



# Brookside Primary School

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**Newsletter Summer Term 2026 - Issue 4**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a good half term and enjoyed the very hot and sunny weather. The final half of the summer term has got off to a positive start this week. We are looking forward to many events during the next six weeks before we break up for the summer holiday. We have our sports days coming up in two weeks and we hope to see you all there. There is also the FoBS Summer Fete on Saturday 4th July, Year 5/6 production and leavers' assembly to look forward to. It promises to be an exciting and busy summer during the final half term of the year at Brookside.

## **Sunny weather**

On sunny days it is important that children have a sun hat and have sun cream applied before school. Children can also bring sun cream in and apply this to themselves before going outside. Thank you for ensuring your child is sun safe.

## **Class Allocations for 2026/2027**

We are currently finalising the class structures for 2026/2027. You will receive a letter on Friday 3rd July informing you of your child's new class teacher for September. On Tuesday 7th July all children will spend the day in their new classes with their new teacher and teaching assistants. More details will be sent out before this date.

## **Key Stage 1 Trip**

In the final week before half term, KS1 took the coach out for an exciting trip to Tring National History Museum. In science, the children have been looking at animals and living things and were able to use this knowledge to explore the animals within the museum. The children also took part in a discovering animal's workshop, which allowed them to learn about animal classifications and were able to take part in doing this themselves. Thank you to the staff at the museum for being so welcoming and allowing the children to have such a wonderful time!



## **Nominate Brookside for a National Prize!**

We have been kindly nominated by one of our parents for the National Book Tokens Schools Prize, which celebrates schools that go above and beyond to inspire a love of reading.

If you would like to support Brookside, nominations are quick and easy to complete using the link below:

[Nominate Brookside for the Schools Prize](#)

Every nomination helps to raise our profile and gives us the chance to win book tokens and additional resources to further enrich reading across the school.

The deadline for nominations is in July, so if you are able to take a moment to nominate us, we would be very grateful for your support. Thank you, as always, for helping us promote a love of reading within our community.

## **EYFS trip to Hill End**

Our youngest children had a wonderful day out on Tuesday when EYFS visited Hill End, near Oxford. We had a great adventure on a Forest Explorer's Day. We spent time investigating the forest, building dens, playing games, pond dipping and singing around a camp fire. Getting there by coach and a picnic lunch was also very exciting. Thank you so much to FOBS for their contribution towards this trip.



## **Cake Sale for Bicester Foodbank**

We will be holding a bake sale next Friday 12th June at breaktime to raise money for the Bicester Foodbank, with all cakes and cake slices priced at just 20p. This year marks the Foodbank's 20th birthday, celebrating two decades of supporting families in Bicester and the surrounding villages who need emergency food. We would be very grateful for any donations of homemade or shop-bought cakes to help make the sale a success (no nuts please). If you would like to create a special birthday cake, there will be a prize for the best whole cake – all whole cakes will be sliced and sold to pupils at breaktime. Thank you in advance for your support! If you would like your child to purchase cake at breaktime please send them to school with some cash next Friday.



## **Police and Community Warden Visit**

On Wednesday, children in KS2 had a visit from the Cherwell Community Wardens and a member of Thames Valley Police. They spoke with the children about staying safe and making positive choices when out and about in Bicester. They shared helpful advice about how to behave when playing outside or travelling into town after school and during the summer holidays, encouraging respect for others, awareness of surroundings, and personal responsibility. They spoke about what children and adults should and should not be doing in the town centre. They spoke about e-scooters and e-bikes (which you do not pedal) being illegal in Bicester, unless children are using them on private land. The children engaged brilliantly, asking thoughtful questions and gaining valuable insights to help them stay safe and be responsible members of the community. Please take a moment over the weekend to speak about this assembly with the children.

## Science Week!

Wow, what a curious week we had before half term at Brookside! The children enjoyed taking part in Science Week which had a theme of 'Curiosity'. We undertook the Big Science Share which is an Oxfordshire wide event, encouraging every child across all year groups to ask questions, design experiments, undertake, and then present them. Some questions asked were: 'Which material is the best packaging for eggs?', 'Which colour makes the best bubble?', 'Does the number of fins affect a paper aeroplane?'. These posters will be judged by teachers, and the winning entry will get the opportunity to go to Science Oxford for the day to present it to all the other schools. The winners will be announced in due course.

Across the school, we have had also had STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) professionals volunteering their time to talk to us about where a career or love of Science can lead us. It is really important that the children know about where science can lead them, and the range of jobs they could undertake.

Thank you to the below people who came in!

Laiba Butt—Is a second-year student at university studying Civil Engineering. She gave a talk to UKS2 children about what her course involves and how it impacts their daily life.

Have a look at the photos of our 'civil engineers' creating a bridge to hold a water bottle with spaghetti.

Keith McMannon- Spoke to EYFS and KS1 about his job as an ornithologist. He also showed them to newly hatched birds in the EYFS area. It was really exciting to see the chicks!

Iain Macrea-Came into talk to children about his career as a lighting engineer. He spoke to the children about his career path and how he had lit up Wembley Stadium!

Bryana Bone—Led some workshops with UKS2 and read them parts of her new book which is a sci-fi book based on a girl called Ada who lives in Oxford. The children were engaged with her book which can be read online via this link (you will need to create a login - leaflet below). Each chapter is being released until June when you can vote for the ending.

<http://www.thedawnofai.org/betatest>

There are other talks in the pipeline which we hope will inspire children to think seriously about a journey in a STEM career.

