

## **Brookside Primary School**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. This is always a very busy and exciting time at Brookside with many special events for Christmas coming up later in the half term. Please see the end of this newsletter for the dates and times of events this half term.

**Didcot Railway Centre Visit** 

On 6th October lower KS2 visited the Didcot Railway to learn about steam engines and their role in Victorian Britain. The children learnt about: signalling and how the signals developed over the time period; railway bridges and structures built during the Victorian Era; how a steam engine works, seeing it up close first hand, and how passengers might have travelled. All the children had a really great time. Thank you to the Didcot Railway volunteers who provided us with such valuable learning and to the adults who went on the trip.









Supporting Remembrance Day – Poppy Appeal
In support of Remembrance Day and the Royal British Legion, we are taking part in the annual Poppy Appeal and will be marking remembrance day on Tuesday 11th November 2025.

A variety of poppy-themed items, including traditional poppies, wristbands, and more are available to buy in school. Every donation helps support serving and ex-service personnel and their families, making a real difference in their lives.

We're proud to be part of this important cause and to help our children understand the value of remembrance. Thank you for your kindness and support.

## Children in Need 2025 – Let's Make a Difference!

We're excited to support Children in Need again this year on Friday 14th November. It's a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and help raise money for children and young people across the UK who need our support. To mark the occasion, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform for the day. Whether it's their favourite outfit, dressed a s superhero, or just comfy clothes – it's all about having fun while helping others.

We kindly ask for a £1 donation from each child taking part. All money raised will go directly to Children in Need to help fund vital projects and services. We will also be selling Children in Need merchandise from next week.

## Friends of Brookside School (FoBS) Updates **Christmas Card Orders**

Our children have been getting creative and designing their very own Christmas cards! These will be available to order very soon keep an eye out for details on how to get yours. **The order deadline is before midnight on the 18th November 2025**. The orders will be delivered to school around 2 weeks later. There are no home deliveries.

Chocolate Exchange - Non-School Uniform Day - Friday 21st November

It's that time of year again! Children can come to school in non-school uniform in exchange for a chocolate bar. All donations will go towards our Christmas Bazaar prizes.

Christmas Bazaar – Wednesday 27th November

Join us from 3:30pm for an afternoon of festive fun! There'll be games, stalls, and plenty of Christmas cheer.

We're looking for volunteers to help out on the day, so if you can spare a little time - or know someone who might like to run a - please get in touch at <a href="mailto:chairoffobs@qmail.com">chairoffobs@qmail.com</a> More details will follow soon!

Christmas Wreath Making – 4th & 5th December

Get creative and make your own beautiful Christmas wreath!

Cost: £35 (includes all materials, nibbles, and a festive drink) Arrive at 6:00 p.m. for a 6:30 p.m. start Spaces are limited, please see link below to secure your spot:

https://friends-of-brookside-school.sumupstore.com

Thank you, as always, for your amazing support — these events wouldn't be possible without our wonderful Brookside community.

A reminder that the new menu started this week and will run until March 2026. A copy is attached to this newsletter and can also be found on our website. Menu November—March.

Diary Dates

Thursday 27th November 3:30 p.m. - FoBS Christmas Bazaar Tuesday 9th December 2:00 p.m. - KS1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 10th December 9:15 a.m. - EYFS (Class EC) Christmas Singalong Wednesday 10th December 2:00 p.m. - KS1 Christmas Production Thursday 11th December 9:15 a.m. - EYFS (Class VL) Christmas Singalong Wednesday 17th December 2:15 p.m. - KS2 Carol Concert at St. Edburg's Christmas Ch

Friday 19th December - Children's Christmas Dinner (children can wear Christmas jumpers on this day) and last day of term

Best wishes,

3rd November, 24th November, 15th December, 19th January, 9th February, 9th March WEEK ONE

MONDAY

inach & Potato Curry

Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V. DF)

> Sweetcorn & **Baked Beans**

Shortbread (V. EF, DF) & Raisins

TUESDAY

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

Vegetarian Quom Roast

Rainbow Rice Salad /VG, GF

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding. Curly Cabbage & Peas

Cinnamon Cookie (V. EF)

