



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a very busy end to a long autumn term at Brookside. We hope that you enjoyed the opportunity to see your children perform in our Christmas productions and concerts. Our youngest children enjoyed performing a range of Christmas songs during their Christmas singalong. Key Stage 1 put on two wonderful Nativity performances last week and then Key Stage 2 performed two fantastic carol concerts this week. Well done to all of our children who all did brilliantly. Thank you to all of the adults in school for working hard to get all of these performances ready. Finally, thank you to all parents and carers who came along. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and hope that you enjoy the time with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Key Stage 1 panto visit and nativity

In KS1, the children have finished the autumn term on a high with the duo of the panto and nativity performances. A couple of weeks ago the children thoroughly enjoyed watching Dick, or the newly named Dot, Whittington at the Oxford Playhouse. With front row seats it was a fully interactive experience with fake snow, dancing and sing-a-longs. All the children had a fantastic time topped off with an ice-cream in the interval. Then last week the roles were reversed with KS1 performing their nativity story to family and friends. It was a show jam-packed with acting, dancing, talented sheep, singing, signing and a selection of new 'knock, knock' jokes to keep us all going this Christmas. We are so proud of the children who worked hard to learn their lines and the songs to entertain their audiences. What a brilliant group of thespians in the making we have!

Poppy Appeal

Thank you to pupils and parents who have so generously to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year. We had confirmation from them that we raised £419.58 for the charity.

Christmas Tree Festival

The choir sang beautifully at the Christmas Tree Festival last Friday at St Edburg's Church. They sang a variety of Christmas songs and carols to an audience of proud parents and Bicester residents. It was a pleasure to hear them perform again and they were a credit to the school. Well done!

Rock Steady Concert – A Celebration of Music and Talent!

Last week, our sports hall was filled with excitement as the Rock Steady bands took to the stage for an unforgettable concert. The children showcased their incredible musical skills, performing a variety of songs with confidence and enthusiasm. From electric guitars and keyboards to powerful vocals, every performance highlighted the hard work and dedication of our young musicians. It was wonderful to see the children working together as bands, demonstrating teamwork, creativity, and a real love for music. A huge thank you to Matt for inspiring our pupils and giving them the opportunity to shine.



FoBS

Thank you to all member of FoBS and parents who have supported the fundraising efforts this autumn term. FoBS are still counting the pennies but we're pleased to announce that wreath making made just over £1000.

All money raised goes straight back into the school supporting school trips and enriching the classroom environments.

The raffle is one way in which FoBS fundraise and this morning a new online system has randomly picked the winners and sent them all an email. Prizes can be collected from the school reception.

Keeping Primary-Aged Children Safe Online This Christmas

We know many children will receive a new device over Christmas. If your child receives a new device, start by setting up parental controls on the device, apps, and home Wi-Fi. Use tools like Google Family Link or built-in settings to manage screen time, block inappropriate content, and restrict in-app purchases. Always change default passwords on smart toys and keep software updated. Create a family agreement about when and how devices can be used. Agree on time limits, safe websites, and the importance of asking for help if something feels wrong. Make online safety part of everyday conversation - ask open questions like, 'What games do you enjoy?' or 'Have you seen anything online that worried you'. Teach children about cyberbullying, strangers online, and the permanence of their digital footprint. Encourage kindness and explain what to do if they encounter harmful content or messages. Explore together - join them in games and apps to understand their online world. Keep emergency contacts handy:

CEOP Safety Centre: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/Safety-Centre/>

NSPCC Online Safety: nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety

Internet Matters: internetmatters.org

With preparation, clear rules, and open dialogue, you can make technology safe and enjoyable this festive season.

Diary Dates

Monday 5th January - First day of Spring Term

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

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 (GF, 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 (GF, 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 Pili (GF) 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 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)	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	Flippin' Dippers (GF, 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.

GF: GLUTEN FREE
V: VEGETARIAN
VG: VEGAN

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



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