



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Spring Term 2026 - Issue 2

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Dear Parents/Carers,

School Council Second-Hand Toy Sale – Tuesday 3rd February

Brookside School Council will be holding a second-hand toy sale in the dinner hall on Tuesday 3rd February from 3:15–3:45pm. This is a great opportunity to pick up some bargains while helping to raise money for the school. The School Council hopes to use the money raised to purchase new bins for the playgrounds. If you are visiting the toy sale, please enter and exit via the hall doors through the KS2 playground.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Bicester Library

Thank you to staff at Bicester Library who provided class LD/CC with a fantastic session this week. The children really enjoyed learning about how books are shelved along with learning about where different books are kept in the children's section. The rest of the children in lower KS2 will be visiting Bicester Library in the next few weeks.

The children were fascinated to know that there are lots of different clubs on at the library, see below for a refresher. All are free but some do require a sign up.

What's on at Bicester Library:

Lego club - Fridays

Saturday Morning Storytime - 11.00am - 11.30am

Rhymetime: Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

You can find more by visiting the library and speaking to the staff or visiting their [website](#).

Remember library cards are free! There is also no charge for reservations for children.



Science Council

Science Council's focus this term is to create a more environmentally friendly environment around our school grounds. Our first focus will be the grass verge outside the front of the school so keep an eye out for it looking tidy and more inviting for local wildlife. We will also be looking at supporting our school with the Big Bicester Share which we will be participating in later on in the year.

Swimming Gala

Brookside Primary School took a team of 12 year 5/6 children to the Bicester Swimming School Gala at the Bicester Leisure Centre. The children competed against other schools in different races that included Breaststroke, Freestyle, Butterfly and Backstroke. The children were a pleasure to take showing great determination, resilience and teamwork. A real pleasure for me as PE lead.

FoBS

We're delighted to be back and wanted to say a huge thank you for all your support! Thanks to the fantastic Christmas Bazaar, along with our Christmas Wreath Making, we raised an incredible total of £3087 — what a brilliant effort! This wouldn't have been possible without the generosity, time, and enthusiasm of our wonderful school community. We'd also love to invite you to our upcoming FoBS meeting — new faces are always very welcome! It's a relaxed and friendly get-together where we chat about upcoming events, share ideas, and plan what's coming next.

Thursday 5th February

9:15 – 10:30am

Coffee#1, Bicester

Whether you'd like to get more involved or just come along to see what we do, we'd love to have you join us. Thank you again for all your support — we're looking forward to another fun and successful year together! If you have any questions, please contact Kirsty - chairoffobs@gmail.com

Thanks - FoBS Family

Staff News

We have appointed Miss Proudlock, as a new teaching assistant at Brookside. Initially, Miss Proudlock will work with children in Key Stage 2.

Staff Car Park

A reminder that the school car park should not be used by parents to drop off or collect children from school unless this has been agreed with the school in advance. The safety of our children is being put at risk by a few parents who drive into the car park at drop off/pick up times and then try to leave when the site is busy with children and parents trying to cross the car park. If you have to drive to school then please use the sports centre car park that has plenty of parking spaces. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our children safe.



Football Report

Brookside boys travelled to Langford Village for their second league match of the football season. The boys started brightly and took a 1-0 lead just before half time, unfortunately Langford Village managed to equalise with the score 1-1 at half time. The second half was more challenging for Brookside and Langford Village went on to win 5-1, proving a little bit too powerful for us. The boys kept trying and never gave up showing great determination, resilience and team work, special mention to Nicholas for some spectacular saves in goal, a real cat.

Kidz Fit

Last week, Kidz Fit came into Brookside Primary School to offer some health and fitness workshops to all children across KS1 and KS2. The children learnt about healthy diets, the benefits of exercise and took part in lots of fun and engaging activities to test their strength, agility, balance and coordination. The children loved the workshops and were a credit to the school.