A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper, our Science leader, for organising this exciting week for the children.



## Cost of Living

Oxfordshire County Council will no longer be providing supermarket vouchers for pupils over the holiday. More information about the support available for all families in Oxfordshire can be found on this website - <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-rising-living-costs/residents-support-scheme>

## KS1 visit to St Edburg's Church

Last term, Key Stage 1 went on a walk to St. Edburg's Church for our R.E. unit to learn about the different features of a church. The children showed great curiosity and loved exploring the church and finding all the different things there. A big thank you to Mrs Baker for coordinating the visit and talking to the children about the different features and to Mrs Buxton for allowing us access to the church for the afternoon!



## Summer Fete – Saturday 4th July, 12pm–3pm

Our annual Summer Fete is fast approaching, and we're looking forward to welcoming families for an afternoon of fun, games, refreshments and entertainment. We hope you'll join us on Saturday 4th July from 12pm–3pm for what promises to be a fantastic community event.

Treat Jar Collection-To help stock one of our most popular fete stalls, children will be given a treat jar on 8th June to take home and fill. Please return your filled jar to school by 19th June. As a thank you, children who return a filled jar can enjoy a non-uniform day on 19th June. Please ensure if filling with sweets, they are wrapped for hygiene and hot weather conditions.

Bottle Collection—another popular stall is the bottle stall. Children who bring a bottle into school on Friday 3rd July can wear their own clothes as a reward for their donation. Any bottles containing alcohol need to be brought in by an adult.

Tombola Donations Needed—We're also collecting prizes for our Summer Fete tombola. Any donations of unopened gifts, toiletries, chocolates, toys or other suitable prizes would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be handed in at the school reception.

Volunteers Needed—Events like our Summer Fete can only happen with the support of our amazing volunteers. If you can spare some time to help organise and set up on 3rd July, or assist during the fete on 4th July, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact the FoBS team via the [chairoffobs@gmail.com](mailto:chairoffobs@gmail.com), Facebook page or instagram if you'd like to get involved.

## Diary Dates

Friday 19th June—Non Uniform Day (for a donation of a filled jar)

Monday 22nd June - KS2 Sports Day 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday 23rd June - KS1 Sports Day 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day Class EC 10:30 a.m. Class VL 1:30 p.m.

Friday 3rd July—Non Uniform Day (for a donation of a bottle)

Saturday 4th July 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.—FoBS Summer Fete

## WEEK ONE 13<sup>th</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 13<sup>th</sup> July, 31<sup>st</sup> Aug, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept, 12<sup>th</sup> Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</b> Vegetable & Bean Chilli with Rice (VG) Wholemeal Egg Mayo Sandwich (V, DF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Lemon Oat Cookie (V, EF, DF) & Raisins	<b>Beef Bolognese with Pasta (EF, DF)</b> Veggie Bolognese with Pasta (VG) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Green Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	<b>Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF)</b> Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Salad (EF, DF) Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Cauliflower & Peas Cherry Biscuit (V, EF)	<b>Chicken Korma with Rice (EF, GF)</b> Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Sweetcorn Rock Cake (V) with Pineapple	<b>Chicken Nuggets (EF, DF)</b> Veggie Nuggets (V, EF) Breaded Salmon Wrap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF)

## WEEK TWO 20<sup>th</sup> April, 11<sup>th</sup> May, 8<sup>th</sup> June, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept, 28<sup>th</sup> Sept, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</b> Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (V, GF, EF) Veggie Couscous Salad (VG) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	<b>Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF)</b> Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (VG, GF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Pasta, Peas & Broccoli Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF)	<b>Roast Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF)</b> Quorn Roast (V, GF) Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (V, EF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cabbage Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge	<b>Creamy Chicken Risotto (GF, EF)</b> Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (V, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Green Beans Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	<b>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</b> Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Wrap (V, DF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Strawberry Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Melon

## WEEK THREE 27<sup>th</sup> April, 18<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, 5<sup>th</sup> Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Margherita Pizza (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF)</b> Spinach & Pepper Pasta (VG) Wholemeal Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Mandarins	<b>Chicken &amp; Leek Pie with New Potatoes (DF, EF)</b> Sweet & Sour Veggie Noodles (V, DF) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Vegetable Medley & Broccoli Cinnamon Cookie (V, EF)	<b>Roast Gammon (GF, EF, DF)</b> Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap (DF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Peas Chocolate Brownie (V, DF)	<b>Pork Sausages with Gravy (DF, EF)</b> Veggie Sausage with Gravy (VG, GF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Mashed Potatoes (GF, EF) Or Pasta (EF, DF) Carrots & Cauliflower Crunchy Cornflake Cookie (EF, DF)	<b>Fish Fingers (DF, EF)</b> Cream Cheese & Broccoli Pinwheel (V, EF) Veggie Pasta Salad (VG) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Banana Ice Lolly (V, GF, EF)

Available Daily – Fresh bread, Salad Bar, and lots of Fresh water, as well as a choice of natural yoghurt, or fresh fruit as an alternative to dessert

Allergy advice – All our food is prepared in a kitchen where any of the 14 Allergens may be present, and our menu descriptions do not include all ingredients. If you have an allergy, please let us know before ordering. Full allergen information is available from your school. Any fish we serve will vary depending on availability.

We only select fish from sustainable sources.

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MITTEN



ROBOT



INVENTION

### WEEK 2



NEW ROBOTS



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SCIENCE GROW



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MINECRAFT



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ROBOTICS



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