



Friday
6th February 2026

FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

It has been lovely this week to see the children smiling through all of the dreary weather we have had. We have managed to get outside for break and lunchtime as much as possible and made the most of every dry (ish) moment!

On Wednesday our Year 1 children had a wonderful time learning all about space in the hall for their workshop. They took special solar telescopes outside to have a look (safely) at the sun. The children learnt so much and really enjoyed all their learning experiences.

Last Friday our Under 9s football team played a fantastic match in the driving rain against Queensgate. They played well as a team with some great passing, but sadly the win was not on their side this time. Well done to all the players.

Last night our Year 5 and 6 Basketball Players went to Ryde School for a basketball tournament. The tournament included 6 other schools and the teams played fantastically. They came joint 3rd in the competition. Well done Team Binstead!

I can't quite believe next week is the last week of term already! Isle Dance is on Tuesday and I cannot WAIT to watch the children, along with their parents and families at Medina Theatre in the evening!

After half term, we will be welcoming a new Teacher to Team Binstead, Mr Lynch. He comes to us from The Priory with a wealth of teaching and learning experience, and a passion for drama, music and also sport. He will be teaching groups alongside Mr Harris in Year 6 in the morning, to give the Year 6 children the best possible learning preparation for their upcoming SATs. Miss Lockwood will return to teaching Music across the school for some afternoons, as before Christmas, and Mr Lynch will be teaching Year 5. This is an ideal opportunity for him to get to know them and vice versa as it is currently planned that he will continue on to be their class teacher in Year 6. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Lynch to the team, and will share opportunities for Year 5 and 6 parents to meet him soon into the new half term.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday for the last week of this half term.

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

ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95% Year 1: 95.3% Year 2: 95.5% Year 3: 96.2%
Year 4: 95.8% Year 5: 97.4% Year 6: 94.6%

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

WEEK 1
W/C: 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

AUTUMN/WINTER
2025 MENU

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	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	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 3	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot	Quorn Dippers with Chips
DESSERT	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta					
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
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						

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COMMUNICATION SENT

Dojo - NHS Head Injury Advice

Dojo - Friends of Binstead - Raising free funds with easy fundraising

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 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



**Tuesday 10th February
Binstead
Primary School
Pancake Day!**

Mardi Gras Survey

Unfortunately school are not taking part in Mardis Gras this year, however we are pleased to inform you that New Carnival are looking to run a club themselves at school so please click on the link below to complete a quick survey to find out what interest there would be in New Carnival delivering a Mardi Gras club or one off weekend family learning session and once you have completed your survey there is a short fun video clip to watch from last years Mardi Gras.

<https://forms.gle/EBERXzgsnuJ6zkdy5>