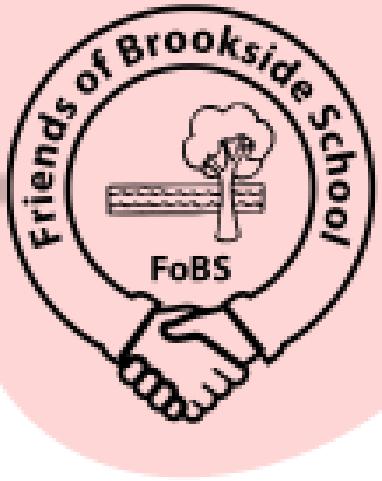
Diary Dates

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside



FoBS

Meeting

Thursday 5th February

9:15am - 10:30am

@ Coffee#1

Everyone is welcome

Join us to shape upcoming events, spark fundraising ideas, and find new ways to support our children. Your voice matters - let's make a difference together!

Children, young people and parent play survey – a chance to win £250 towards play equipment for your school.

Oxfordshire County Council are running an online play survey for children and young people in years 5 and 9. Each school that supports its year 5 or 9 pupils to complete the survey will be entered into a prize draw for a £250 voucher for spending on play equipment.

This survey is part of wider work involved in producing Oxfordshire's first play sufficiency assessment.

The surveys are open now and will close on 31/01/26. Links are included below. Please let me know if you have any problems accessing the survey.

Children and young people's survey



Supporting children and young people to complete the survey

It is expected that most children and young people will complete the survey in under 30 minutes. Teachers can help them to understand the questions, but it must be the children and young people who choose their own answers, and each child should complete the survey separately.

The survey is anonymous but also asks for children's home postcode. This information is important because we can use it to compare responses from children living in different areas. Teachers can support children and young people by having a list of their home postcodes to hand. Please try to avoid using the postcode of the school.

Parent and carer's survey

There is also a survey for parents and carers, and we would welcome your school's support in sharing this with parents via your communication channels. The schools and settings who have the most parent and carer responses will also be entered into a prize draw for a £250 voucher towards play equipment.

[Parent and carer's survey](#)



Benefits to schools

Playing matters to children and young people and their opportunities for play affect many aspects of their life, including school. The survey asks a specific question about children's opportunities for play in school, the results of which will be fed back to schools.

As well as providing important information about children's play, these surveys offer a good reading and comprehension task for children. And because it's about play (or "hanging out" as older children may prefer to call it), it's a survey most children and young people will be willing to complete.

[Please get in contact if you have any questions.](#)

[Many thanks for your support](#)

Natalie Robb

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11:30am-4pm Open to all

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SINDALL**
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NO PARKING ON SITE EXCEPT FOR ACCESS NEEDS

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat

TOGETHER

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	Flapjack 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.

KEY:
V = VEGETARIAN
VG = VEGAN

DF = DODG FREE
DF = DAIRY FREE
EF = GLUTEN FREE



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Term 3 After-school Sessions Bicester Leisure Centre



Join the Youth Activators for a fun active session where you can try multi-skill games. Sessions are suitable for 4-11 year olds. Parents/carers/guardians are required to stay for the session and are encouraged to join in. Please present your You Move card to the Activator on the day.

Please wear comfortable clothing to move in, trainers and bring a water bottle.

