



Friday
13th February 2026

FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

It is amazing how quickly the half-term break has arrived! While the start of the spring term is known for its wintry feel, it has been wonderful to welcome the brightening mornings and longer evenings. We have been incredibly fortunate that, despite the season, the children have enjoyed plenty of fresh air and outdoor play at break and lunchtimes, making the absolute most of the daylight together.

After half term we are looking forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to the Reading Cafe's for each class. Please see Class Dojo for the dates and times of these. You don't need to book on, and we welcome you to come along (Grandparents/family members are welcome if you are unable to come along) and share a storybook with your children and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit too. If you have any questions about these sessions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

After half term (at the start of March) is also World Book Day. We will be doing lots of lovely reading activities in school throughout the day and will not need anyone to dress up at all :)

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, Team Binstead are very much looking forward to the arrival of Mr Lynch after half term. I know you will all give him a HUGE Binstead welcome too.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 23rd at 8:45.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support for Team Binstead. It is very much appreciated by all of us.

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

Mrs C

ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95.8% Year 1: 95.1% Year 2: 95.4% Year 3: 96.2%
Year 4: 96.0% Year 5: 97.3% 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

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 10/11/2025, 11/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese OR Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy OR Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad
	OPTION 2				Battered Fish with Chips OR 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
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream



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

Email Letter - After School Clubs
Dojo - HAF information
Dojo - Reading Cafe invitation

Binstead Primary School - Dates for the School Year

Spring Term

13th Feb Last day of term
14th - 22nd Feb - Half term
23rd Feb - First Day Back
10th March - Scholastic book fair
13th March - Scholastic book fair
13th March - Mothers Day Sale & Cake sale
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