



Friday  
9th January 2026

## FROM MRS CHESSELL

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break together. It has been great to welcome the children back this week with smiles on their faces ready for their new learning this Spring Term! Your child's class teacher will upload the Curriculum Leaflet to Dojo shortly. Please do look out for this as an opportunity to know what your children are learning this half term and how you can help and support them at home too.

This week our "Isle Dance" dancers have started their rehearsals. The children have made a fantastic start to their dance and are working so hard to get it ready in such a short amount of time! I am so proud of them and can't wait to see the final production on the 10th Feb! A HUGE thank you goes out to Miss Lockwood, Mrs Parkinson (and her daughter Daisy) and Mrs Dexter who have been supporting the rehearsals, thinking about costumes and backdrops etc.

A MASSIVE thank you to our generous community for supporting last month's Christmas Fayre! The Friends of Binstead did an amazing job pulling everything together for the children in such a short space of time! Please see further down the Buzz for more information on the incredible amount of money raised! Thank you and well done to all involved raising such a total to go towards wonderful experiences for all our children! Great Work Team Binstead.

This year is the National Year of Reading. The DfE, the Literacy Trust and many other charities have come together to reinvigorate reading in our every day lives! We have class Libraries (funded by the school and additionally by the Friends of Binstead) which are in each class to support reading for pleasure. The children are able to read these at school and bring them home to continue their love of reading. I am sure we will fill 2026 with plenty of continued reading opportunities for the children at school and at home. Please do take a look at the web link below as it has more information on this and how families can get involved in the initiative.

<https://goallin.org.uk/>

At Binstead we love getting outside for a run-around, even on these chilly January days! To keep everyone warm and happy, please make sure a sturdy winter coat is with your child each day.

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

# ATTENDANCE

**EYFS: 95.9%      Year 1: 98.1%      Year 2: 97.3%      Year 3: 92.7%**  
**Year 4: 95.9%      Year 5: 96.6%      Year 6: 93.3%**

**Whole School 96%      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

**HOT DISHES**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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	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
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**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**

## FRIENDS INFORMATION



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas fundraisers, from those who volunteered their time helping prep things at home and helping on the day, the wonderful supporters who donated prizes, the generous sponsors and to all those who bought raffle tickets and joined us at the Fayre ✨ without your support it wouldn't be possible!

An amazing amount raised which all goes back to your children at Binstead Primary



### PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January

3.10pm on the playground / in Acorn room

## COMMUNICATION SENT

- Email Letter - KS2 Use of Arbor for behaviour reporting
- Email Letter - After School Clubs
- Dojo - Parking reminder
- Email Letter - Parent Governor Vacancy

## 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
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic book fair (tbc)
- 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March - Parent's Evenings
- 27<sup>th</sup> March- Last day of term
- 28<sup>th</sup> March- 12<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

### Summer Term

- 13th April - First day back after holidays
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET Day TBC
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – INSET Day TBC
- 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