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

9th March 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been an action packed week here at school with Silver Birch visiting the Science Museum and the Houses of Parliament on Tuesday. We were fortunate enough to be able to sit in on a session in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. It was a fantastic day. Then we had our wonderful celebration of reading for World Book Day with an amazing display of hats and costumes.



Silver Birch are off on their residential trip today and will be having enormous fun at PGL Little Canada on the Isle of Wight. We will look forward to catching up with their adventures on the website and when they return on Friday afternoon. Thank you to Miss Bunce and Mrs Randall for accompanying the children on this trip – they gain such a lot from the experience.

No School Bus – Friday 13th March PM

The school bus will be used on Friday afternoon to collect years 5 and 6 from Portsmouth after their residential. Therefore, we will not be able to provide the usual school bus run in the afternoon. The morning will operate as usual. Please make alternative arrangements to collect your child from school, or book them into After School Club.

Fort Nelson Trip – Rowan Class Thursday 12th March

Rowan class have the wonderful Fort Nelson trip coming up on Thursday 12th March. They will be transported by coach and will be leaving after morning registration, returning in time for the end of the school day. Children will need to be in their school uniform and have a packed lunch, water bottle and waterproof coat with them. Please pay for this trip via SCOPAY or cash or cheque at the office at your earliest convenience.

Sustainability Centre, KS2 – Monday 16th March

KS2 are off to the Sustainability Centre on Monday 16th March. They will be transported to and from the centre by coach and will take part in a number of curriculum supporting workshops during the day. All children will need to bring a packed lunch and a refillable water bottle. As we are working hard to reduce our impact on the environment, we are challenging the children to



see if they can bring a 'zero-waste' lunch and there will be house points up for grabs for the children who rise to the challenge!

As this is an outdoor trip please can you ensure your children bring the following:

- Wellington Boots (No trainers please)
- Waterproof Coat
- Warm clothing
- Additional dry clothes if weather is inclement – we will still go outside even if it's raining!

For this trip, we have been lucky enough to obtain a grant which means that we do not require a voluntary contribution.

SATS Boosters – Year 6 only

SAT Booster Clubs begin on Tuesday 17th March for Group 1 and Thursday 19th March for Group 2. You will have received an email last week to inform you which group your child is in. If you require a free breakfast or after school club place for any siblings of attending children, please contact the office to book in.

iRock Concert – Tuesday 17th March

Our talented iRockers are looking forward to performing in their end of term concert on Tuesday 17th March at 2:45. Parents are invited to come and watch their children. Please come to the office to sign in.

Parents Evenings – 17th, 18th and 19th March

An email was sent out on Friday last week with details of the parents evening slots that are available for booking. Please contact the office to secure an appointment. A reminder that appointments are 5 minutes long in order to accommodate all parents. If you have any issues that you feel require a longer discussion please contact Mrs Lucas to arrange an alternative time to speak to the teachers. The sessions will run as follows:

| Class | Date | Time | Teacher |
|--------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Oak Class | Tuesday 17th March | 3:40 - 5:00 | Mrs Norwood |
| | Thursday 19th March | 5:00 - 7:00 | |
| Rowan Class | Tuesday 17th March | 3:40 - 5:50 | Miss Pidden |
| | Thursday 19th March | 3:50 - 7:00 | |
| Beech Class | Tuesday 17th March | 3:40 - 5:30 | Mrs Boxley |
| | Wednesday 18th March | 3:50 - 7:00 | |
| Silver Birch Class | Tuesday 17th March | 3:40 - 5:00 | Miss Bunce |
| | Wednesday 18th March | 5:00 - 7:00 | |

House Day, Spirituality – Wednesday 18th March

We are holding a whole school House Day on Wednesday 18th March where we will be thinking about our term's value, which is 'Special'. We will also have a focus on Lent. As part of the day Caterlink will be offering a Lent Lunch to the students in place of the usual menu choices. They can choose from Tomato or Butternut Squash and Sweet Potato Soup, served with crusty bread and a salad bar. Dessert will be a fruit selection or apple sponge cake. We would encourage all children to order a lunch as part of our special day.

THE GREAT BINSTED BAKE OFF - Monday 23rd March

Binsted Bakers, it's your time to shine!

We are hosting a Baking competition on Monday the 23rd March where children (assisted by their adults) can bake a cake or 6 cupcakes over the weekend and bring it/ them in on the morning of Monday 23rd March. The cakes will be tasted and judged by an independent judging panel during the day. The winners from each year group will be awarded a prize and certificate in an afternoon assembly. We will have a special overall winner who will also get the chance to judge the staff/ teachers cake entries!



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| | 2:00 – 3:30 | Easter Service – Holy Cross Church |
| | | END OF TERM |
| April | | |
| Mon 13 th April | | START OF TERM |
| Tues 14 th April | 8:00 – 8:30 | SATS Breakfast – Group 1 |
| Wed 15 th April | | Whole School Food Day |
| Thurs 16 th April | 3:45 – 6:15 | SATS ASC - Group 2 |
| Tues 21 st April | 8:00 – 8:30 | SATS Breakfast – Group 1 |
| Thurs 23 rd April | 3:45 – 6:15 | SATS ASC - Group 2 |
| Tues 28 th April | 8:00 – 8:30 | SATS Breakfast – Group 1 |
| Thurs 30 th April | 3:45 – 6:15 | SATS ASC - Group 2 |
| May | | |
| Mon 4 th May | | BANK HOLIDAY |
| Tues 5 th May | 8:00 – 8:30 | SATS Breakfast – Group 1 |
| Thurs 7 th May | 3:45 – 6:15 | SATS ASC - Group 2 |
| Mon 11 th – Thurs 14 th May | | SATs Week running until Thursday 14 th May |
| Mon 18 th – Fri 22 nd May | | Walk to School Week |
| Wed 20 th May | | KS2 – Alice Holt |
| Thurs 21 st May | | Silver Birch Rewards Day |
| Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th May | | HALF TERM |
| June | | |
| Mon 1 st June | | INSET DAY |
| Tues 2 nd – Fri 5 th June | | Alton Arts Week |
| Wed 10 th June | | Class Photos |
| Tues 16 th June | | Rowan Class – FAST Museum Trip |
| Thurs 25 th June | | Year 5 Taster Day – Amery Hill |
| Fri 26 th June | | Year 6 Leavers Service – Winchester Cathedral |
| 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 |





LENT

Tomato Soup

Or

**Butternut Squash &
Sweet Potato Soup**

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both served with crusty bread

Salad bar

Fruit selection

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Apple Sponge Cake

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feeding the imagination

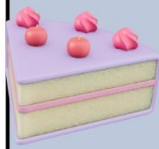




THE GREAT *Binsted* BAKE OFF



Children, (with the help of their adults) and teachers/ staff bake a full cake or 6 identical cupcakes and bring it/ them in on the morning of Monday 23rd March!



The cakes will be judged in year groups by guest judges from the community. There will also be an overall school winner and a teacher/ staff winner.



The year group winners will get a prize & certificate and the overall school winner will get a prize & certificate and also the chance to judge the teachers cakes and bakes!

Our competition is free to enter



Remaining cakes will be sold in a cake sale after school to raise much needed funds for outdoor storage.



Good Luck Binsted Bakers!