

# BINSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

### FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE



Autumn Term 1 2026

Welcome to our first half term newsletter! We have had an amazing term at Binsted. Our incredible new Year R children have settled in and are making such great progress with Mrs Furzland and Mrs Brooking. I have been lucky to be showing a record number of new Year R parents around for next year and the feedback has been fantastic. The children in school have done a wonderful job in showing off their school!



It was wonderful to end the term with our Spirituality day- the children had a great time exploring how we are all special to God. The firepit was a lovely experience for me personally with a story and some lovely campfire songs from Reuben and Mrs Lucas. It was fantastic to use the Vicarage School and Community Garden for the first time for the children. Miss Pidden worked on Door Moments with the children when we look beyond ourselves to serve; making links with the Spotlight Charity to collect toys for children at Christmas. Please check the website for more photos.



What a busy and successful half term we have had! We are incredibly proud of all that the children have achieved, both in and out of the classroom, and it has been lovely to see them embracing so many exciting opportunities.

The children loved celebrating Harvest Festival at Holy Cross Church. It was a lovely occasion with Rowan classes Hedgehog Facts still in my mind. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed to our Foodbank collection, helping us to support those in need within our local community.



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed their swimming lessons and were a real credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour and a positive attitude throughout. We have also begun our music lessons, with the children getting stuck into both drumming and piano. It has been wonderful to see them developing new skills, building confidence and discovering the joy of making music. If you would like to sign up for these lessons please let us know.

Our school choir proudly represented us at Worldham Village Fete, sharing their wonderful singing with the local community. We also put our mathematical skills to the test by entering the Amery Hill Maths Challenge, giving the Silver Birch Maths Team a fantastic opportunity to challenge themselves and work together.



Get Creative Day- Silver Birch at Eggar's with Blue the Chameleon

One of our most exciting achievements this half term has been raising £5,000 for the school through our community water-saving initiative. This is a fantastic accomplishment, and we would like to thank everyone who helped make it possible. It is a brilliant example of how small changes and working together can make a big difference. This money will enable the school to purchase some more outdoor play equipment for all the children.

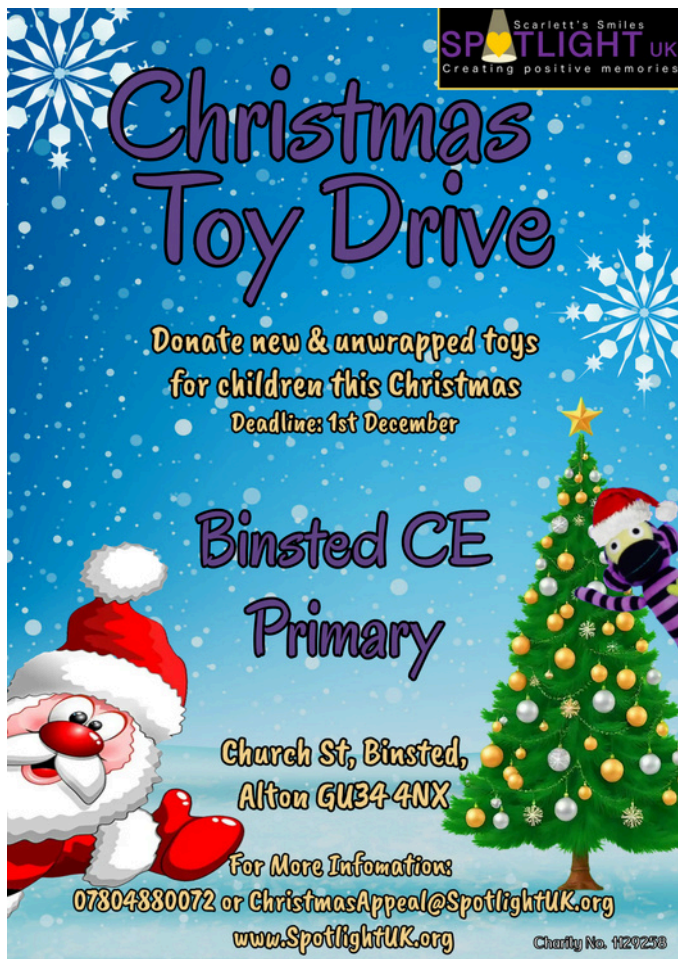


Next half term promises to be a wonderfully busy and exciting one as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to Parents' Evening, sharing a special time with our older friends at the Young at Heart Tea Party, and bringing everyone together for our Christmas Fair. Silver Birch will also enjoy a visit to the pantomime, while our school choir will spread some festive cheer with carol singing at three different events. We will, of course, be celebrating the season with our KS1 Nativity and KS2 carol service at Holy Cross Church, which are always such special moments in our school calendar.



Our half term value of Community feels particularly important at this wonderful time of year. Christmas reminds us of the importance of kindness, generosity, belonging and looking out for one another. Through these events, we hope to bring children, families, staff and our wider community together, creating special memories and celebrating the wonderful community of which we are all a part.



Spotlight UK are once again running a Christmas Toy Appeal, to bring joy to children across Berkshire & Hampshire. Last year they gave presents to over 5500 children and with your help, we can bring a smile to even more this year. We are collecting donations of any new unwrapped toys to send to the charity in December. There will be collection box in the school gazebo each morning, which will be taken to Beech Class for safe keeping. If you have any toys that you would like to give to this wonderful charity, we would be most grateful. Collection will start after half term and will run until the end of November. More information on Spotlight and the amazing work they do at <https://spotlightuk.org/>

### Children in Need

£1 for mufti 50p for a cake.

### Poppies for Sale

Bring a donation- items on sale for Royal British Legion.

### Clubs

After school Clubs will begin the first week back after half term with Multi-skills Club on the Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November. The registers for clubs will roll over so the spaces are kept the same until the Spring Term.

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