



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term and enjoyed the time off. It is good that the mornings and evenings are finally getting lighter and spring is on the way.

## KS1 Maths Parent Project Sessions

It was lovely to see so many parents at our year 1 and year 2 maths sessions this week. The children loved having the opportunity to share their learning and it has created a real buzz around maths in the classroom. We hope you are enjoying the learning games at home and please speak to your class teacher if you have any questions about it. The EYFS session are taking place next week.

## World Book Day 2025

Brookside will once again be celebrating the wonderful world of reading next week with World Book Day taking place at school on **Friday 7th March** (please note this is a day later than the official day). As always we love seeing the children coming to school dressed as a famous book character and on the day the children will enjoy a whole feast of book-related activities. We have some prizes of £5 vouchers to give away for the best dressed pupils! All pupils will receive a £1 World Book Day book token.

## Roofing Work

The contractors are now busy tidying the site after the works. There are also a few fascias and gutters still to be fitted but hopefully this will all be completed soon. Thankyou for your patience during this work.

## Red Nose Day – 21<sup>st</sup> March

A reminder that we will be celebrating 40 years of Red Nose Day on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Red Noses will be on sale for a minimum donation of £2 from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March. Children are welcome to come dressed in their best red outfit from the last 40 years and be as creative as possible – Comic Relief suggest leg warmers, magenta manes, and wacky T-shirts. We will also be holding other events to raise as much money as we can for Comic Relief which aims to create a 'just world free from poverty in the UK and around the world.'



## Science Week

Science Week is happening in school during the 10th to 14th March and this year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. In school we will be undertaking some science based learning focussed on the theme as well as our Science Council running science based sessions during lunch times.

Here are some activities going on around school for science week.

## Parent Science Investigation

All take part from 9-9.30.

EFYS: 10th March

KS1: 11th March

LKS2: 12th March

UKS2: 13th March

## In school

Classes will be participating in different science workshops online and with their teachers. The Science Council will be doing some deep sea yoga with children in KS1 at playtimes on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th March.

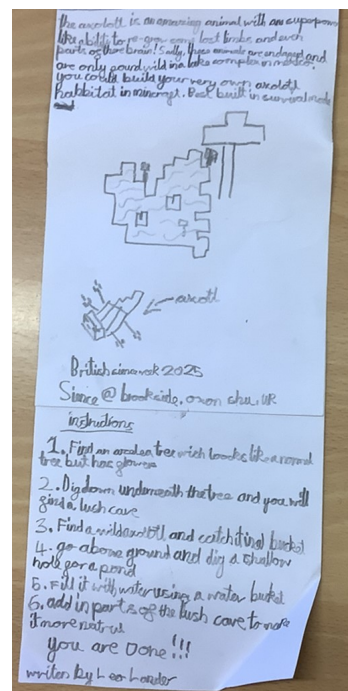
## Post Science week

All children across the school will be accessing science based work shops from outside providers: KS1 – Science Oxford and KS2 – Atomic Tom.

## At home

The photo on the right is a picture of some instructions to do some 'Change and Adapt' Minecraft taken from the British Science Week activity pack. One of the Science Council members wrote out the instructions.

You might want to take Science Week further and see what is happening at the Science Oxford Centre, the Natural History Museum in Oxford or locate the science non-fiction section in the library. As always, send any home learning to [science@brookside.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:science@brookside.oxon.sch.uk)



## Book Fair

To coincide with World Book Day, the school will be hosting a book fair from **Thursday 6th March to Tuesday 11th March**. This will take place at 3:15pm in the school dinner hall each afternoon. Please do come on down to buy a new book to help promote reading for pleasure for your child. The £1 World Book Day vouchers can be used at the fair. A large percentage of all sales go back to the school to help us buy new books.

## Brookside's Big Book Swap

A million thanks to all those of you that have donated books for the Book Swap. We still want more and there is still time! Our aim is to give the books out on World Book Day to as many pupils as possible so if you have an unwanted children's book that is in reasonable condition and want to help it find a new home please drop it into school by Wednesday 5th March at the latest. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of the Book Swap.

