



19th December 2025

Dear Families,

What a magical last week of term it has been for Team Binstead! We have enjoyed so many festivities and it has been a lovely end to the term seeing the children in their Christmas Jumpers again today.

Earlier in the week Key Stage 2 had their performance of Elf: The Musical! The children were all AMAZING throughout the whole performance. So many lines learnt, so many songs sung, so many FANTASTIC costumes! It really was an extravaganza of Christmas Spirit! Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to all the staff who put the production together, supported the children when coming back after school, and helped to create such a wonderful experience for the whole community to enjoy.

The Friends of Binstead organised for the BIG MAN HIMSELF (Santa :) to visit all the children today with a lovely gift for each and every one of them. We were so lucky that he had time in his busy schedule so close to Christmas to come and visit us all. Thank you to the Friends for everything!

Today we say a fond farewell to Mrs Lewis and Mrs Nordbruch. Mrs Lewis has worked at Binstead Primary for 25 years and has had a wonderful goodbye from all the children today. She has made for us a school mascot 'Binny the Binstead Teddy' which is such a lovely and thoughtful gift for us to remember her by. Mrs Nordbruch is leaving to pursue a career as an Educational Psychologist. Both will be very missed by Team Binstead and I know you will all join me in wishing them all the very best of luck for the future.

Tonight, is the Friend's Christmas Fayre from 3.15 in the Community Centre. Please do pop along after collecting your children to see all their hard work and to support the school.

I hope you all have an amazing Christmas and Happy New Year! Team Binstead will look forward to welcoming you all back for 8:45 on Monday 5th January 2026!

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs C :)



## Please order online through Arbor

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages	Roast Chicken	Chicken and Vegetable Korma	Fish
Option 2	Veggie Burrito	Vegetarian Sausage	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast	Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Strawberry Ice Cream

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

### Attendance 11th –17th December

EYFS:	96.%	Year 1:	97%
Year 2:	94.5%	Year 3:	96.7%
Year 4:	89%	Year 5:	98.6%
Year 6:	95.7%	Whole School	95.36%

**Whole School Target: 97% + Total learning lost due to lateness— 5 hour 15 minutes**

**If your child is absent from school, please email or phone the office by 9.15am.**

**Telephone calls must be confirmed in writing within 7 days 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

# Extra Curricular Activities

## **FUN CLUB - Monday to Thursday 3.10—4pm.**

Children get to choose what they would like to do and have fun. This ranges from playing games to building lego, colouring and outside play.

We have worked hard to keep fees as affordable as possible; however, due to rising staff costs and lower overall uptake, we are no longer able to run this club sustainably at the current price. To ensure that we can continue to offer a safe, well-staffed, and high-quality provision for our pupils, we will need to increase club fees from **5th January 2026.**

The revised cost will be **£3.50**. This adjustment will allow us to cover staffing requirements and maintain the standard of care and activities that children and families expect.

We appreciate that any increase in cost is not ideal and have not taken this decision lightly. We regularly review our provision and will continue to do so, taking parent feedback and participation levels into account.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

We will be offering a range of after school clubs next half term starting from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Day	Club	Staff Member	Year Group	Number of spaces	Cost
Tuesday	<b>Isle Dance (till 5pm)</b>	Miss Lockwood	4, 5 and 6	FULL	£20
Wednesday	<b>GAT PE (by invitation)</b>	Mr Harris and Mr Woodhouse	5 and 6	30	Free
Thursday	<b>Isle Dance (till 4pm)</b>	Miss Lockwood	4, 5 and 6	FULL	
Thursday	<b>Lego and Boardgames</b>	Mrs Dunford	1 and 2	12	£10
Friday	<b>Multi Skills (5 weeks)</b>	Mr North	3 and 4	20	Free

All clubs will run from 3.10pm to 4pm, except Tuesday Isle Dance.

All children will need to be collected after clubs and cannot walk home alone unless specific permission is given in writing.

Places will be bookable through Arbor and will be available from 6pm on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Clubs tend to fill very quickly and once a club is full, you will no longer be able to