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

8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone! I hope we have all had a great summer and enjoyed the glorious weather! Well done to everyone after last week- the children were all incredibly smart and punctual. It is so helpful to the children when they are in school on time and ready to learn. Thankyou for your help with bags- the corridors are looking much tidier in school and Ian has done a brilliant job of painting some main areas of the school over the holidays. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped with looking after the chickens over the summer. They are healthy and well fed and laying well.

Our "Value for Life" this half term is Community and it ties in beautifully with a project I am incredibly excited about. As you will know Gardening and learning in the outdoors are a key part of the curriculum and we are planning (with help from the Church and village community) to create a school/community garden in the space next to the Churchyard behind the vicarage. We have some real experts in the local area helping us raise money and advising on how to make the most of this for everyone in our community. My vision is that this will be a space for the school to use for Outdoor Learning; for creating an outdoor prayer space and staff and children both using it to promote wellbeing. We will be launching the project on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome a new family into our community. Dori has just started in Year 5 and he and his family are moving into the area in October. He has made a great start to the term in Year 5!

### **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.

### **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 has increased to £3 per lunch and meals should be paid for either in advance or at the end of each week. 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>

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.

### 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	<a href="https://www.irockschool.com/enrol.html">https://www.irockschool.com/enrol.html</a>
	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
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 2025

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, 8<sup>th</sup> September and can be accessed at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>. The closing date for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### 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](mailto: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](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

September		
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> September	4pm	Ultimate Frisbee Tournament – Year 5 and 6



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

