



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

**Newsletter Spring Term 2026 - Issue 4**

**27th February 2026**

[www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a good half term break and enjoyed the time away from school. This is a short half term but promises to be an exciting one with World Book Day, the book fair and the Year 3/4 performances to look forward to amongst many other things.

## **Mobile Phone Policy Update**

We have updated our behaviour policy to include an appendix on the use of mobile phones in line with the latest Department for Education guidance to help keep our school Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Only Year 5 and Year 6 pupils who walk to or from school independently may bring a mobile phone. Phones must be switched off before entering the school site and put away in a bag or pocket. All phones must be handed in at the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Mobile phones are not allowed on the playground at any time. This helps pupils connect with friends, prevents exposure to inappropriate online content, and protects privacy by preventing photos or videos being taken without consent. We would encourage parents and carers to model this as much as possible. Y5/6 pupils are aware of the expectations for them bringing mobile phones to school. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe, focused and positive environment for all pupils and making Brookside phone free.

## **Parking on Bucknell Road**

As many of you will have noticed, new double yellow lines have now been installed along sections of Bucknell Road. We kindly ask all parents and carers to:

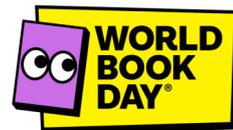
- Park legally and observe the new road markings
- Avoid stopping or parking on double yellow lines at any time
- Be considerate of our neighbours by not blocking driveways or access points

Your cooperation helps create a safer environment for everyone, especially during the busy drop-off and pick-up times.

Thank you for parking safely.

## **World Book Day Reminder – Friday 6th March 2026**

World Book Day is nearly here, and we're excited to celebrate the joy of reading at Brookside! This year's theme, "Read Your Way," encourages every child to discover and enjoy stories in the way that suits them best. As part of the celebration, all pupils are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Friday 6th March.



## **Book Fair**

We're looking forward to the book fair coming next week, from Thursday 5th to Tuesday 10th March from 3:20 p.m. in the main hall. This is a wonderful opportunity for your children to discover new stories, build their home libraries, and develop a lifelong love for reading. We will be handing out £1 World Book Day vouchers to all children on Thursday which can be used at the fair. Book prices start at £1.99 so come and grab a bargain!

## **Class Photographs – Wednesday 18th March**

We are pleased to let you know that class photographs will be taken on Wednesday 18th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to capture a special memory of your child's school year. The photographer will take each class photograph throughout the day, and details about how to order the photos will be shared afterwards.

## **Parent/Carer Evenings**

This term's parent/carers evenings are during the last week of term. They will take place on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March. An email will be sent out later in the term with further details and a link to book your appointment.

## **Online Safety / Safeguarding**

Further to the information shared elsewhere in the newsletter about mobile phone use in school, parents may wish to look at this website from the NSPCC to help parents and carers make decisions about your child's access to mobile phones - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

## **Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March 2026**

Brookside School will be celebrating Red Nose Day on Friday 20th March, and we can't wait to see the children's creativity in action!

This year, pupils are invited to design their own Red Nose. They can decorate an official nose, create a design using a template, or even design a nose for a T-shirt.

Official Red Noses will be available to buy in school for £2 from Wednesday 11th March.

On Red Nose Day, children may come to school wearing:

Their designed Red Nose

A Red Nose-themed T-shirt

Their pinned nose design on their red jumper

Or simply something red or funny to make them smile!

We kindly ask for a minimum £1 donation, with all funds supporting Comic Relief's work helping people facing poverty and hardship. A full email with more information will be sent to parents and carers on Monday.



**FRIDAY 20 MARCH**

## **Diary Dates**

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Coalesce Dance Theatre presents

# Mika and the Polar Bear

Saturday 14 March  
11am & 2pm

An imaginative and unforgettable journey into the wonders of our natural world.



For ages  
**4-11**

Tickets: £12 (children £8, under 2s free)

Bookings: 01865 319450 / [thenorthwall.com](http://thenorthwall.com)

# ELITE CAMPS BICESTER



30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April



The Bicester School,  
OX26 2NS

## Elite Activities Include..

-  Laser Tag
-  Nerf Wars
-  Soft Archery
-  Crazy Golf
-  Mini Olympics
-  and much more..

