



BINSTED C.E.V.C. PRIMARY SCHOOL
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At Binsted we believe in the Christian values of Faith, Hope & Love.

1st December 2025

Dear Parents,

As we head towards the most wonderful time of the year I can sense the excitement around school. There are strains of lovely Christmas carols coming from the hall, nativity stories are being read throughout the school and we are even putting up some Christmas decorations this week. There are lots of events on the calendar for the next few weeks so please keep an eye on it.

A huge thankyou to the teachers for staying on Friday evening to read the children lovely bedtime stories as part of Hot Chocolate Evening – they all remembered their pyjamas this year- even me! Thank you also to FOBS for supplying the Hot Chocolate for the children and to the parents who came in before the evening started to prepare it all for us. It was a lovely evening and the children really enjoyed having a drink and biscuit as they listened to stories.

The Street Closure

The main street running through Binsted will be closed for the next 48 hours. Please allow extra time for your journey into school if you travel this route. It is due to essential maintenance by the bus stop in Binsted.

New Website

We have just made a much needed move to a new website. There are new photos and lots of useful links. It would be great to have as many hits on it as possible over the coming days and weeks.

Young At Heart Tea Party – Thursday 4th December

On Thursday 4th December Silver Birch will be hosting our annual Young at Heart Tea Party for older members of the community who have retired. We would also love to have any family members attend such a grandparents or elderly relatives. There will be tea and cake served as well as some entertainment from the children. This is always a lovely event which the older members of our community love. Please book a space for anyone that you think would be suitable to attend by letting the office know.

Music Concerts

We are looking forward to hosting the Hampshire Music Service and iRock concerts next week. If your child has music lessons or attends iRock please try and make it. The Christmas concerts are always really lovely. HMS is on Monday 8th Dec at 2:30 and iRock is on Tuesday 9th Dec at 2:45. Please come to the office 5 minutes before the concerts are due to start and Mrs Lucas will sign you in.

Nativity Costumes

A message from Miss Pidden and Mrs Norwood: If you have been asked to bring a costume in for the nativity could you do so on this Friday 5th please.

KS1 Nativity Performance



The children in Oak and Rowan Class are working hard, learning their lines and the catchy songs ready for our KS1 Nativity performance on Thursday 11th December at 2pm. It will be held at Holy Cross Church, which is always lovely. In order to allow the children and staff to set up and be ready to give their best performance, access to the church will not be available until 1:45pm. Please do not arrive before then as you will be asked to wait outside.

Santa Dash – Friday 12th December

We are taking part in a Golden Mile Christmas event on Friday 12th December. Children can wear in Christmas jumpers on 12th December and we will be taking part in a whole school Santa Run in the afternoon. We are raising money for the Samaritans Christmas Present Appeal. We are suggesting a donation of £2 per child, which you can give via Just Giving [here](#). Please do not send cash on the day as the post office is not no longer accepting coins from us.

Carol Singing – Tuesday 16th December at 6pm

One of our favourite events over the Christmas period is our annual sing-a-long at the local pub. This year we are excited to be at The Barn Owl in Blacknest at 6pm. Please come along and join our wonderful choir in some Christmasy singing.

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 17th December

Caterlink are pleased to offer our children a wonderful Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December. It is a lovely fun and Christmassy lunchtime, with staff serving the meal and Christmas music playing. Our wonderful FOBS have worked their magic again this year and Tesco have donated Christmas Crackers for the children, for which we are very grateful. Please select your child's lunch option [here](#) before Wednesday 10th December

Reading Advent Calendar

This is a lovely way to share a story each day in your families. The videos are only short but have great links to authors reading stories out. A lovely addition to story time. The stories are more aimed at Key Stage 2 children but definitely worth a look.

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/christmas-reading-advent-2025/>

FOBS NEWS:

Santa's Grotto - Saturday 6th December 2025 - 2:00pm to 4:30pm - Holy Cross Church

The FOBS Christmas Elves are pleased to announce that Father Christmas and his helpful elves will be making an appearance at Binsted Christmas Fair to hear your child's wishes. Click here to book <https://forms.gle/gvLQUzGkbUbbFWB6>

PLEASE NOTE: Bookings close Wednesday 3rd December 2025.

Henry Jennings

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 Lora Bowden who can be reached via Senco@binsted.hants.sch.uk

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



**SCHOOL CALENDAR
ACADEMIC YEAR
2025 – 2026
NOTABLE DATES**

December		
Thurs 4 th Dec	2.30 – 3:30	Young at Heart Teaparty
Fri 5 th Dec		FOBS Christmas Shop
Mon 8 th Dec	14:30	HMS Christmas Concert
Tues 9 th Dec	14:45	iRock Concert
Thurs 11 th Dec	2:00 – 3:00	KS1 Nativity – Holy Cross Church
Fri 12 th Dec		Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash for Charity
Tues 16 th Dec	6:00	Carol Singing at The Barn Owl, Blacknest
Mon 15 th December	2:30 – 3:30	Headteacher Tea Party (by invitation)
Wed 17 th Dec		Christmas Lunch
Thurs 18 th December	2:00- 3:00	KS2 Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross Church
Fri 19 th December	1:00 – 3:30	Class Christmas Party
		END OF TERM
January		
Mon 5 th January		START OF TERM
Wed 21 st January		Y4, Y5, Y6 Young Voices – 02, London
Thurs 22 nd January	In by 10:00am	Slow Start for those at Young Voices only
February		
Fri 13 th February		INSET DAY
Fri 27 th February		Interim reports to parents
Mon 16 th – Fri 20 th February		HALF TERM
March		
Tues 17 th March	3:40 – 5:30	Parents Evening
Wed 18 th March		House Day - Spirituality
Thurs 19 th March	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening
Fri 27 th March	2:00 – 3:30	Easter Service – Holy Cross Church
		END OF TERM
April		
Mon 13 th April		START OF TERM
May		
Mon 4 th May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May		HALF TERM
June		
Mon 1 st June		INSET DAY
Fri 26 th June		Reports to Parents
July		
Thurs 2 nd July	3:30 – 5:00	Informal Parents Evening
Tues 7 th July	2:00 – 3:30	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wed 8 th July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Thurs 9 th July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
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



There are a few spaces remaining for the Grotto at Binsted Christmas Fair on Saturday the 6th December. (Pre bookings only)

We are also running a Lego competition at the Fair and doing bauble designs.

Book using QR or email: fobs.binsted@gmail.com

BRICK BUILDING COMPETITION

6TH DECEMBER
 BINSTED FAIR
 GU34 4NX
 2PM - 4.30PM

Judged by **ICONIC BRICKS**
 NO PRE BOOKING NECESSARY

ENGAGE. INSPIRE. BUILD

JOIN BINSTED CE PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE BARN OWL, BLACKNEST FOR A CHRISTMAS CAROL SING-A-LONG

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
 6PM

THE BARN OWL, BINSTED ROAD, BLACKNEST, ALTON, GU34 4QD

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
 FREE ENTRY

