



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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope we have all had a great summer and enjoyed the glorious weather! Well done to everyone after this week- the children are all looking incredibly smart and punctual. It is so helpful to the children when they are in school on time and ready to learn. The school has also had a "spruce up" over the Summer with new hard flooring downstairs being laid and a change to the display boards in Rowan class. Thanks to Mr Fielder and Mr Tull (Callan's Dad) for all their hard work in making this happen.

Our "Value for Life" this half term is Belonging. Please chat to your children about it as the term goes on. It is a great way to support our children's understanding of our Christian values. Belonging is one of the Golden Strands that runs through our curriculum at Binsted and is a great way to start the school year!

Welcome to our new starters

I would like to extend a huge Binsted welcome to our new Year R children and their brilliant new teacher Mrs Furzland. They are a lovely bunch and Mrs Furzland and Mrs Brooking have been so impressed with the way the children have started.



Book Bingo!

Just a reminder to send in your Book Bingo sheets by the end of September. For every box completed the child will get a Housepoint and if they complete a line they will receive a bonus Housepoint- so 5 Housepoints per line! There is the opportunity to earn enough Housepoints to gain their Bronze certificate if your child completes the entire grid and to entered into a draw for a book voucher.



Data Collection Paperwork

Many thanks for all of the data collection sheets that have been returned. Please ensure that any remaining paperwork is completed signed and checked by Monday 7th September.

Vicarage Garden Project

We have 2 key dates coming up for volunteers for the Vicarage Garden Project. On Saturday 26th September we have a stall at the Worldham Village Fete. We will be advertising the project to enlist more local businesses and stakeholders to sign up, as well as having a slot for the school children to sing some Harvest songs. If your child is able to attend and sing along (all welcome) then please let Mr Jennings know. We will then hold our first Working Party at the Vicarage Garden on Saturday October 3rd from 11am. All are welcome to come along and help out. We are also looking to collect some horse manure over the next few weeks to be taken to the garden. If anyone has a vehicle that can transport a good dose of manure from Bordon to Binsted please could you let Mr Jennings know and we can plan collection.

School Drop Off and Collection

Children should arrive at school between 8.40 and 8.50; either I, or one of the other staff will be on gate duty to greet the children. You are most welcome to come onto the playground with your child if you wish to do so.

For those in Year R they will be taken directly to class by Mrs Furzland or Mrs Brooking. Please be aware that registration closes at 8.55am and any child arriving after this time will be marked in the school register as late unless they are attending a medical or similar appointment.

We would ask that you vacate the playground at 8.50am, once the children have gone into class in the morning, or once you have collected your child at the end of the day, so that we can make sure that our safeguarding procedures are followed in a timely manner to secure our site.

Contacting school

We love to have open communication lines with families so that we can understand how best to support the children and to enable us to understand the 'big picture' when talking to them. Please update your child's reading record with any non-urgent updates or requests as their books will be checked each morning. For anything more pressing, teaching staff will be on the playground between 8.45am and 8.50am if you need to pass a message to them. However, should you wish to discuss any matter, please speak to the office to arrange a convenient appointment.

Parking

Please be considerate of our neighbours and other road users when parking and wherever possible use the car parking area either opposite the church or park at the Rec. Please do not park on the white lines in Church Street and a reminder that, as it is harvest time, the roads are being used throughout the day by large tractors, so if parking on the street, please park as close to the side as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Breakfast and After School Clubs

Both clubs are available each day, Monday to Friday when the school is open. Bookings for the clubs will need to be made at least 3 days in advance of any sessions that you require. This is to enable us to make sure that we have adequate staffing for our breakfast and afterschool clubs and that our safeguarding policies are met. We will be able to add children to the registers in emergencies through the office, provided contact with the office is made within opening hours. We will be unable to admit any children to breakfast club who are not on the register. Mrs Lucas is not able to book routine sessions for children, but we would ask that you use the Scopay system to select future dates. If you have any issues accessing Scopay please contact the office and Mrs Lucas will help with that.



Currently our charges for the clubs are as follows:

Breakfast Club runs from 7.45 to 8.40	cost £5.00
After School Club runs from 3.30 to 5.30	cost £5.00 for one hour or £10.00 for the full two hours

Payment for any wraparound care should be made in advance unless using childcare vouchers which should be submitted on at least a monthly basis. If paying by childcare vouchers please advise the office of the date and amount of any payments to enable these to be tracked on the Hampshire finance system and allocated to your account. Any sessions booked and not used will be added as a credit to your Scopay account.

Important Allergy Information

We are a nut and peanut free school. Please could you ensure that if your child brings a snack or packed lunch into school, it does not contain any form of nuts or peanuts.

Spare Clothes

If your child is in our Reception class, please could you send in a set of spare clothes in their book bag in case of any accidents; thank you.