10% Early Bird Code:

**EASTER10**

Code Expires 15/03/26

**BOOK NOW**

**HAF** →  
**Available**

Ofsted  
Registered

  
ELITE CAMPS

# CAMP INFO

30<sup>th</sup> March - 10<sup>th</sup> April

## Timings:

**5-13 Years Old**

Standard day: 9:00 - 15:30

Extended day: 8:30 - 17:00

**4 Years Old**

Half day session: 9:00 - 13:00

**BOOK NOW**

-  [eliteyouthsports.co.uk](http://eliteyouthsports.co.uk)
-  [info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk](mailto:info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk)
-  01235 415846

## Funded Places Available

This camp has limited funded places available through the Holiday Activities and Food scheme (HAF) for children 5-13, on benefits related free school meals. Check your eligibility and register at [eequ.org](http://eequ.org)



# ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW



Sat 13<sup>th</sup> June 2026 10am - 4.30pm

Abingdon Airfield / Dalton Barracks

Flypasts, Aircraft Fly-In & Static Aircraft Displays, Classic Vehicles, Live Music, Allcomers Dog Show, Tank Rides, Crafts, Amusements, Hot Food & a Bar, Archery, Classic Vehicle Runway runs plus more!!

Adults £20, Seniors over 65 yrs £10, Child 5-15 year olds £7, Under 5s Free

For Tickets, Information & Enquiries  
[www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk](http://www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk)





TARGET NETBALL ACADEMY  
EST. 2024

Working on skills,  
tactics, match play  
and fun!!

# EASTER NETBALL CAMPS

## OXFORD

1st April 2026

9-14yrs

09:00-15:00pm

£40pp

(sibling discount)

Oxford High School,  
Belbroughton Road

## OXFORD

8th April 2026

9-14yrs

09:00-15:00pm

£40pp

(sibling discount)

Oxford High School,  
Belbroughton Road

EMAIL TO BOOK!

Or google forms on  
social media.

[targetnetballacademy@gmail.com](mailto:targetnetballacademy@gmail.com)



# CRICKET COACHING MASTERCLASS

Easter Cricket Camps. Prepare for the 2026 season with highly experienced County Coaches

Open to players of all abilities. Girls & Boys



Ashfold Prep School  
7-10 yrs (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> April)  
11-14 yrs (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>)

£50 per day with early bird discount (until 7<sup>th</sup> March). £55 thereafter



For further details and to book please visit our website:  
[www.cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk](http://www.cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk)

[info@cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk](mailto:info@cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk)

Head Coach – Nick Broome  
(Northants CCC)

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# CRICKET COACHING MASTERCLASS

Learn from the pros and take your game to the next level

Highly experienced coaching team including Andy O'Connor, Brenden Fourie & David Ripley (All Level III or IV with First Class Playing Experience)



## Specialist 121 & Net Coaching

Easter Holidays 2026

Stowe School. Sessions from £55 each



All abilities and ages catered for – beginners to experts. For more information and to book, please email [info@cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk](mailto:info@cricketcoachingmasterclass.co.uk)

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Going Further



**Girlguiding**

Bicester & Villages  
(Otmoor)

# ▶ Volunteer with us



'I enjoy it so much. The girls are lovely and I feel I'm doing something worthwhile. It's amazing!'  
**Tayba, leader**

We open up a **world of possibilities** to girls from 4-18-years-old, one where they **can do anything.**

**It's totally flexible,** you can help as much or as little as you want.

Join us for nonstop fun, learning and adventures.



**Register today**



# Your School Lunch

Let's Eat  
• TOGETHER •

## WEEK ONE 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 15<sup>th</sup> December, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 9<sup>th</sup> March

### MONDAY

**Margherita Pizza**  
(Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)  
Spinach & Potato Curry  
(VG)  
Egg Mayo &  
Lettuce Bap (V, DF)  
Sweetcorn &  
Baked Beans  
Shortbread  
(V, EF, DF)  
& Raisins

### TUESDAY

**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)

### WEDNESDAY

**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)

### THURSDAY

**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)

### FRIDAY

**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 10<sup>th</sup> November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 26<sup>th</sup> January, 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 16<sup>th</sup> March

### MONDAY

**Margherita Pizza**  
(Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)  
Rustic Tomato Pasta (VG)  
Cheddar Cheese  
& Lettuce Bap (V, EF)  
Sweetcorn  
& Baked Beans  
Cherry  
Biscuit  
(V, EF)

### TUESDAY

**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)

### WEDNESDAY

**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

### THURSDAY

**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)

### FRIDAY

**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 17<sup>th</sup> November, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

### MONDAY

**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

### TUESDAY

**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)

### WEDNESDAY

**Roast Loaf 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)

### THURSDAY

**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

### FRIDAY

**Flipper 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.

VE: VEGETARIAN  
VG: VEGAN

EF: EGG FREE  
DF: DAIRY FREE  
GF: GLUTEN FREE



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