



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Autumn Term Issue 1

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6th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to a new academic year at Brookside. We hope you all had a good summer holiday and enjoyed the break. The children have all settled into their new classes well and have already been working hard on their learning during the first few days.

You will all receive a letter and curriculum map from your child's teacher today that explains what your child will be learning and other important information that you need to know about the term ahead. If there is anything else that you need to know then please ask your child's teacher.

Term Dates 2024/2025

The term dates for this year are attached to this newsletter for your information. These are also available on our website: www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk/term-dates Term dates for 2025/2026 are also on our website.

Term time holidays

Term time holidays are not allowed to be authorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance. Under the national rules, all schools are required to consider a fine when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

From August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will be £80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days. Fines are issued to both parents per child at the school.

In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.

Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. Evidence shows that pupils who have good attendance enjoy better wellbeing and school performance than those who don't.

Staff news

Welcome to Miss Welby and Miss Hinton who have joined our teaching team at Brookside.

Breakfast Club

All children at Brookside are welcome to attend our Breakfast Club, which runs daily from 8:00 a.m. The club is run by Mrs Mrs Coles and Mrs O'Driscoll (Brookside Staff). As well as having a healthy breakfast children get to play organised games and learn new crafts and skills as well as having a lot of fun. At the end of the session children go to their classes for the beginning of the school day.

If you would like your child to attend the Breakfast Club please book and pay online using ParentPay.

After School Club

Our after school club runs from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. The club is run by Mrs Hekimova, Mrs Coles and Mrs O'Driscoll and includes a light tea. The cost is £11 per full session or £6 for a half session (until 4:30 p.m. without food). If you would like your child to attend the after school club please book and pay online using ParentPay.

Extra Curricular Clubs

We will soon send out information about the range of clubs offered to children. All of these clubs are run voluntarily by our staff and therefore there is no cost for children to take part. Thank you to all of the staff who give up their time to offer these opportunities to our pupils.

Recycling at Brookside

You will notice next week that we have some new bins at Brookside. Children will be encouraged to recycle their waste at school both inside and outside on the playground. The blue bins should only be used for items which are recyclable. We are now having our waste collected by Cherwell District Council so the items which can go in the blue bins are the same as at your homes. If you use the bins before or after school please ensure you use the correct bin and encourage your child to do the same.

Homework Expectations at Brookside

Your child's class teacher has included details of homework expectations in the letters which you will have received this afternoon. Should you need to remind yourself of what home learning they should be completing please look on the school website.

FoBS

Following an amazing year of fundraising in 2023/24 our efforts continue this term with our Halloween Disco, NSU day in exchange for Chocolate, Wreath Workshops and Xmas Bazaar (see dates below). Keep an eye out on our social media and the school newsletter for updates.

October date tbc: FoBS Halloween Disco

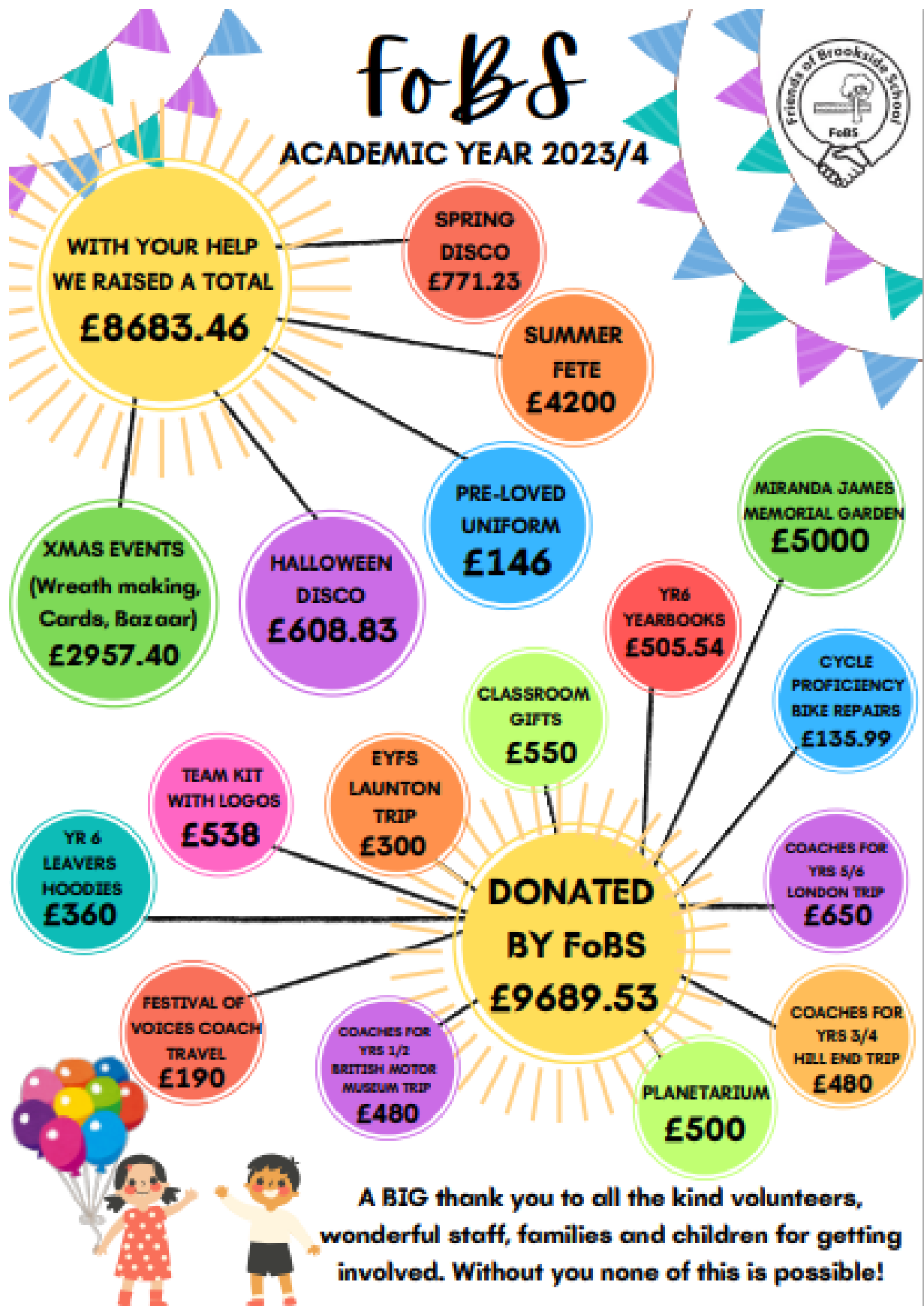
Thursday 5th and Friday 6th December: Wreath Workshops (tickets to be advertised soon!)

