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

24<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Parents,

Happy Easter everybody!

### **Fond Farewells and Thank yous!**

As we come to the end of this term, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Bowden, who is moving on to an exciting new role with the SEN department at HCC. Mrs Bowden has been a truly wonderful colleague and teacher, bringing dedication, warmth, and enthusiasm to everything she does. She has made a lasting impact on the children she has taught, inspiring them to grow in confidence and achieve their best. Her support for families and her positive presence within our school community will be deeply missed. We know that she will bring the same care, passion, and professionalism to her new role, and that she will make a real difference in supporting children with additional needs.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs Matthews, who will be joining us as Mrs Bowden's successor. She brings with her a wealth of classroom experience, alongside a deep knowledge and understanding of children with SEND. We are confident that she will be a fantastic addition to our team and will continue to support our pupils with the same commitment and care. On behalf of the whole school community—staff, parents, and pupils—we thank Mrs Bowden for everything she has given and wish her every success and happiness in this next chapter, while warmly welcoming Mrs Matthews to our school. Mrs Bowden will be at the Easter Service for us to be able to say our goodbyes in person.

We are also saying goodbye to Mary Pedder and the Taylor family as they move on to new schools. Mary has been co-chair of FOBS this year and an active member of the PTA for a number of years prior to that. Her commitment, time, and energy have made a real difference to our school community, and we are incredibly grateful for all she has contributed.

We will also miss Grace and Francis, who have been valued members of our school. We wish them every happiness and success as they begin their journeys in their new schools.

A big thank you to Mr Sarnicki, who has started the work at the community garden. We are so excited about this project – it is going to make such a difference to the whole community. We are very grateful for the support and help that we have received.

Another thank you to the Binsted Fete Committee for their donation of £800 towards the school. We are so blessed to have such a supportive village around us. Speaking of which.....

Huge thanks to the wonderful FOBS team for their work arranging our Great Binsted Bake Off. It was such a brilliant fundraiser and huge fun. Thank you to parents and families for their entries and support, raising an amazing amount of money for the school.

### **Binsted Bake Off – Results**

We received many more cakes than we ever imagined and so thank you to everyone who put so much time and effort into your amazing bakes! Paul Hollywood would be proud.

Extra mentions to our winners:

- Xanthe
- Grace



- Chloe
- Lidia
- Dasha
- Jessica

And **\*\*\*Hunter James\*\*\*** who won our overall prize! Not only that, but Hunter James also judged the teachers competition and chose Miss Bunce's cake! Congratulations everyone!

Thanks also to our judges who tasted all 47 entries... that's a lot of cake!

We managed to raise nearly £150 from the cake sale which will go into our outdoor structure fund.

### **Outstanding Balances**

The financial year ends during the Easter Holidays. Mrs Lucas would be very grateful if any outstanding balances on SCOPAY could be cleared by the end of term please, except for the PGL trip for 2027. Payments can be made online via SCOPAY directly, or you are able to bring cash or cheques to the school office.

### **Oak Class – Winchester Science Museum, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Oak Class are going to Winchester Science Museum on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Service – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

FOBS are coming into school on Friday morning to kindly run an Easter Egg hunt for all of the children. They will be taking part in classes and all children will receive a small prize. Thank you to the FOBS team for facilitating this for the children.

The Easter Service is taking place in Holy Cross Church at 2pm. All are welcome, but please do not arrive earlier than 1.50, to allow us to set up the church ready for the service. All classes have prepared something to share with us in celebration of Easter. You will be able to collect your children from school following the service.

Please note that After School Club will only run until **5pm** on Friday.

### **Start of term**

We will look forward to seeing families returning to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. Breakfast and After School Club will be available as usual from 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure that you book in for places during the Easter holidays. Details of extra-curricular clubs and how to sign up will be sent out in the first newsletter on 13<sup>th</sup> April. All school run sports clubs registers will reset for next term. Clubs will not start until week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> April, however the SAT's prep sessions will begin on 17<sup>th</sup> April.

### **National Year of Reading-**

This is a gentle reminder of the importance of reading with your child every day. As part of the National Year of Reading, it's a great opportunity to make story time even more special. Just a few minutes—whether listening to your child or sharing a story together—can have a big impact, helping them build confidence, support their learning, and grow into independent, successful learners.

Books open up adventure, imagination, knowledge, empathy and much more! They help children explore new places, understand different perspectives, and make sense of their feelings, supporting them to become confident, resilient, and well-rounded individuals. Reading together also promotes mental wellbeing, offering a calm, comforting space to relax and connect. Visiting your local library can be a lovely way to spark this joy, giving children access to even more stories and books to explore.



We are absolutely delighted by the excitement our 'new' library has sparked among the children! The success of Oak Class's weekly Reading Cafe has been fantastic, and it's been wonderful to see so many parents joining in to share the love of reading. A huge thank you to everyone who has attended – your support makes such a difference!

Looking ahead to next term, every class will have the chance to host their very own Reading Cafe. Keep your eyes peeled for the dates, which will be announced in the summer term – we can't wait to welcome you all!

Thank you for helping make reading a meaningful and enjoyable part of your child's day.

### **Help us secure £5,000 by saving water**

**This summer, South East Water is challenging the community of Binsted to come together to save water. If the village can reduce water use by just five percent between 1 April and 30 September, Binsted Primary School will be awarded £5,000 to fund new outdoor wooden lockers, and plants and tools for the Gardening Club.**

**The goal:**

**A five per cent reduction means saving eight litres of water per person, per day. To put it simply, that's less than one standard bucket of water.**

**How to get involved:**

**There is power in numbers! If the whole community plays their part, it can make a huge difference. There are lots of ways to help:**

• **Make small changes:** Shower for one minute less, wait for a full load before running the washing machine, or swap the hosepipe for a watering can. [Click here for more water-saving tips:](#)

<https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/binsted-challenge/#smallchanges>

• **Claim free devices:** South East Water is giving away lots of free devices to make saving water even easier. From Leaky Loo strips to spot hidden toilet leaks to water-efficient shower heads, order for free here:

<https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/help/save-water/free-water-saving-devices/>

• **Pledge support:** It takes real community spirit to hit this goal together. Pledge support here: <https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/binsted-challenge/#pledge>

**For more information about the challenge and to track the progress:**

<https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/binsted-challenge>

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](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)



**2025 – 2026  
NOTABLE DATES**

<b>March</b>		
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> March		Oak Class – Winchester Science Museum
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> March	3:45 – 4:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> March		FOBS Easter Egg Hunt
	2:00 – 3:30	Easter Service – Holy Cross Church
		END OF TERM
<b>April</b>		
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> April		START OF TERM
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast – Group 1
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup> April		Whole School Food Day
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> April	3:45 – 6:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> April	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast – Group 1
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	3:45 – 6:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> April	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast – Group 1
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> April	3:45 – 6:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
<b>May</b>		
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> May		BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> May	8:00 – 8:30	SATS Breakfast – Group 1
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> May	3:45 – 6:15	SATS ASC - Group 2
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> May		SATs Week running until Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May		Walk to School Week
Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> May		KS2 – Alice Holt
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> May		Silver Birch Rewards Day
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May		HALF TERM
<b>June</b>		
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> June		INSET DAY
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 5 <sup>th</sup> June		Alton Arts Week
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Class Photos
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> June		Rowan Class – FAST Museum Trip
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 5 Taster Day – Amery Hill
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Leavers Service – Winchester Cathedral
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