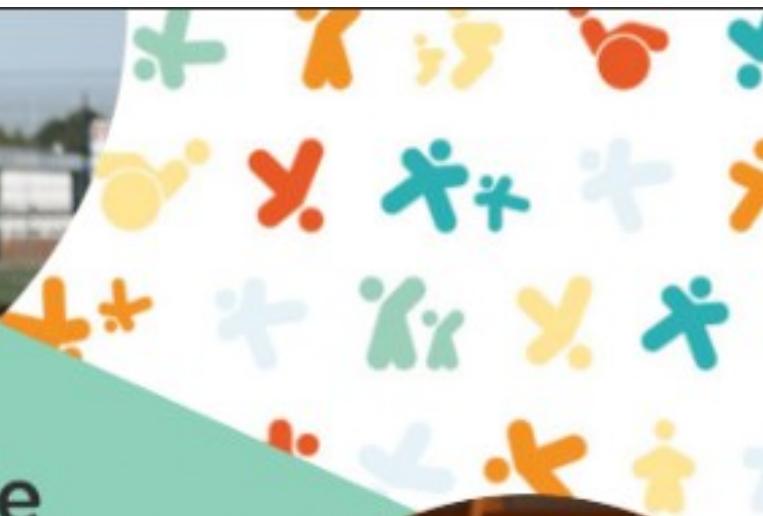
Sessions will take place in the Activity Hall (upstairs studio) at Bicester Leisure Centre every Wednesday 4-5pm from 7th January until 11th February 2026.

Please scan the QR code to book your space



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SUN 11 JAN | 2PM



SAT 24 JAN | 3PM



SAT 31 JAN | 3PM

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HALF TERM SCHEDULE

14th Feb, Saturday

OPENING DAY
2 PM - 5 PM

**15th - 16th Feb
Sunday - Monday**

10 AM - 5 PM

**17th Feb, Tuesday
Open & SEN Bounce**

11 AM - 5 PM
10AM-11AM FOR SEN

**18th Feb, Wednesday
Open & Tots Bounce**

11 AM - 5 PM
10AM-11AM FOR TOTS

**19th - 21st Feb
Thursday - Saturday**

10 AM - 5 PM

22nd Feb, Sunday

CLOSING DAY
10 AM - 2 PM



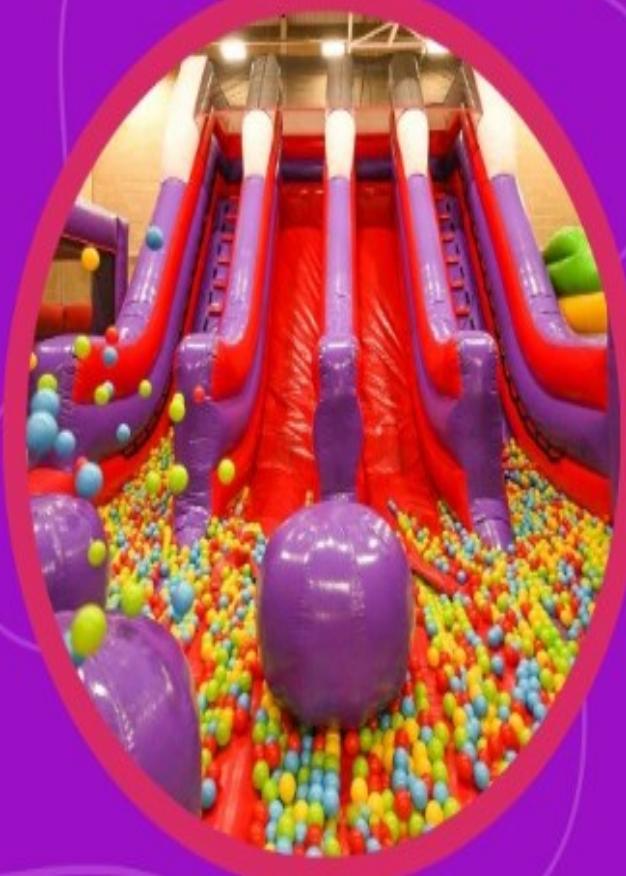
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THE LINK OR QR :



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Where: Henley Leisure Centre and Gillotts School, Oxfordshire, RG9 1PS

Who: For ages 5 to 16 years When: Saturday 30th May 2026

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STEEL	8 - 11 yrs	50m	2000m	1000m
BRONZE	10 - 13 yrs	50m	3000m	1500m
SILVER	12 - 15 yrs	100m	4000m	2000m
GOLD	14 - 16 yrs	150m	4000m	2500m

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