Break time snacks

We receive twice-weekly deliveries of free fruit for those in YR and KS1 from the end of the week. Those in KS2 may also bring a healthy snack, for example fruit, vegetables, cheese and/or plain crackers. Crisps, biscuits and chocolate/ sweets are not permitted.

Absences

If your child will be absent, please advise the office via email or phone, ideally via email before the school day begins, or leave a message on the absence line. Please also indicate how long you anticipate that they will be absent for.

Lunches

The price of school meals for KS2 children remains at £3 per lunch and meals should be paid for either in advance. Payment can be made either using the Scopay online system or by cash/cheque to the school office. If you have yet to register for the online payment system and would like to use this option, please contact the school office who can provide the relevant details.

If your child is in Years R, 1 or 2 school meals are provided free of charge.

Details of the weekly school meal choices were emailed out last week and can be found on the Parents tab of the school website. I have also included the menu as an attachment with the newsletter.

There is a meat and vegetarian meal to choose from each day and we also have a third choice for the children of a jacket potato. The caterers are putting together a topping menu that we will circulate shortly. Until then, the children will be offered a variety of toppings to choose from each day at dinner service.

Free School Meals

Currently, the government offers all children in Key Stage 1 universal free school meals, so this will stop for those in Year 2 when they move up to Year 3, unless they are registered for them. It is very easy to check whether you are eligible for free school meals and to apply by following this link:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants>



The government has recently changed the eligibility criteria so that now all children in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible, removing the previous £7,400 annual earnings cap.

The school also receives extra funding for those children who are eligible for free school meals to help towards any extra support they may require while at school. You can apply for the funding regardless of the school year your child is in and we would urge you to apply now if you think that you would qualify. It is always wise to get in the system while the incentive is being offered. If you apply for your child in Years R, 1 or 2, that funding will continue throughout their time in primary school and you will not need to reapply at Year 3.

Clubs

Please see below for information on the extra-curricular clubs on offer this year. To sign up for any school led clubs, please book via Scopay. There is no charge for the Netball club or for choir, but all external clubs are chargeable and must be booked via the instructions below.

Day	Club	Time	Year Group	Sign Up
Monday	Netball	3.30 – 4.30	3-6	Via school office (Max 15)
Tuesday	iRock	PM	R - 6	https://www.irockschool.com/enrol.html
	Boardgames Club	12:30 – 1:00	R-2	Not Required
Wednesday	KS1 Multi-Sports	3.30 – 4.30	1-3	Via School Office (Max 15)
Thursday	Choir	12:30 – 1:00	3-6	Not required
	KS2 Hockey	3:30 – 4:30	3-6	Via School Office
Friday	Faith and Fun	12:20- 1:00	R-6	Not required
	Artbox	3.30 – 4.30	2-6	wendy@artboxclub.com

Admissions to Secondary School – September 2027

I know we are only just starting back for this academic year but the online application system for secondary school places for current Year 6 children opens next Monday, 7th September and can be accessed at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>. The closing date for applications is Saturday 31st October 2026.

Beech Class Swimming Lessons

Beech Class Swimming Lessons begin on Tuesday 8th September in the afternoon. Children will require a swimming costume, towel, swimming hat and goggles if they would like to use them. Please name all items coming into school. The children are also welcome to bring a healthy snack for after their lesson. We will transport them to and from their lessons in the school minibus. Their block of tuition is for 6 sessions, with their final lesson on Tuesday 13th October.

Year R – Mornings plus Lunch

Year R will be staying for lunch from Monday 7th September. Collection will be at 1:10pm. We would like to encourage our new Year R to order a school lunch each day. Mrs Furzland is sending home the school dinner menus for you to select the first three weeks of lunches in advance with your child. Please return your choices to the class teacher.

Our reception children will be in school for full days the week commencing 14th September.

Key reminders

- We encourage children from all year groups to read out loud to parents or a sibling each day and please note this in your child's reading record book. We do have a weekly Reading Champions raffle, any child whose reading record shows that they have read on a daily basis over the previous week is entered into the draw and the winners receive a book.



- If your child is running a temperature, then they should not come into school. However, if they show signs of a cold but do not have a temperature, the Department for Education guidance is that they may be in school. Should your child be physically sick or have an upset tummy, they should not return to school until 48 hours has elapsed since the last episode.
- Please ring or email the office (adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk) to notify the school of any changes during the school day, for example a change in the person collecting your child or whether they are to take the school minibus (if registered to use this).
- The school website contains a wealth of information, please do keep your eye on the News and Events and Class pages (accessed from the 'Children' tab) for details of activities the children have been engaged in