December date tbc: NSU day in exchange for chocolate (tombola)

Wednesday 18th December: KS2 Concert and FoBS Xmas Bazaar

FoBS

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/4



Diary Dates

School Photographs—Wednesday 2nd September
Half Term—Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November
INSET Day - Monday 4th November (school closed to pupils)
KS1 Christmas Production—Tuesday 10th December 1:30 p.m.
EYFS Christmas Production—Wednesday 11th December 9:30 a.m.
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EYFS Christmas Production—Thursday 12th December 9:30 a.m.
FoBS Christmas Bazaar (3:15 p.m.) and KS2 Carol Concert (5:00 p.m.)—Wednesday 18th December
End of Term—Friday 20th December

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

**Brookside Primary School Term and holiday dates
2024 - 2025**

	Sep-24					Oct-24					Nov-24					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Friday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22	29	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24		
	Dec-24					Jan-25					Feb-25					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24
Tuesday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
Wednesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		5	12	19	26	
Thursday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		6	13	20	27	
Friday		6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28	
Saturday		7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25		1	8	15	22		
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		2	9	16	23		
	Mar-25					Apr-25					May-25					
Monday		3	10	17	24	31		7	14	21	28		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27	
Wednesday		5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28	
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Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		3	10	17	24	31	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		4	11	18	25		
	Jun-25					Jul-25					Aug-25					
Monday		2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25
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INSET DAYS - SCHOOL CLOSED
 BANK HOLIDAYS
 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE June 3rd, June 24th, July 15th, Sept 2nd, Sept 23rd, October 14th, November 11th, December 2nd

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Spicy Veggie Burrito (VG) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Peach Sponge (V)	Beef Bolognese with Twisty Pasta (DF, EF) Veggie Bolognese with Twisty Pasta (V) Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Bap (V, EF) Vegetable Medley & Fresh Green Salad Flapjack with Raisins (V, DF, EF)	Roast British Gammon (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Roast Quorn (V, GF) Power Pasta Salad (VG) Crispy Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Curly Cabbage & Peas Golden Comflake Cookie (V, DF, EF)	Turkey & Leek Pie (DF) Chunky Bean & Veggie Chili with Rice (VG, GF) Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (V, EF, DF) New Potatoes, Broccoli & Carrots Lemon Oat Cookie with Melon (V, DF, EF)	Battered Fish (DF, EF) Veggie Hot Dog (VG) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Salad (DF, EF) Chips or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Peaches

WEEK TWO June 10th, July 1st, July 22nd, Sept 9th, Sept 30th, October 21st, November 18th, December 9th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Roasted Vegetable Couscous Salad (V, DF, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Baked Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Chicken, Tomato & Sweetcorn Pasta (EF, DF) Cheese & Onion Pinwheel (V, EF) Free Range Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Carrots & Broccoli Ginger Biscuit (V, EF) with Pears	Pork Bangers (EF) Veggie Bangers (VG) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Pot (DF, EF) Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans & Cabbage Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches	Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF) Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (VG) Jacket Potato with Cheddar Cheese (V, EF) Fluffy Rice, Carrots & Peas Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF)	Golden Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Crispy Quorn Dippers (VG) Ham & Cucumber Wrap (DF, EF) Chips or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge

WEEK THREE June 17th, July 8th, September 16th, October 7th, November 4th, November 25th, December 16th

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Classic Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (EF, V) Cajun Chicken Wrap (DF, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Baked Beans Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie (V, DF)	Pork Hot dog (DF, EF) Veggie Hot dog (V, DF, EF) Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG) Sweetcorn & Coleslaw Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Bap (EF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Cauliflower & Carrots Orange Jelly (V, DF, EF) with Melon	Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Mild Veggie Curry with Rice (VG) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Boston Beans (VG, GF) Vegetable Medley & Fresh Green Salad Crunch Cookie (V, DF, EF)	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage Roll (VG) Ham & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Chips or Pasta Baked Beans or Peas Rocket Lolly (V, GF, EF, DF)

Available daily – Natural yogurt, fresh fruit, fresh bread, salad bar and lots of fresh water!

Allergy advice - all our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts, gluten and other ingredients are 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.

Suitable for vegetarians or vegans on option available.

Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.



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COUNTY COUNCIL

KEY:
V. VEGETARIAN
VG. VEGAN

DF. DAIRY FREE
GF. GLUTEN FREE