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

15th September 2025

Dear Parents,

After a busy first full week of school we are really back in the swing of things! The children and staff have been working hard and getting back up to speed with their learning. After school clubs will begin next week (week commencing 22nd September) so please sign up via the office so that we can plan the sessions. We still have some spaces in all the clubs. We have an exciting trip to Butser for Beech class next week (Wednesday 24th) and are starting to plan our Harvest service for Friday 17th October at 2pm at The Holy Cross Church. Please do try and attend this lovely service- I promise we will sing "Big Red Combine Harvester"! We are entering the time of year when parents are beginning to choose a place for their children in reception and I would appreciate it if we can all publicise our amazing school. If anybody knows anyone with a child starting school next year please do recommend a visit. We have open mornings on Mondays 29th September and 13th October and Wednesdays, 12th November and 26th November. This is a great chance to tour the school and be introduced to our incredible school and community. Please ask people to book a place by contacting the school office. A quick reminder that we will be launching the Community Garden project on Tuesday 7th October in the school hall at 7pm. This will be an opportunity to find out more about what the garden will look like and meet some of the people involved. There will be a presentation on the plans for the garden and refreshments (including wine).

Butser Trip

Beech class are heading to Butser Farm next Wednesday 24th September. Please ensure that they are in school on time and have a packed lunch and are dressed appropriately for the weather. They will return in time for the end of the school day.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs will begin next Monday with Netball club on Monday 22nd October. Please ensure that you sign up for the club if required. The list of available clubs this half term is below. 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- Young Voices	12:30 – 1:00	3-6	Not required
	KS2 Hockey	3:30 – 4:20	3-6	Via School Office (Max 15)



Friday	Faith and Fun	12:20- 1:00	R-6	Not required
	Artbox	3.30 – 4.30	2-6	wendy@artboxclub.com

FOBS Cake Sale – Friday 3rd October 2025 – 3:30pm

FOBS will be holding the first cake sale of the new school year on Friday 3rd October. They have asked for donations of cakes and/or biscuits to be brought to the school office at drop off on Friday morning. These can be homemade or shop bought items, although any homemade items must be left with a full list of ingredients, as per Natasha's law around food labelling. We are a nut free school, so please no nuts or peanuts in any of the bakes.

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 Norwood 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.

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.

Readers

Thankyou to those parents who have signed up to read with children this week. We still have a few spaces for anyone who is able to read regularly with children in a weekly time slot. Please contact the school office to volunteer.

Uniform and Presentation

A quick reminder about school uniform. As well as wearing school uniform the children are not permitted to wear any makeup at all. This includes mascara and nail varnish. We also ask that long hair is tied back and that earrings are small studs- no hoops or dangly earrings. We also ask that children have their school PE kit in school each day.

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>

To be eligible you must receive one of the following:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit



- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit) and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

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.

Key reminders

- 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

Holy Cross Church Events – Messy Church and 4:12 Youth Groups

Please see the attached flyers for the 4:12 Youth Group at St Mary's Bentley for children in years 3 to year 6. We have also attached a flyer for the upcoming Messy Church events from BenBinFro. All are welcome.

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

The School's Safeguarding and Child Protection policies for 2024 to 2025 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**

September		
Wed 24 th September	All Day	Beech Class – Butser Trip
Thurs 25th September	4:00 – 5:30	KS2 Basketball Tournament – Amery Hill
Mon 29 th September	9:30 – 12:00	Open Morning
October		
Wed 1 st October	PM	Silver Birch- Romeo & Julliet Trip Bentley
Wed 8 th October	8:30 – 11:00	Individual School Portraits (Preschoolers at 8:30am)
Fri 10 th October		Flu Immunisations
Mon 13 th October	9:30 – 12:00	Open Morning
Fri 17 th October	2:00 – 3:00	Harvest Festival – Holy Cross Church
	TBC	School Disco – Detail to follow
Fri 24 th October		Black History Celebration (House Day)
Mon 27 th – Fri 31 st October		HALF TERM
November		
Mon 3 rd November		INSET DAY
Wed 12 th November	09:30 – 12:00	Open Morning
Tues 18 th November	3:40 – 5:30	Parents Evening
Thursday 20 th November	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening
Wed 26 th November	09:30 – 12:00	Open Morning
Fri 28 th November	5:00 – 6:00	Hot Chocolate Evening
December		
Thurs 11 th Dec	2:00 – 3:00	KS1 Nativity – Holy Cross Church
Tues 16 th Dec	6:00	Carol Singing at The Binsted Inn
Mon 15 th December	2:30 – 3:30	Headteacher Tea Party (by invitation)
Thurs 18 th December	2:00- 3:00	KS2 Lessons and Carols – Holy Cross Church
Fri 20 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

