



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

Newsletter Summer Term 2025 - Issue 6

4th July 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an exciting week at Brookside with the KS2 productions taking place over two evenings. Well done to all of the children in Key Stage 2 who took part in the productions of 'Rock Bottom' this week. The singing and acting were amazing and it was great to see all of the children enjoying performing to parents, carers and family members. A huge thank you to all of the Key Stage 2 teachers for their hard work in getting the children ready to perform and to Mrs Dyer for designing and making the amazing set and props.

CSI: Brookside

Yesterday, a number of Year 5 and 6 pupils became real-life detectives during an exciting crime scene investigation! They searched for clues and took swabs at a staged crime scene, learning how forensics works with trained CSI. They will now be creating an amazing piece of artwork to display in Bicester's brand-new TVP forensic centre.



Sports Days

It was good to see all of the children enjoying the sports days last week. Thank you for coming along to support and encourage your child during these events. The final results for the KS1 and KS2 sports days combined were: Mars 4th, Jupiter 3rd, Saturn 2nd and Venus 1st. Well done to Venus for winning overall this year.

Pizza Perfection

Year 3 and 4 had great day yesterday making pizzas and identifying as many different vegetables they could at the sensory table. Everyone got to enjoy eating their final creations at the Year 3 and 4 family picnic in the afternoon - with extra slices for the adults too! A big thank you to Mr. Morgan (Daisy's Dad), a professional chef, who took the time to source the ingredients, come in to school and make the pizzas with everyone - all the children had a fantastic time and will no doubt be trying out their pizza skills at home.

Festival of Voices

Brookside's choir attended Festival of Voices at Dorchester Abbey recently, along with children from 5 other schools. The children performed beautifully and we enjoyed listening to them perform the songs they have worked so hard to learn over the last couple of months. They set a great example to our school and we all had a fantastic time.



Bicester Film Festival

Last week Mr Taunton & Mrs Dyer took six children to the Vue Cinema as part of the Bicester Film Festival. This was a film making competition across seven schools in Bicester. The upper KS2 category was the most hotly contested with seven films from five schools. Bodhi, Maks & Dariyan made a film for this category but unfortunately did not win. However, we are pleased to say that Maya, Ruby & Leo won the lower KS2 category with their film Supertato, winning the school some animation kit and a trophy. Well done to all six children and who knows we might be seeing your faces on the big screen again in the future. (Mr Taunton)



If



Uniform

you are ordering any new uniform directly from our supplier Mapac, please order online by 31st July to ensure delivery in time for September. Click here to access the [Mapac](http://www.mapac.co.uk) website.

Transition Day

You will be informed of your child's new class today via email. On Wednesday 16th July all children will spend the day with their new teacher and teaching assistant in their classrooms they will be in next year. On this day children need to be dropped off and collected from their new classrooms. If you are not sure of your child's new class or where it is then please ask.

Diary Dates

Brookside Transition Day - Wednesday 16th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly - Friday 18th July 2025 9:15 a.m.

End of Term - Friday 18th July 2025 (3:15 p.m. finish for all classes)

INSET Days - Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July 2025 (school closed to pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

IMPORTANT

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING INFORMATION

PLEASE ORDER BEFORE **31ST JULY** TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Please note: This date applies to schools returning at the start of September.
Parents of schools with earlier return dates will need to order sooner.



We have already built up great stock levels to ensure your order is sent out in record time, however there can always be issues that are out of our control. With this in mind **please order as early as possible**, especially if your child is starting school for the first time!

Orders placed up to and including the 31st of July will take priority!
Please place orders as soon as possible – This will help ensure that you receive your uniform in good time, as orders placed after this period are more likely to be subject to delays.

Thank you and have a great summer!

The Mapac Team

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If you have received your order and have any queries,
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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

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 Loins 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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Wacky Weather

How can we predict the weather when it changes so often? What is climate change? From a storm in a bottle, cloud in a cup and devastating earthquakes to acid rain, edible hailstones and fire tornadoes. Prepare to be blown away!

Mad About Mini-Beasts

Creepy crawlies might make you wriggle and squirm, but we think they're amazing! Discover how our world depends on these unique creatures and find out what insects live on our doorstep on the big bug hunt.

Transportation Technology

Technology leads the way to help develop new forms of transport to travel across land, water and air. From a horse drawn cart, steam powered boats and hot air balloons to combustion engines in cars, hovercrafts and aeroplanes!

Daily - 9.00am to 3.30pm.
£35 per child per day.
Sibling discount available.



Summer Holiday Camps 2025:

All Venues and Dates



Summer Week 1

Mon 28th July to Fri 1st Aug

West Oxford Primary School, Ferry Hinksey Rd, Oxford, OX2 0BY

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day.

Summer Week 2

Mon 4th to Fri 8th August

VENUE 1: Caldecott Primary School, Caldecott Rd, Abingdon, OX14 5HB

VENUE 2: Stockham Primary School, Stockham Way, Wantage, OX12 9HL

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day.

Summer Week 3

Mon 11th to Fri 15th August

VENUE 1: Begbroke Village Hall, Begbroke Lane, Kidlington, OX5 1RN

VENUE 2: Long Lane Primary School, Long Lane, Reading, RG31 6YG

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day.

Summer Week 4

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd August

VENUE 1: St Joseph's Primary Sch, Headley Way, Headington, OX3 7SX

VENUE 2: Our Lady of Lourdes School, Curbridge Rd, Witney, OX28 5JZ

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day.

Summer Week 5

Tues 26th to Fri 29th August

VENUE 1: Willowcroft Primary School, Mereland Rd, Didcot, OX11 8BA

VENUE 2: Gagle Brook Primary Sch, Cranberry Ave, Bicester, OX27 8BD

Daily - 9am to 3.30pm. £35 per child per day.

Each day is a different theme and will include:

Wacky Weather

Geo-logic

Mad About Mini-Beasts

Pre-Historic Life

Transportation Technology



To book, please go to the 'Holiday Camps' tab on our website, and click the 'register here' button on the holiday camps page. All bookings are processed through Active Network. Spaces are subject to availability.

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- Volunteer

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
 KINETIC K'NEX	 LEGO MACHINES	 Strawbees Structures	 3D CREATIONS	 LASER TAG
 MICRO ROBOTS	 COOL CODING	 MOVIE MAKING	 AUGMENTED REALITY	 MINECRAFT ROCKETS
Take Home Inventions				
 Electric	 Conductive	 Motorised	 Aquatic	 Wind

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
 CRAZY CIRCUITS	 LEGO CONTRAPTIONS	 LittleBits INVENTIONS	 VIRTUAL REALITY	 SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
 BIG BOTS	 VIDEO GAME DESIGN	 ANIMATION	 MINECRAFT VS MARVEL	 STEM CHALLENGES
Take Home Inventions				
 Electric	 Hydraulics	 Motorised	 Solar	 Light

Please note, the above schedules are for reference only—please check our website for the accurate schedule of your local camp.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity 🔥, fuel creativity 🧠, and empower young minds 🌱 for the future!

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