



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first three weeks of the term have been gone by quickly. School staff have been especially impressed by how quickly the children have adapted to new routines and expectations in their new classes. All children have been enjoying learning across the curriculum and developing their knowledge and skills.

School Photographs – Wednesday 24th September

School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 24th September. We kindly ask that all children come to school in full school uniform, looking smart. Individual and sibling photos will be taken throughout the day. If you would like a photo with siblings who are not at Brookside the photographer is happy to do this before school from 8:30 a.m.

Staff News

Welcome to Mrs Wesselbaum who will be joining Brookside as a teaching assistant in KS1.

Lunchboxes and break time snacks

A reminder that snacks at breaktime should be fruit or vegetables. If children are eating another snack they will be asked to put it back into their lunchboxes until lunchtime. All children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with fruit by the government. Children aged under five are provided with milk in EYFS.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Starting Next Week

We're pleased to announce that our extra-curricular clubs will be starting next week. From sports and choir to art and eco-club, there's something for everyone to enjoy and explore beyond the classroom. These clubs offer a fantastic opportunity for children to develop new skills, make friends, and have fun in a relaxed and supportive environment. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the teachers and staff who generously give their time to run these clubs voluntarily for our children.

Book Fair – Thursday 25th—Tuesday 30th September

We're delighted to announce that our Book Fair will be arriving next week. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to discover new stories, explore exciting titles, and develop a lifelong love of reading.

The fair will be held in the school main hall and will be open after school each day. A wide range of books will be available for all ages and interests, with prices to suit every budget. Every purchase helps support our school, as a percentage of sales goes towards new books for our classrooms and library. We hope to see you there – let's celebrate the joy of reading together!

Parking Safely and Respectfully Around School

We'd like to remind all parents of the importance of parking safely and legally when dropping off or picking up children.

Please do not block residents' driveways or park on pavements, as this can cause inconvenience and safety risks for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs or mobility needs. If you're able to, walking to school is a fantastic way to start the day! It's healthier, reduces traffic congestion, and gives children a chance to chat and enjoy the fresh air before lessons begin.

Thank you for helping us keep our school environment safe, calm, and welcoming for everyone. Let's park smart and walk when we can!

FoBS

FoBS We're so excited to bring you the latest news and upcoming events from the Friends of Brookside School (FoBS)! Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an incredible £2,234 over the summer term – what a fantastic achievement! Now we can't wait to kick off the new school year – here's a look at what's coming up:

FoBS Pre-Loved Uniform & Halloween costume Sale, 30th September & 2nd October 3.15pm-4pm KS1 Outdoor Learning Shelter Looking for affordable school uniform essentials? Come browse our selection of gently worn, great-quality items at bargain prices—all while supporting Brookside School!

Call for Halloween Costumes Got any outgrown Halloween costumes at home? We'd love to give them a new life! If you have any costumes you'd be happy to donate, please bring them into school. It's a great way to recycle, save money, and make sure every child can join in the spooky fun!

FoBS Halloween Disco 15th October, Hosted by Aaron Williams with best dressed awards—come dressed to impress (or scare!) More information coming to Parent Pay soon

FoBS dates for your diary: 13th November - FoBS Coffee Morning: Meet the FoBS Family 21st November - FoBS Non-School Uniform day Chocolate Swap 27th November - Christmas Bazaar 4th & 5th December - FoBS Festive Wreath Workshop

Flu Immunisations

We would like to remind you that flu immunisations for all children (Reception through to Year 6) will be taking place in school on Thursday 2nd October.

The flu vaccine is a quick and painless nasal spray that helps protect your child—and others around them—from the flu virus. It's especially important as we head into the colder months when flu can spread more easily.

What you need to do:

Please make sure you complete the online consent form as soon as possible to ensure your child can receive their vaccine. The form must be submitted before the day of immunisation.

You should have received a link to the form via email. If you haven't received it or need help accessing it, please contact the school office. Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 15th October—FoBS Halloween Discos

Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd October—Parents' evenings

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—Half Term

Monday 3rd November—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE 21st April, 12th May, 9th June, 30th June, 21st July, 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Spinach & Pepper Pasta (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Wrap (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Creamy Garlic Chicken with Pasta (EF) Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Peas Flapjack (V, EF, DF) & Raisins	Pork Sausages & Gravy (EF) Veggie Sausage & Gravy (VG) Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG) Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage & Green Beans Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Chicken & Leek Pie (EF, DF) with New Potatoes Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (V, GF, EF) with Rice Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Broccoli & Sweetcorn Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Veggie Samosa's (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Bap (V, EF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Iced Fruit Smoothie (V, GF, EF, DF)

WEEK TWO 28th April, 19th May, 16th June, 7th July, 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Cheese & Potato Pie (V, GF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Peas & Baked Beans Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge	Beef Bolognese (DF, EF) Veggie Bolognese (V, DF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Pasta, Sweetcorn & Broccoli Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Breaded Salmon Wrap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cauliflower Chewy Vanilla Cookie (V, EF)	Sticky BBQ Pork (GF, EF, DF) with Rice Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta Bake (V, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF) Peas & Green Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Nuggets (VG) Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap (DF, EF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Cinnamon Swirl (V, DF, EF) With Peaches

WEEK THREE 5th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July, 15th Sept, 6th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Bean & Vegetable Chilli with Rice (VG, GF) Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Chicken Korma (GF, EF) with Rice Cheese & Red Onion Pinwheel (V, EF) with New Potatoes Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Broccoli & Vegetable Medley Chocolate Cornflake Cake (V, DF, EF)	Roast Loaf of Pork (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Salad (DF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Carrots Cranberry & Oat Cookie (V, EF)	British Pork Hotdog (EF) Veggie Burger in a Bun (V, DF, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Green Beans Ginger Biscuit (V, EF) with Melon	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Mandarins

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 vegetarian option available.

Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.

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VG VEGAN

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



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