



Friday
27th February 2026

FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

It has been lovely welcoming everyone back to school this week, especially for the (albeit brief) bit of lovely sunny weather we had! Let's hope it returns soon.

You will have seen that over the half term break we have had some work done to the sleepers outside Year 5/6. This has made the area look so much better and is now a safe area. Please can I ask, to preserve the sleepers for as long as possible, that children are NOT allowed to walk on them please, and that they are not sat on either. Thank you, this will keep them looking amazing for as long as possible.

We have also had a new wooden climbing frame installed into the Reception outside area. The children have been so excited to use it this week, such a lovely addition to their learning environment.

This week has seen the first few of our Reading Cafes. It has been wonderful to see the engagement from so many family members to come in and read with your children. Thank you also, to those who read with other children whose grown ups were unable to attend. I know the children really enjoyed the experience and initial feedback from family members suggests many of you enjoyed it too! Thank you.

Next week is the turn of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6. We look forward to welcoming as many of you as are able to attend.

A reminder that next week for World Book Day we are taking part in reading activities in school throughout the day, there is no mufti/dressing up this time. I know the children will enjoy all of the fabulous activities planned. One thing we would like the children to do at home, is design a book mark. We will have reading related prizes for the winning book mark in each year group. Good luck everyone in your creativity, I look forward to seeing them all. When sending them in (before Friday next week please), please ensure your child's name and class are clearly labelled. Thank you.

With very best wishes to you all, have a lovely weekend, Mrs C



ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95.1%

Year 1: 95.0%

Year 2: 95.3%

Year 3: 96.2%

Year 4: 96.0%

Year 5: 97.2%

Year 6: 94.7%

Whole School 95.7%

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 3

W/C: 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

		MONDAY	TU E S DAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges <	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake with Garlic Bread <#>	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Potato Wedges <	Macaroni Cheese	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Spanish Vegetable Rice ? <#>	Quorn Dippers with Chips?	
OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta <#<	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta ? <#<	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta <#<	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta <#<	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta <#<	
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake *]	Apple Crumble with Custard*]	Lemon Cookie ?]	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly ?]



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

Year 5 Parents -
Transition day letter
Dojo Transition Day to Lift Ryde

Binstead Primary School - Dates for the School Year

Spring Term

3rd March - Yr R Reading Cafe

5th March - Yr 6 Reading Cafe

10th & 13th March - Scholastic book fair

13th March - Mothers Day Sale day and
after school cake sale

23rd - 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

2nd June – INSET Day

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