



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

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents,

After an interesting week of weather I am hoping for more settled conditions this week. I would like to thank everybody for their flexibility and sensible approach last week. In conditions like we had on Monday and Tuesday I make decisions to protect the health and safety of all members of our school community and it is so lovely to see how supportive all of you were. Thankyou for your lovely comments about this! I have exciting news about the Community Vicarage Garden Project- JS Groundworks are beginning work at the end of January on installing an access point through the Vicarage Garden. This will allow a route into the area to be developed for machinery and mean that we can start work on the Garden in the Spring.

### **Lunches on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

We have school census day on Thursday. The lunch choice will change to Chicken nuggets as the Red Choice and Vegetarian nuggets as the Green Choice. It would be great for everyone to order a school lunch if possible. The flyer is attached below.

### **Water in Class Policy**

A quick reminder that all children need a water bottle in class. Every class has a water station where children drink water during the day as well as the opportunity to drink at break and lunchtime at separate water stations (in the hall and on the playground). Your child will be reminded to drink in class so it is important that their water bottle is in school. If you have any difficulties with this please speak to Mr Jennings who has a selection of spare bottles to share out.

### **Poetry Club**

We have a new club starting this week with Mrs Norwood on a Tuesday lunchtime. Each class will be getting a different half term slot and this half term is Silver Birch. They will be focusing on Performance Poetry and there will be a performance at the end of term for Parents to come and watch.

### **Young Voices Parent Assembly**

On Wednesday our Young Voices choir will be performing for parents in Year 3 and any parents' who are unable to attend the main concert in London at 230pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January. If you would like to attend please book a space by emailing Mrs Lucas on [adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk) The children will be performing the songs they sing at the 02 arena later in the month. This is a great chance for the children to perform for you so do try and attend if possible please. If you would like to know more ask Mr Jennings on the gate in the morning and he can explain as this is the first time we have done this.

### **Year R Applications**

The national deadline for applications is getting closer and will close at midnight on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026. If you are aware of any parents who have expressed an interest in Binsted please tell them to get their applications in. The following link will enable them to apply online. <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>



## Swimming Gala

The Alton Schools Cluster are holding a KS2 swimming gala on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January. The children have put their names forward to attend and an invitation letter will be sent out. Attending children will require a full swimming kit including swimming hat, goggles and towel, a plastic bag to pop wet clothes in, a refillable water bottle and a packed lunch. They can be dropped at school at 8.30am for a lift to the event, or you are welcome to meet at the sports centre at 9am in reception. Please complete the permission slip attached to the letter and return it to the school office as soon as possible if your child would like to take part.

## School Grounds Working Party Feb 28th

We would like to run another Working Party to spruce up the school grounds. These are always great fun. We will supply chocolate biscuits, childcare and lots of cups of tea to all those coming along to help out. Please speak to Mr Jennings if you are able to attend. If you are able to supply special expertise and equipment that would be fantastic.

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 Lora Bowden who can be reached via [Senco@binsted.hants.sch.uk](mailto:Senco@binsted.hants.sch.uk)

Our Mental Health lead is Vicki Dewey who can be reached via [adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@binsted.hants.sch.uk)

## SCHOOL CALENDAR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026 NOTABLE DATES

January		
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> January		START OF TERM
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm	Young Voices in school performance
Thur 15 <sup>th</sup> January	9am	Swimming Gala- Alton Sports Centre
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> January		Y4, Y5, Y6 Young Voices – 02, London
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	In by 10:00am	Slow Start for those at Young Voices only
February		
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> February		INSET DAY
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> February		Interim reports to parents
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> February		HALF TERM
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> february	10-4pm	School Grounds Working Party
March		
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> March	3:40 – 5:30	Parents Evening
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> March		House Day - Spirituality
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> March	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March	2:00 – 3:30	Easter Service – Holy Cross Church
		END OF TERM
April		
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April		START OF TERM



<b>May</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May		HALF TERM
<b>June</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June		INSET DAY
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Reports to Parents
<b>July</b>		
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	3:30 – 5:00	Informal Parents Evening
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2:00 – 3:30	KS2 Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> July	6:00 – 8:00	KS2 Performance
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> July	2:45 – 3:30	End of Year Awards Assembly
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1:00 – 3:30	Sports Day and Governors Awards Ceremony
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Leavers BBQ
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> July	TBC	Reserve Sports Day
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> July	11:00- 12:00	Leavers Service – Holy Cross Church
	12:00- 1:00	End of year picnic – school grounds
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> July		INSET DAY
		END OF TERM



**Sunday 18th January**  
**Wickham Institute, Binsted**  
**GU34 4NX**

**4pm – 6pm**  
**inc. supper** 🍴





**CARNIVAL MENU**  
**THURSDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY**

**Chicken Nuggets**  
**Or**  
**Veggie Dippers**

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**Chips**  
**Baked Beans**  
**Peas**  
**Tomato Ketchup**

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**Mini Doughnuts & Fruit**

**Also Available Homemade Bread, Salad & Yoghurt**