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

Safeguarding concerns can be emailed to: Safeguarding@binsted.hants.sch.uk

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 2026 – 2027 NOTABLE DATES

September		
Tues 1 st Sept		INSET DAY
Wed 2 nd Sept		Back to School
Wed 2 nd – Fri 4 th Sept		Year R Mornings Only
Mon 7 th – Fri 11 th Sept		Year R Mornings and Lunch
Tues 8 th Sept	PM	Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
Mon 14 th Sept	9:15 – 1:00	Silver Birch – Eggars Get Creative Morning
Tues 15 th Sept		Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
Tues 22 nd Sept		Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
Sat 26 th Sept	12-5	Worldham Fete -Garden stall and singing
Mon 28 th Sept	9:30 – 11:30	Open Morning – Year R 2027
Tues 29 th Sept		Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
October		
Fri 2 nd Oct	2:00 – 3:00	Harvest Service – Holy Cross Church, Binsted
Sat 3 rd Oct	11am start	Working Party Vicarage Garden
Tues 6 th Oct		Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
Wed 7 th Oct		Eating for our Planet Day
Mon 12 th Oct	9:30 – 11:30	Open Morning – Year R 2027
Tues 13 th Oct		Beech Class Swimming Lessons – Energique
Mon 19 th Oct		House Day - Spirituality
Wed 21 st Oct		Flu Vaccinations
Fri 23 rd Oct		Individual Portrait Photos- Fraser Photography



Mon 26 th – Fri 20 th Oct		HALF TERM
November		
Mon 2 nd Nov		INSET DAY
Fri 6 th Nov	5:00 – 6:00	Hot Chocolate Evening
Tues 10 th Nov	3:40 – 5:30	Parents Evening
Thurs 12 th Nov	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening
Fri 13 th Nov		Children in need – Mufti and Cake Sale
	09:30- 11:30	Open Morning – Year R 2027
Fri 27 th Nov	09:30 – 11:30	Open Morning – Year R 2027
December		
Tues 1 st Dec	2:00	Young At Heart Tea Party
Fri 4 th Dec	2:15	Headteachers Tea Party – By Invitation
Tues 8 th Dec	5:30 – 6:30	Carol Singing at The Barn Owl, Blacknest
Thurs 10 th Dec	2:00 – 3:00	KS1 Nativity – Holy Cross Church, Binsted
Tues 15 th Dec		Christmas Lunch
Thurs 17 th Dec	2:00	KS2 – Lessons and Carols, Holy Cross Church, Binsted
Fri 18 th Dec		Christmas Party Day
	1:00	Half Day Closure after lunch – End of Term
January		
Mon 4 th Jan	Start of Term	Back to School
Fri 29 th Jan		House Day - National Puzzle Day
February		
Fri 12 th Feb		INSET DAY
Mon 15 th – Fri 19 th Feb		HALF TERM
Wed 24 th Feb	3:00 – 3:30	PGL Information Session – Parents and Children
Fri 26 th Feb		Interim Reports to Parents
Sat 27 th Feb	TBC	Grounds Working Party
March		
Tues 2 nd March	3:40 – 5:30	Parents Evening
Thurs 4 th March	5:00- 7:00	Parents Evening
Fri 5 th March		World Book Day Celebration
Mon 8 th – Fri 12 th Mar		Silver Birch – PGL, Marchants Hill
Mon 15 th Mar	2;25	Headteacher Tea Party – by invitation
Thurs 25 th Mar	11:00 – 12:00	Easter Service
	12:30	Half Day Closure – End of Term
April		
Mon 12 th April	Start of Term	Back to school
May		
Mon 3 rd May		BANK HOLIDAY
Fri 7 th May		Whole School Photograph – Fraser Photography
Mon 10 th – Thurs 13 th May		KS2 SATS
Mon 17 th – Fri 20 th May		Walk to School Week
Mon 31 st May – Fri 4 th June		HALF TERM
June		
Mon 7 th June		INSET DAY
Mon 7 th – Fri 18 th June		Year 4 Multiplication Test Window
Wed 9 th June	1:00 – 3:30	Moving Up Afternoon
	6:00 – 7:00	New Year R Parents Information Evening
Mon 14 th - Fri 18 th June		Phonics Check Week
Mon 21 st June	1.00 – 3:30	Moving up afternoon
Fri 25 th June		Reports to Parents
July		
Thurs 1 st July	3:30 – 5:00	Informal Parents Evening
Mon 5 th July	1:00 – 3:30	Moving Up Afternoon
Tues 6 th July	2:00 – 3:30	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wed 7 th July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Thurs 8 th July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance



Fri 9 th July	2:25	Headteachers Tea Party – By Invitation
Wed 14 th July	9:00 – 11:30	Sports Day
Thurs 15 th July	2:00 – 3:30	Awards Celebration – By Invitation
Fri 16 th July	9:00- 11:30	Reserve Sports Day
Mon 19 th July	6.00 – 8.00	Leavers BBQ
Tues 20 th July	11:00- 12:00	Leavers Service – Holy Cross Church
	12:00- 1:00	End of year picnic – school grounds (school closed from 1pm)
Wed 21 st July		INSET DAY
		END OF TERM