THURSDAY

nicken, Tomato

Pizza Pinwheel (V, EF) with New Potatoes

Jacket Potato with Cheese (V. GF, EF) or Baked Beans

Carrots & Sweetcorn

Vanilla Sponge (V. DF)

FRIDAY

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Veggie Samosa's (vi Tuna & Sweetcom 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, 23th February, 16th March

MONDAY

c Tomato Pasta (VG)

Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Bap (V, EF)

> Sweetcom & Baked Beans

> > Cherry Biscuit (V. EF)

TUESDAY

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Veggie Meatballs in a omato 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

Tuna & Sweetcorn Pasta Salad (EF, DF)

Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cauliflower

> Strawberry Jelly (V. GF, DF, EF) with Peaches

THURSDAY

**BBQ Park** 

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

Crispy Veggie Dippers

Breaded Salmon Bap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF)

French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn

> Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an

17th November, 8th December, 12th January, 2nd January, 2nd March, 23rd March **WEEK THREE** 

MONDAY

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Bean & Vegetable Fajitas

Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Pasta Salad (V. EF)

> Sweetcorn & Carrols

Golden Comflake Cookie with Mandarins

TUESDAY

Sausage Plait (0F) /eggie Sausage Roll (v)

Jacket Potato with

Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)

Oven Baked Potato Wedges, Peas & Baked Beans

loed Sprinkle Cake (V. DF)

WEDNESDAY

Vegetarian Quom Roast

Tuna & Cucumber Bap (DF, EF)

Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy

Savoy Cabbage & Carrots

Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V. EF)

THURSDAY

Veggie Cottage Pie

Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)

> Broccoli & Vegetable Medley

Melting Moment (V. DF, EF) with Pineapple FRIDAY

Vegetable Spring Rolls VG. GF

Cheese & Cucumber Bap W. EF

> Chips or Pasta Peas &

Baked Beans loed 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

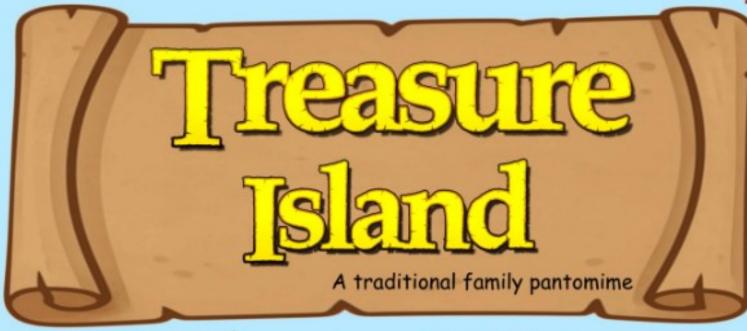












# Wed 18th to Sat 21st Feb 2026

Date	Performance Times			Adult (18+)	Child (1-17)
Weds 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb			7:30pm	£12	£7
Thurs 19th Feb	10:30am*	2:30pm		£12	£7
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8
Sat 21st Feb		2:30pm	7:30pm	£14	£8

\*Relaxed Performance Thursday at 10:30an

In Cooper School Performance Hall, Bicester, OX26 4RS

Suitable for the whole family to enjoy!

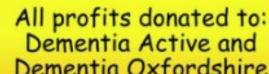
Tickets available from www.ticketsource.co.uk/lvp

(or call 07864 715708 for assistance)

Family Discounts available for all shows



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# JUNIOR HOCKEY SESSIONS

Inspiring the next generation of hockey players!

AGES 5&UP

SUNDAY TRAINING

U8s & U10s 9:00-10:30AM

U12s & U14s 11:00-12:45PM

MONDAY TRAINING

U16s 6:45-7:45PM

COOPER SCHOOL, BICESTER

JOIN THE FOXES!

Come along, bring a friend & give hockey a go-It's great fun, fantastic fitness & brilliant team sport for all abilities!

> 13+ Boys welcome to Men's Training Wednesday 7:45pm



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