## **Diary Dates**

World Book Day at Brookside—Friday 7th March 2025  
Parents' evenings—Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March 2025  
Class Photos—Wednesday 19th March 2025  
End of Term - Friday 4th April 2025

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
• TOGETHER •

**WEEK ONE** 4<sup>th</sup> Nov, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 16<sup>th</sup> Dec, 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10<sup>th</sup> Feb, 10<sup>th</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 5<sup>th</sup> May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p><b>Margherita Pizza</b> (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF) <b>Veggie Fajitas</b> (VG) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  Sweetcorn &amp; Baked Beans  Chocolate Shortbread (V, DF, EF) with Melon</p>	<p><b>Traditional Cottage Pie</b> (GF, EF) <b>Veggie Cottage Pie</b> (GF, EF) <b>Tuna &amp; Sweetcorn Bap</b> (EF, DF)  Broccoli &amp; Vegetable Medley  Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches</p>	<p><b>Roast Loin of Pork</b> (GF, DF, EF) <b>Vegetarian Quorn Roast</b> (V, GF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese &amp; Coleslaw</b> (V, GF, EF)  Roast Potatoes &amp; Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy  Savoy Cabbage &amp; Carrots  Cinnamon Cookie (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p><b>Chicken, Spinach &amp; Tomato Pasta</b> (EF, DF) <b>Fruity Vegetable Curry &amp; Rice</b> (VG, GF) <b>Cheddar Cheese &amp; Lettuce Wrap</b> (EF)  Sweetcorn &amp; Green Beans  Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p><b>Flipper Dippers</b> (DF, EF) <b>Veggie Sausage Roll</b> (V, EF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  Chips or Pasta Peas &amp; Baked Beans  Strawberry Ice Cream (V, GF, EF)</p>

**WEEK TWO** 11<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan, 27<sup>th</sup> Jan, 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> April, 12<sup>th</sup> May

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<p><b>Margherita Pizza</b> (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (V, EF) <b>Five Bean Chilli with Rice</b> (VG, GF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  Peas &amp; Baked Beans  Lemon Drizzle Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p><b>Pork Sausages</b> (EF) <b>Veggie Sausage</b> (VG) <b>Ham Bap</b> (V, DF)  Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage &amp; Vegetable Medley  Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple</p>	<p><b>Roast Chicken Breast</b> (GF, DF, EF) <b>Vegetarian Quorn Roast</b> (V, GF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese &amp; Coleslaw</b> (V, GF, EF)  Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy Carrots &amp; Cauliflower  Rice Crispy Cake (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p><b>Mac 'n' Cheese</b> (V, EF) <b>Pizza Pinwheel &amp; New Potatoes</b> (V, EF) <b>Tuna &amp; Cucumber Bap</b> (EF, DF)  Peas &amp; Green Beans  Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p><b>Flipper Dippers</b> (DF, EF) <b>Veggie Samosa's</b> (VG) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn  Ginger biscuit (V, EF, DF) &amp; Raisins</p>

**WEEK THREE** 18<sup>th</sup> Nov, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> April, 19<sup>th</sup> May

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<p><b>Margherita Pizza</b> (Cheese &amp; Tomato) (EF, V) <b>Veggie Nugget Wrap</b> (DF, EF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  Sweetcorn &amp; Baked Beans  Sultana &amp; Syrup Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p><b>Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce</b> (GF, DF, EF) <b>Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce</b> (VG) <b>Salmon &amp; Cucumber Pasta Salad</b> (EF, DF)  Fluffy Rice, Carrots &amp; Peas  Cranberry &amp; Oat Biscuit (V, EF)</p>	<p><b>Roast British Gammon</b> (GF, DF, EF) <b>Vegetarian Quorn Roast</b> (V, GF) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese &amp; Coleslaw</b> (V, GF, EF)  Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes &amp; Gravy Cauliflower &amp; Green Beans  Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p><b>Oriental Chicken Noodles</b> (DF) <b>Rustic Tomato Pasta Bake</b> (EF, DF) <b>Cheddar Cheese &amp; Cucumber Bap</b> (EF)  Broccoli &amp; Sweetcorn  Chocolate Sponge (V) with Pears</p>	<p><b>Battered Fish</b> (DF, EF) <b>Crispy Quorn Dippers</b> (VG) <b>Oven Baked Jacket Potato</b> with <b>Cheese</b> (V, GF, EF) or <b>Baked Beans</b> (VG, GF)  Chips or Pasta Peas &amp; Baked Beans  Rocket Lolly (VG, GF)</p>

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.

KEY:  
V VEGETARIAN  
VE VEGAN

EF EGG FREE  
DF DAIRY FREE  
GF GLUTEN FREE



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