



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday afternoon we held a special assembly to decorate our Christmas tree and mark the beginning of advent. All of the children enjoyed singing Christmas songs whilst a few children and staff from each class put decorations on our tree. The children enjoyed seeing the lights being switched on for the beginning of this magical time of year.

FoBS Christmas Bazaar

We would like to extend our thanks to the members of FoBS for organising this year's Christmas Bazaar. Thank you for making this event so successful. Your commitment and teamwork are deeply appreciated, and we look forward to many more successful events in the future! Thank you also to all of the staff and ex pupils who volunteered their time to help out.

Key Stage 1 Trip to Oxford Playhouse Pantomime

On Wednesday, our Key Stage 1 pupils enjoyed a festive treat at the Oxford Playhouse, where they experienced the magic of pantomime! This year's production was Dick Whittington, a lively and fun-filled show that brought the classic tale to life with a playful 90s twist. The children were captivated by the dazzling dancing, sensational singing, and plenty of laughter along the way. The trip was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to immerse themselves in live theatre. A huge thank you to FoBS for generously funding the cost of the coach, making this memorable experience possible for everyone.

Choir—Big Christmas Sing

On Tuesday evening our school choir gave a beautiful performance at this year's Big Christmas Sing. Their rendition of "The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy" was wonderful.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rudge and Miss Young for preparing the choir for this special event. We also want to express our gratitude to all the parents who attended for your support. Well done to our talented choir for representing our school so brilliantly!

Christmas Dinner—Friday 19th December

On the last day of term, the hall will be decorated and the kitchen will be cooking up a traditional Christmas meal. If your child does not wish to have the Christmas lunch, then please consider giving them a special Christmas lunchbox perhaps with a couple of treats and a decorated lunchbox. There is no need to pre-order, your child will just order a lunch as normal in the morning. Children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day if they wish.

There will also be a menu change that week as below:

Wednesday 17th December

Red – Fish fingers

Green – Veggie samosas

Blue – Tuna and sweetcorn bap

Friday 19th December

Christmas lunch

Red – Roast turkey

Green – Roasted Quorn

Online Safety – [Be Scam Smart](#)

We have been sent the link above by Internet Matters to share with parents. Neurodivergent children are at greater risk of falling victim to scams, but the information on the page and in the guide is useful for all parents to consider, particularly as children may get new devices over Christmas.

ROBLOX

Earlier this year, the Online Safety Act was introduced to help make the internet safer for everyone. As technology has advanced, it's become easier for anyone to access almost any content online—and that brings real risks. Adults face scams and hacking attempts, while children can be exposed to strangers and harmful content.

One area of concern has been online games, where children often chat and play with others. These spaces can lack proper checks, making it easier for predators to target young players.

Roblox, a popular platform for children, is now adding new safety features. These include facial analysis to confirm age and optional ID checks for users over 13. These steps are designed to make sure players are who they say they are and to reduce the chances of unsafe interactions. It's a big move towards creating a safer online environment and follows the rules set out in the Online Safety Act.

More information can be found on this website -

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-announces-facial-age-checks-for-chat-features/>

Diary Dates

Tuesday 9th December 2:00 p.m. - KS1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 10th December 9:15 a.m. - EYFS (Class EC) Christmas Singalong

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Thursday 11th December 9:15 a.m. - EYFS (Class VL) Christmas Singalong

Wednesday 17th December 2:15 p.m. - KS2 Carol Concert at St. Edburg's Church

Friday 19th December - Children's Christmas Dinner (children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day) and last day of term

Best wishes,

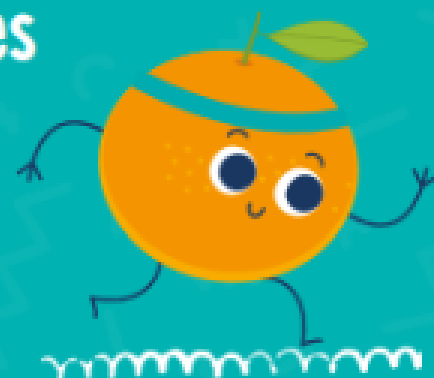
Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



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Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
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WEEK ONE 3rd November, 24th November, 15th December, 19th January, 9th February, 9th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Spinach & Potato Curry (VG) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Shortbread (V, EF, DF) & Raisins	Pork Sausages (EF, DF) Veggie Sausage (VG) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Mashed Potatoes, Carrots & Green Beans & Gravy Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie (V, DF)	Roast Gammon (GF, EF, DF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Rainbow Rice Salad (VG, GF) Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Curly Cabbage & Peas Cinnamon Cookie (V, EF)	Chicken, Tomato & Pepper Pasta (EF, DF) Pizza Pinwheel (V, EF) with New Potatoes Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Sweetcorn Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Veggie Samosa's (VG) Tuna & Sweetcorn Bap (DF, EF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Peaches

WEEK TWO 10th November, 1st December, 5th January, 26th January, 23rd February, 16th March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Rustic Tomato Pasta (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Bap (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Cherry Biscuit (V, EF)	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF) Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (V, EF, DF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Pasta, Vegetable Medley & Broccoli Chocolate Cornflake Cake (V, DF, EF)	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad (EF, DF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cauliflower Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches	BBQ Pork (GF, EF, DF) with Rice Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Green Beans Lemon Drizzle Cake (V, DF)	Chicken Nuggets (EF, DF) Crispy Veggie Dippers (VG) Breaded Salmon Bap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an

WEEK THREE 17th November, 8th December, 12th January, 2nd January, 2nd March, 23rd March

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Bean & Vegetable Fajitas (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Carrots Golden Cornflake Cookie (V, EF, DF) with Mandarins	Sausage Plait (DF) Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Baked Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Roast Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Cucumber Bap (DF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Carrots Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Cottage Pie (GF, DF, EF) Veggie Cottage Pie (V, GF, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Broccoli & Vegetable Medley Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple	Flippin' Dippers (DF, EF) Vegetable Spring Rolls (VG, GF) Cheese & Cucumber Bap (V, EF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Iced Fruit Smoothie (V, GF, EF, DF)

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.

Suitable for vegetarians or vegetarian option available.

Our fish and chicken dishes may contain bones.

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V VEGETARIAN
VG VEGAN

GF
GF GLUTEN FREE
EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE



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Christmas Workshops

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NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

Creative Christmas Cracker!

Monday 22 December
10am - 4pm

A cracker of a workshop to start the Christmas holidays! Get crafty and creative as we explore a range of theatre skills and dive into seasonal storytelling in this hands on, festively-fun workshop and theatre trip. Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45

YouthLab

Ages 12-17

Stage:Play

Tuesday 23 December
10am - 4pm

Join us this Christmas for Stage:Play – a fast-paced creative skills workshop: improvise, devise, write, direct, build characters, explore movement and PLAY! All wrapped up in a theatre trip.

Includes a ticket to see Creation Theatre's *The Nutcracker*.

Tickets £45



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