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

16th March 2026

Dear Parents,

We are hurtling rapidly towards the end of term with a very busy schedule and we are really looking forward to seeing all our parents in school this week for our Parent Consultations. My favourite parts of the year are always our House Days and we have our next one on Wednesday. We are focusing on the Easter message and the children can wear house colours in a non-uniform day. We will begin with this lovely quote from John 13:34, *"A new command I give you. Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another"*, this is a particularly important message at the end of term when school life gets hectic and we need to really look after one another.

Thankyous

A huge thank you to Miss Bunce and Mrs Randall for accompanying Silver Birch class on their residential trip last week. It is always a wonderful, but exhausting trip to lead. We know that the children had enormous fun while away and we are all so proud of the way they all took themselves out of their comfort zone during the activities.



School Car Park

We have noticed an increase in children running around the staff car park before school and at the end of the day. This is extremely dangerous with it being an active, busy space for staff and visitors to school. Please do not allow your child into the school carpark when arriving or leaving school unless it is to drop off or collect from an out of hours club which is accessed/ dismissed from the front door. In this instance, please ensure any accompanying children and within arms reach at all times, and not playing between the cars or running up and down. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

School Lunches this week

Caterlink have told us that the kitchen that usually prepares our meals for us is closed tomorrow due to unforeseen circumstances. As a result, they will need to alter our menu for tomorrow to Pork Sausage Roll or Cheese and Tomato Pizza. Jacket potatoes will be available as usual.

We also have a change to our published menu on Wednesday as Caterlink are providing us with a special Lent Lunch. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for more information. We would encourage all children to order a school lunch as part of our special day.

SATS Boosters – Year 6 only

SAT Booster Clubs begin this week, 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.



Parents Evening

If you have not yet booked a consultation for parents evening this week, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

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.

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. It is a non-uniform day with children wearing their house colour.

Rowan Class – Wisley School Trip, Tuesday 24th March

Rowan Class are heading to Wisley next Tuesday for a day of exploring the gardens and looking at the beautiful sculptures. They will need a snack, a packed lunch and water bottle in a rucksack that they can carry with them. The children should be in school uniform with a waterproof coat. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £8.00 per child, to cover the cost of transport and admission to the gardens. This can be paid online via SCOPAY, or by cash or cheque to the office. Please note we do not hold petty cash at school, so exact monies only please.

Oak Class – Winchester Science Museum, Wednesday 25th March

Oak Class are going to Winchester Science Museum on Wednesday 25th March. They will be transported in the school minibus. Children are not required by law to have a booster seat in the school minibus, but if you would like your child to travel with one it will need to be dropped to school in the morning. We will only be able to use small booster seats to enable us to fit all the children in the bus, so no large car seats with backs please. Children will need to be in school uniform and with a packed lunch and water bottle in a rucksack that they can carry themselves. The trip can be paid for online via SCOPAY, or by cash or cheque to the office. Please note we do not hold petty cash at school, so exact monies only please.

THE GREAT BINSTED BAKE OFF - Monday 23rd March

We're looking forward to your bakes on Monday 23rd March. If you would like to take part in our baking competition, please bring either cupcakes or whole cakes to the school office at drop off.

Please remember that Binsted is a nut free school and so no nuts please!

A hint on what our judges are looking for:

- The look of the cake - Does it look delicious? clever? inventive? pretty?
- The taste of the cake - is it the yummiest cake?
- The texture of the cake - is it smooth? crunchy? a perfect consistency?

Application forms will be in book bags on Friday this week, please can you fix your form to your cake box so that we know whose is whose. We need all cake ingredients and children's allergies (which are part of the form).

READY... STEADY... BAKE BINSTED!

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
Safeguarding Governor

L-J Lucas
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**

March		
Tues 17 th March	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast Group 1
	2:45 – 3:30	iRock Concert
	3:40 – 5:30 (5:50 Rowan)	Parents Evening – All Classes
Wed 18 th March		House Day – Spirituality & Lent Lunch
	3:50- 7:00	Parents Evening Beech Class
	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening S Birch Class
Thurs 19 th March	2:30 – 3:15	Headteacher Tea Party (by invitation)
	3:45 – 4:15	SATS ASC – Group 2
	3:50 – 7:00	Parents Evening – Rowan
	5:00 – 7:00	Parents Evening - Oak
Monday 23 rd March		FOBS Great Binsted Bake-Off
Tues 24 th March	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast Group 1
		Rowan Class Wisley Trip
Wed 25 th March		Oak Class – Winchester Science Museum
Thurs 26 th March	3:45 – 4:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
Fri 27 th March		FOBS Easter Egg Hunt
	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

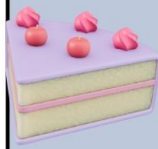





THE GREAT *Binsted* BAKE OFF



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!