



24th January 2025

Dear Families,

What a windy end to the week it has been! I am pleased it has calmed down somewhat this afternoon. It has been a busy week around the school and it has been a pleasure to see the children engaged in their learning.

Our Reception children had an exciting visit from Dr Lockwood, an island Palaeontologist. He brought some fossilised dinosaur bones for the class to see. The children were enthralled by this and had such a great time learning about the fossils and how they had been discovered. I have heard that the children were a credit to the school and had some fantastic questions too. Well done to them all!

Tonight, the Under 9s Football Team are playing a match at home against Newport C of E Primary, good luck to them. I will look forward to updating you all with the results for Team Binstead next week.

This week you may have seen in the local press that it was necessary for an Island Primary School to initiate their Lockdown procedure. I thought I would take the opportunity to reassure you that we also have a lockdown procedure for circumstances we might need to do so (it is recommended that all schools have one of these in place). We have made the decision not to have a run through of this with the children as we feel it would potentially cause worry to them, however all staff are aware of what to do in such circumstances and we have planned this into our PSHE curriculum to ensure the children know what to do if needed. The procedure mainly involves locking external doors and shutting windows and blinds. In such circumstances, we would NOT contact you as parents whilst this is going on, and would ask that you please DO NOT come up to the school to find out more in the interests of your safety. We will, of course, inform you once it is safe to do so Via Class Dojo or Email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Finally, a reminder that ONLY fruit is allowed as a snack for break times please. We are starting to see sugary snacks, crisps and all sorts of 'not fruit' snacks. I have spoken to the children about this in assembly today too, so they all know. Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to another fantastic Team Binstead week next week.

Best wishes,

Mrs C



Gentle reminder:

Please do not use the staff carpark to drop off, collect or park. This is for safety and insurance reasons. This includes during the school day.

Only those with a blue badge or school approval should be accessing the staff carpark.

Week 2 menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Chicken	Chicken and Vegetable Pie	Fish fingers
Option 2	Vegetable Fajita	Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Winter Vegetable Hotpot	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Chocolate and Apple Cake	Fruits of the Forest Jelly	Chocolate Cookie	Orange Sponge Pudding

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

Menu change on Wednesday—Roast Pork replaced with Roast Chicken because the children didn't enjoy the pork!

Attendance 19.12.24—8.1.25

EYFS: 92%	Year 1: 95.3%
Year 2: 99%	Year 3: 90%
Year 4: 96.3%	Year 5: 95.3%
Year 6: 97.7%	Whole School 95.07%

Whole School Target: 97% +

Total learning lost due to lateness— 3 hour 57 minutes

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.



DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 12th February	Year 6 Mary Rose trip
Thursday 13th February	Friends School Disco
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Half Term
Monday 24th February	Back to school
Friday 28th February	Friends Mothers Day Sale
Monday 10th March	Scholastic Book Fair week
Friday 4th April	Last day of term
Tuesday 22nd April	Back to school
Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs week
Thursday 22nd May	School class photos
Friday 23rdc May	Last day of half term
Monday 2nd June	School closed to pupils—development day
Tuesday 3rd June	School closed to pupils—development day
Wednesday 4th June	Back to school
Thursday 12th June	Year 5 start sailing
Tuesday 24th June	Mid-Summer dance
Thursday 10th July	Sports Day
Thursday 17th July	Year 6 leavers production
Friday 25th July	Last day of school year
Monday 28th July	School closed to pupils—development day
Tuesday 29th July	School closed to pupils—development day

Friends Events

DISCO!

THURSDAY 13TH FEB

YEARS R, 1, 2 & 3... 3.15PM - 4.15PM

YEARS 3, 4, 5 & 6... 4.30PM - 5.30PM

(CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 MAY CHOOSE WHICH DISCO THEY GO TO)



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