



At Binsted we believe in the Christian values of Faith, Hope & Love.

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1st June 2026

Dear Parents,

Hopefully everyone has had a glorious half term and managed to stay cool in the scorching weather. Our value is faith this half term and we have the usual summer fun and activities planned from the Beech Class Sleepover, to the KS2 performances and hundreds of things in between. This week is Alton Arts Festival at school. We have author Sarah Lucas in today giving a writing workshop to KS2. We also have Flo Walters in tomorrow working with the whole school on illustration and a gamelan workshop coming up for Silver Birch.

Staff News

Two of our treasured members of staff have made some life changing decisions over the last couple of weeks and we are sad to say that we will be saying goodbye to them shortly. Mrs Hawkins is retiring after many years at Binsted. She has poured her heart into her role during her time at school and will be very sorely missed by all of us. She is off for new adventures and we wish her a long and very happy retirement. I am sure it won't be the last time we see Mrs Hawkins when she leaves us at the end of term.

The other sad Au Revoir is to Mrs Norwood, who has the incredible opportunity to move to New York with her family. Mrs Norwood has been with the school for 13 years and has taught across the year groups, before settling in her happy place with EYFS. She has been an incredibly professional, imaginative and fun member of the team and is loved by us all. We will greatly miss her as she flies off to begin a new adventure. Please be assured that the school always has the best interests of our families at heart and we are actively seeking an exceptional and experienced teacher to take on Year R and 1 next year. Mrs Norwood will be with us until at least the end of July as her plans take shape, and will be on hand for the transition for the children.

The Parents Information Evening planned for Thursday 4th is now temporarily postponed so that we can share more relevant information for next year with regards to Oak class.

Welcome

I would like to offer a big welcome to new starter Jasper and the Forrester family in Year 3. He is already settling into Beech class well and we look forward to seeing them at events over the summer.

Extra-Curricular Club

The after school clubs will begin next week on Monday 8th with Rounders at the Rec. Fingers crossed for a better week of weather than we are currently having.

Beech Class Reading Café – Wednesday 3rd June

Mrs Boxley and Beech class invite parents to a reading café on Wednesday afternoon. You will be given the opportunity to share a book with your child and there will be refreshments. It is a special time to assist instilling a love for reading for pleasure with your child. Please come to the school office for 2:30pm and Mrs Lucas will get signed you in.



Silver Birch Class Assembly – Thursday 4th June

Silver Birch are excited to share their work with their parents and care givers on Thursday morning. They will be giving a whole school assembly at 9am followed by a book look for parents immediately afterwards. Please wait under the gazebo in the playground at 8.50am and Mr Jennings will come and sign you in before taking you to the school hall. At this time of the school year, it is wonderful to be able to show you the progress that the children have made over the year and to allow them to share their excitement for learning with you.

Vicarage Garden Launch Event

On Friday 10th July we will be inviting all parents to the new Vicarage Community Garden at 2:30pm to see the amazing work that Jake Sarnicki (Archie's dad) has done to get the space clear. We will be outlining the next phase of the project and Matt will carry out a blessing. It would be fantastic to see as many of you there as possible as we move on to the next exciting part of the plan for the garden.

Kind Regards,

Henry Jennings
Headteacher

We at Binsted CE School take our safeguarding duties very seriously and if you have any concerns regarding a child, young person or adult who may be at risk of harm please contact one of the following in the strictest confidence:

Designated Safeguarding Lead Henry Jennings

Deputy Safeguarding Lead L-J Lucas
Safeguarding Governor Sally Hibbert

The School's Safeguarding and Child Protection policies for 2025 to 2026 on the school website.

Our SENCo is Jenny Matthews who can be reached via Senco@binsted.hants.sch.uk

Our Mental Health lead is Vicki Boxley who can be reached via adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk

SCHOOL CALENDAR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026 NOTABLE DATES

May		
June		
Tues 2 nd – Fri 5 th June		Alton Arts Week
Wed 3 rd June		Eggars Induction Day – Year 6
Thurs 4 th June	9am	Silver Birch Class Assembly
		Parents Curriculum Evening – POSTPONED
Wed 10 th June		Class Photos
	1 – 3:30	Moving Up Afternoon
	6:00 – 7:00	New Year R Parent Information Evening
Thurs 11 th June	9am	Oak Class Assembly
	PM	Girls Cricket Festival - TBC
Tues 16 th June		Rowan Class – FAST Museum Trip
Fri 19 th June	9am	Rowan Class Assembly
	PM	Womens T20 World Cup – By Invitation Ulilita Bowl



Wed 24 th June	1 – 3:00	Moving Up Afternoon
	3:00 – 3:30	Eco Fair
Thurs 25 th June		Year 5 Taster Day – Amery Hill
Fri 26 th June		Year 6 Leavers Service – Winchester Cathedral
Fri 26 th June		Reports to Parents
July		
Thurs 2 nd July	3:30 – 5:00	Informal Parents Evening
Fri 3 rd July		Amery and Eggars Induction Day – Year 6
Tues 7 th July	2:00 – 3:30	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wed 8 th July	1:00 – 3:30	Moving Up Afternoon
	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Thurs 9 th July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Fri 10 th July	2:30pm	Vicarage Garden Open Launch
Sat 11 th July	9:00 – 12:00	Eggars Open Day
Mon 13 th July	2:45 – 3:30	End of Year Awards Assembly
Wed 15 th July	1:00 – 3:30	Sports Day and Governors Awards Ceremony
Thurs 16 th July		Leavers BBQ
Mon 20 th July	TBC	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 21 st July	11:00- 12:00	Leavers Service – Holy Cross Church
	12:00- 1:00	End of year picnic – school grounds
Wed 22 nd July		INSET DAY
		END OF TERM

