



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you all had a good break and enjoyed the two weeks off school. The children have quickly settled back into the routines of school and have been working hard on their new topics. This term is always very busy with lots going on. Please see the end of this newsletter for the dates of events.

Class letters/Curriculum Maps

Today you will have received class letters and curriculum maps from your child's teacher. These include important information about your child's class and the learning planned for the term ahead.

The class letter includes key information such as:

- What your child will be learning in each subject
- Important dates, including trips, visitors and special events
- Homework expectations and class routines
- How you can support learning at home

Alongside this, the curriculum map gives an overview of the topics and skills your child will be developing across the term. It helps to show how learning builds over time and links together across subjects such as English, maths, science and the wider curriculum.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to take time to read these documents. They provide a valuable insight into what children are learning and open up opportunities for meaningful conversations at home – whether that's talking about a history topic at the dinner table or spotting real-life maths while out shopping.

The importance of reading

One of the most important ways you can support your child's learning at home is by encouraging regular reading. Reading underpins progress across the whole curriculum, helping children to develop vocabulary, understanding and confidence. Children should read regularly, ideally every day. Younger children benefit from reading aloud to an adult or hearing an adult read to them. Older children, even if proficient readers, should still be encouraged to talk about what they are reading. Sharing books together, asking questions about the story and encouraging children to explain their ideas all help to deepen comprehension. Reading doesn't have to be limited to books – comics, instructions, song lyrics, subtitles, recipes and information texts all count.

Football Report

Brookside girls travelled to the much feared St Edburg's school for their final league match of the season. The girls started brightly in a tight first half playing lots of good football without finding a goal. An inspired team talk at half time from Mr Harrison with some mini eggs for motivation sparked a sensational performance as the girls went on to win 3-0 with a hat-trick from Hallie. Mr Harrison said, 'the girls have been fantastic and a real pleasure to take, it has been great to see them enjoying playing football'.

New School Lunch Menu

A new menu started on Monday 13th April. The menu is attached to this newsletter and is also on our [website](#).

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...' – A helpful guide to children's digital lives

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has published a new guide to support parents and carers in navigating children's everyday online lives. Shaped by the voices of children and young people themselves - the guide offers practical, realistic advice grounded in what young people say they need from the adults around them.

The guide explores key issues such as setting clear and healthy boundaries around phone use, talking openly about harmful or worrying online content, and creating ongoing conversations rather than relying on a single 'big talk'. Its aim is to help make these discussions feel easier, more regular, and more effective.

Young people's perspectives run throughout the guide. One teenager offers this reassurance to parents and carers:

"Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting their behaviour, trust that you know best."

This guide is a valuable read for any parent or carer wanting to better understand and support their child's digital world.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/resource/what-i-wish-my-parents-or-carers-knew-a-guide-for-parents-and-carers-on-managing-childrens-digital-lives/>

Stagecoach Free Session— Performing Arts Classes for 2 - 4 year old children

Stagecoach Bicester, which is held at Brookside on Saturdays, offer a nurturing school-ready skills session for children through play. This one weekly class grows your child's voice, movement and imagination. FREE class for Brookside children and their parents on Saturday 25th April. Booking is essential. Call Emma on 01869 321185 or mail bicester@stagecoach.co.uk to reserve your place.

Friends of Brookside School

The Spring Disco was a fantastic success, with children across the school having an absolute blast! A special highlight was the brilliant entertainment from Aaron, who kept everyone dancing and smiling throughout the day.

A huge thank you from the FoBS team to all of our wonderful volunteers who gave their time to help organise and run the event, as well as to our teachers for their continued support. Events like this wouldn't be possible without such a great team effort—thank you all for making it such a memorable day!

We'll also be holding a FoBS meeting soon, with the date and time to be confirmed. It would be great to see some new and familiar faces there, so please do come along if you can. If you want to get involved please let us know.

chairoffobs@gmail.com The FoBS Family

Diary Dates

Monday 4th May - Early May bank holiday

Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term

Monday 1st June - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Monday 22nd June - KS2 Sports Day 9:15 a.m.

Tuesday 23rd June - KS1 Sports Day 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday 24th June - EYFS Sports Day Class EC 10:30 a.m. Class VL 1:30 p.m.

Friday 17th July - 9:15 a.m. Leavers' Assembly and last day of term

Monday 20th July - INSET Day (school closed to all pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

WEEK ONE 13th April, 4th May, 1st June, 22nd June, 13th July, 31st Aug, 2nd Sept, 12th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Vegetable & Bean Chilli with Rice (VG) Wholemeal Egg Mayo Sandwich (V, DF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Lemon Oat Cookie (V, EF, DF) & Raisins	Beef Bolognese with Pasta (EF, DF) Veggie Bolognese with Pasta (VG) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Green Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Salad (EF, DF) Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding, Cauliflower & Peas Cherry Biscuit (V, EF)	Chicken Korma with Rice (EF, GF) Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Sweetcorn Rock Cake (V) with Pineapple	Chicken Nuggets (EF, DF) Veggie Nuggets (V, EF) Breaded Salmon Wrap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF)

