



Friday 11th February 2022

BINSTEAD BUZZ

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your continued understanding this week with us having to cancel clubs. I am really pleased to say that Covid cases seem to have slowed for now and therefore we can return to all clubs for the last week of this half term.

You will have all seen the news regarding the potential end to isolations after half term. As soon as I have any definitive guidance into school I will let you know what this means for us going forwards. I am hoping for a return towards normality for us all, and a simple explanation for everyone as to what we all do next.

Last week I reported that our Athletics team won their area on Tuesday and that they had qualified for the Island Finals. This took place on Friday of last week, when our incredible team came a FANTASTIC Third! Well done to them all, we are incredibly proud of them. Go Team Binstead!

I have also presented many times tables badges in assembly again this week. The children are working so hard on this in school and at home, and this is paying off in their knowledge and understanding not only with times tables, but with across other areas of maths too.

Year 6 have been superstars this week with their Mock SATs. It has been lovely to see them enjoying their breakfast each morning in a relaxed atmosphere. They have all tried their best, and this will give us vital information to support and target their learning between now and May when they sit their real SATs.

After half term, we have both World Book Day and Red Nose Day very close together. We will send more details on how we will mark each of these next week. As they are so close together, we will save the dressing up for Red Nose Day, and have lots of lovely book related activities for World Book Day.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Chessell

Next week's menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chicken Filo Pie	Roast Gammon	Beef Bolognaise	Fish fingers
Option 2	Vegetable Burrito Wrap	Barbecue Beans with Cornbread	Sweet Potato and Chick pea Roast	Butternut Squash and Tomato Bake	Meat free Nuggets and chips
Dessert	Raspberry Ripple Ice Cream	Brownie	Shortbread with fruit slices	Berry and Peach Crumble	Orange, Sultana and Carrot Cake

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

Our current menu will continue until the Easter holidays but the dates on the printed menu finish on 28th February

For your information

w/c Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March Week 1  
w/c Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March Week 2  
w/c Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March Week 3  
w/c Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March Week 1  
w/c Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April Week 2

We will continue to put the next menu on the newsletter each week.

**There will be a menu change on Shrove Tuesday 1st March when the main pudding will be pancake (with syrup and ice cream) not apple and carrot muffin**

### Diary Dates

18.2.22	Break up for Spring Half Term
28.2.22	Development Day
1.3.22	School Starts
23.3.22	Book Fair starts
8.4.22	Break up for Easter
25.4.22	School Starts
2.5.22	May Bank Holiday
27.5.22	Break up for Half Term
6.6.22	Development Day
7.6.22	School Starts
22.7.22	Break up for Summer



# Holiday activities

Free places available for children who receive benefit-related free school meals.

A wide range of engaging activities with a nutritious meal are on offer for school ages (5 to 16) during the February half term.

Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.  
To find out more and book, visit: [www.connect4communities.org](http://www.connect4communities.org)

**THIS FEBRUARY  
HALF TERM!**



Have you got  
your tickets  
yet?

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## FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

### Find the fun this February Half Term!

Looking for some fun and inspiring activities over half term?

Then why not come along to the **IW Story Festival** at Quay Arts in Newport on **Friday 25 and Saturday 26 February?**

We have famous authors and illustrators for you to meet, including the **illustrator of The Gruffalo, Axel Scheffler** and **Amelia Fang creator, Laura Ellen Anderson**.

We have hilarious **Rhubarb Theatre** with their funny tale of **Dustbin Doris**.



We have some fabulous sessions about **nature and the environment**, with the chance to make a nest ring for garden birds, or hunt the elusive Nurdle. We have lots of arts and crafts for you to take part in – you can take your paintbrush for a walk, tell a stitchy story, learn to draw a cartoon monster or turn yourself into a super hero! Check out the **full programme** our website, [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)  
Get your tickets from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)



Are you a fan of Amelia Fang? Then come and meet her creator, the talented writer and illustrator, Laura Ellen Anderson on Saturday 26 February at 2.45pm

### FAQs

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**  
A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast!

**Q: How much are tickets?**  
A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

**Q: Do I need a ticket for free sessions?**  
A: We have a few free drop-in sessions, but most free events are ticketed and tickets are available from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

**Q: Are there any other sessions between 21 & 24 February?**  
A: Pleased you asked! Please see next page.