



Friday
23rd January 2026

FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

It has been a relatively quiet January week for Team Binstead, everyone has been working hard on their learning journeys.

This week I have had LOTS of children come and try for their Gold Times Tables badges, or their Gold Badge Reloaded Certificates. It is lovely to see the children working so hard towards these achievements, and being so rightfully proud of themselves when they are successful! Well done everyone!

This week we have had our final three development days for the rest of this academic year approved. School will be closed to pupils on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June, and Monday 27th July.

Tonight (weather and pitch pending) our Under 9 Team are taking on Queensgate at home. Good luck Team Binstead!

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

Best wishes, Mrs Chessell

ATTENDANCE

EYFS: 95.6% **Year 1: 95.5%** **Year 2: 95.5%** **Year 3: 96%**
Year 4: 95.9% **Year 5: 97.5%** **Year 6: 94.4%**

Whole School 95.7% **Whole School Target: 96%**

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	

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



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Pick up a programme from Quay Arts, any library and many other locations, or scan here:



IF YOU LIVE IT, READ IT.
GO ALL IN



THERE'S NOTHING QUITE LIKE SHARING A STORY

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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