WEEK TWO 20th April, 11th May, 8th June, 29th June, 20th July, 7th Sept, 28th Sept, 19th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry with Rice (V, GF, EF) Veggie Couscous Salad (VG) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF) Veggie Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce (VG, GF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Pasta, Peas & Broccoli Chocolate Crispie Cake (V, DF, EF)	Roast Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF) Quorn Roast (V, GF) Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Sandwich (V, EF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cabbage Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge	Creamy Chicken Risotto (GF, EF) Veggie Sausage Pasta Bake (V, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Peas & Green Beans Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Wrap (V, DF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Strawberry Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Melon

WEEK THREE 27th April, 18th May, 15th June, 6th July, 14th Sept, 5th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Spinach & Pepper Pasta (VG) Wholemeal Cheese & Cucumber Sandwich (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Mandarins	Chicken & Leek Pie with New Potatoes (DF, EF) Sweet & Sour Veggie Noodles (V, DF) Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Vegetable Medley & Broccoli Cinnamon Cookie (V, EF)	Roast Gammon (GF, EF, DF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap (DF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Peas Chocolate Brownie (V, DF)	Pork Sausages with Gravy (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage with Gravy (VG, GF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Mashed Potatoes (GF, EF) Or Pasta (EF, DF) Carrots & Cauliflower Crunchy Cornflake Cookie (EF, DF)	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Cream Cheese & Broccoli Pinwheel (V, EF) Veggie Pasta Salad (VG) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Banana Ice Lolly (V, GF, EF)

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

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



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**6 WEEK
COURSE**

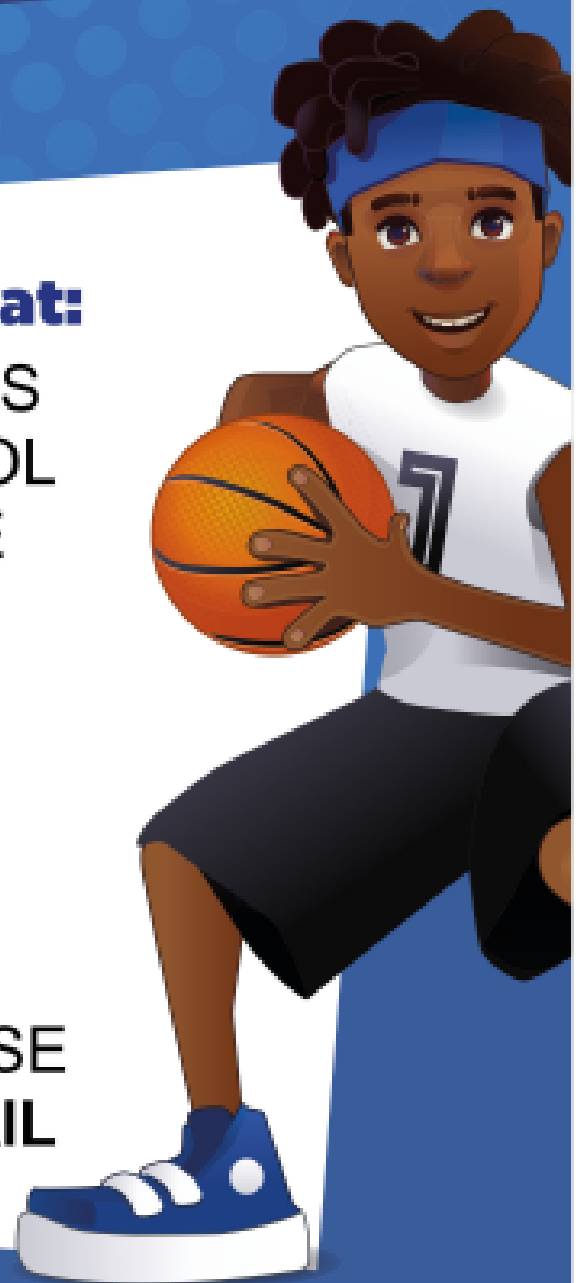
BASKETBALL
ENGLAND



Play basketball at:

OXFORD HOOPS
CHENEY SCHOOL
CHENEY LANE
HEADINGTON
OXFORD
OX3 7QH

SATURDAYS
9 to 11 AM
6 WEEKS COURSE
STARTS 25-APRIL



SLAM JAM IS BASKETBALL ENGLAND'S OFFICIAL JUNIOR PROGRAMME DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGED BETWEEN 5 AND 11.

The programme is jam packed with fun basketball games, festivals and rewards and gives children a great way to learn the basic skills of the game!

Find out more at:
basketballengland.co.uk





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in your school



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www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest

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Join us at FarmED for a
fun-filled bug hunt!

Multiple dates throughout
the easter & summer holidays.

Discover your inner bug hunter...
Sweep, scoop, and identify all of your
favourite colourful critters!

Tickets: £7.50 per child (adults go free).
Time: 10:45am ready to set off at 11am
(the bug hunt will be around an hour).
Our Cafe will be open for refreshments.

Find us at:
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Shipton-under-Wychwood,
Chipping Norton,
Oxfordshire, OX7 6BJ

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