Day
to High School

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 TBC

RYDE *Christmas*
CHURCH SERVICES

Sunday 21st
9:30am Morning Prayer – All Saints Ryde
9:30am Holy Communion – Holy Cross Binstead
10am Peters Papln Chrisingle – St Peters Havenstreet
10am Carols & Crib – St Johns Ryde
11am Contemporary Carols – All Saints Ryde
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight – All Saints Ryde

Christmas Eve Wed 24th
4pm Crib Spectacular – All Saints Ryde
7:30pm Carols by Candlelight – Holy Cross Binstead
7:30pm Carols by Candlelight – St Peters Havenstreet
9:30pm Midnight in Bethlehem – St Johns Ryde
11:30pm Midnight Mass– All Saints Ryde
11:30pm Midnight Mass– Holy Cross Binstead

Christmas Day Thur 25th
10am Holy Communion – All Saints Ryde
10am Holy Communion – Holy Cross Binstead

Sunday 28th
10am Plurality Chr stmas Praise –Holy Cross Binstead

iw STORY FESTIVAL

NO BATTERIES REQUIRED
Gift-giving problems solved

Draw along with Rob!

Stuck for present ideas?

Brighten up the grey days of February Half Term by ordering tickets for the iw Story Festival!

A fantastic line-up of authors and performers will be visiting our Island from Thursday 19 to Saturday 21 February 2026. Tickets for this whole-family event are available now at iwstoryfestival.com or directly from the Box Office at Quay Arts, Newport.

Inspire your young readers and writers by meeting:

Joseph Elliott Lucy Strange Emma Carroll Philip Reeve

THE LAST WOLF by Rob Biddulph

NORA by Joseph Elliott

The Island at the Edge of Night by Lucy Strange

DRACULA DAUGHTERS by Emma Carroll

BRIDGE OF STORMS by Philip Reeve

CBeebies, CBBC and Horrible Histories

Mortal Engines 25th year celebrations

Add a Christmas book by one of these loans of children's fiction.

Have your book signed at the Festival

Get the **NATIONAL YEAR OF READING** off to a **GREAT START** with the **iw STORY FESTIVAL**

Available from Medina Books Cowes, Waterstones Newport, and online retailers.

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