



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have been making the most of the sunny weather, and it has been lovely to see them enjoying their breaktimes and lunchtimes across our school grounds. We are very fortunate at Brookside to have such a large, green site for the children to play, relax and spend time with their friends.

Year 4 Residential

Last week, Year 4 pupils and teachers enjoyed an action-packed three days at Home Farm in Beaulieu for our residential trip. On the first day, we discovered edible wild plants on the farm trail, met the resident farm animals and ended the day with a singalong around the campfire whilst toasting marshmallows.

The next morning, after completing our animal duties, we hiked to the nearby woods to build shelters and practise orienteering skills—without the adults! Luckily, everyone made it back to the farm in time for dinner.

On the final day, after more animal duties and some hasty packing, the coach took us to the beach. We were lucky enough to see a coastguard helicopter carrying out rescue training (very exciting!) before identifying shells and creating beach art along the windy seashore.

Finally, we stopped for lunch and a well-deserved ice cream before boarding the coach and heading back to school. (Miss Mooney) Thank you to Miss Mooney, Mrs Smith and Mr Taunton for leading this trip and giving the children this wonderful opportunity.



EYFS Space Adventure

We were thrilled to welcome Science Oxford into the EYFS last week. Matt from Science Oxford led us on an incredible journey through space inside the mobile planetarium. The children were captivated as we explored the solar system, took a virtual trip to the moon, and discovered how night and day occur. (Miss Carter)

A huge thank you to Mrs Cooper, our Science Leader, for organising such a wonderful and memorable experience.

Science Oxford also hosts Family Days at their site in Headington for those who may wish to visit with their children. Further information can be found here: [Family Days every Saturday - Science Oxford](#)

Student Teachers

We are delighted to welcome two new Oxford Brookes student teachers to the Brookside team this term. Miss Missellbrook will be working with Class EY and Miss Tasker will be joining Class FH. Both have already settled well into school life and are enjoying getting to know the children and staff. We are very pleased to have them with us and look forward to the positive contribution they will make to learning across the classes they are working with.

IMPS Visit

Year 6 recently enjoyed a visit from the Injury Minimisation Programme (IMPS), which helped them learn more about how to keep themselves safe and how to respond calmly and sensibly if someone is injured. The pupils learned about common injuries, basic first aid, and the importance of reducing risk in everyday situations. A real highlight of the session was the chance to make their own plaster casts for their fingers, which Year 6 found both practical and great fun! The children were highly engaged throughout the workshop and came away with valuable knowledge that will help them as they become more independent.

KS1 Cricket

Our Key Stage 1 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon of cricket along with the pupils from St Mary's. The children had the opportunity to practise their batting, bowling and fielding skills while working together and, most importantly, having lots of fun. A big thank you to Mr Mawn and the KS1 staff for organising such an enjoyable event.

Times Tables Rock Stars Bicester Battle 2026

It was great to see lots of children working hard to improve their times table knowledge last week using TT Rockstars to earn points for our school. Brookside finished second out of the nine schools taking part, missing out to Launton who took the top spot. Congratulations to Class PT who achieved the highest average class score in the whole competition and a special well done to Kavish and Ru in Class CC/LD who finished 1st and 3rd out of nearly 1000 pupils who competed. Let's keep up this momentum and continue to encourage your child to use TTRS to improve their confidence when recalling these crucial facts. Thank you to Mrs Duncan for organising this Bicester wide competition.

FoBS Summer Fete

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon at our Summer Fete!

Saturday 4th July 12:00pm – 3:00pm Free entry!

There'll be plenty to enjoy, including:

BBQ & refreshments, inflatables, raffle, bottle tombola, face painting, games and more!

We can't wait to see you there!

Coming up from FoBS:

Keep an eye out for more details on our upcoming events — dates and times TBC

- Pre-loved uniform sale
- AGM meeting

Volunteers Needed—our events simply wouldn't be possible without the support of our amazing volunteers. If you're able to lend a hand at the Summer Fete, even for a short time, we would be incredibly grateful — any help is appreciated!

Please contact the FoBS team at chairffobs@gmail.com if you can help.

Uniform

We know many of you are updating your child's uniform to ensure that they have the correct uniform for the summer term. Please ensure that you refer to our uniform policy before making any purchases. Cycling shorts and leggings are not part of our school uniform. PE shorts and school shorts or skirts should be ending close to the knee. Children continue to require plimsolls in school to change into after they have been outside. <https://www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk/school-uniform>

Understanding Roblox: What Parents Should Know

Children often talk about 'playing Roblox' as though it is a single game. In reality, Roblox is not one game but an online platform where users design, create, and upload their own games.

This means that when children use Roblox, they are not playing one carefully controlled experience. Instead, they can move freely between millions of different games created by users from all over the world.

Why is this important?

Because Roblox content is user-generated, the quality, suitability, and safety of games can vary significantly. While many games are creative, educational, and age-appropriate, others may include:

- Language or themes that are unsuitable for younger children
- Chat features that allow communication with strangers, sometimes with little moderation
- Games containing hidden or unexpected content that may not be obvious at first
- In-game purchases and pressure to spend money using Robux
- Attempts to encourage children to move conversations to other platforms, which is a common online safety risk
- Although Roblox does remove content that violates its rules, new games are constantly being uploaded. This makes it challenging to filter everything children may encounter on the platform.

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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ELITE CAMPS BICESTER

26TH MAY - 29TH MAY

FOR 4-13 YEAR OLDS

FLEXIBLE SESSION OPTIONS

AGE 4 HALF DAY	9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
AGE 5-13 STANDARD DAY	9:00 AM - 3:30 PM
AGE 5-13 EXTENDED DAY	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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A talk by

Blanka Kellermayer

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**Parenting a Child with ADHD: Why It Feels
So Hard and What Actually Helps**

Tuesday 12th May

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Bicester Library

Blanka Kellermayer, PhD, is a neuroscientist and peaceful parenting coach specialising in ADHD, emotional regulation, and brain development. She combines neuroscience with practical, compassionate parenting strategies to help families reduce daily struggles and build stronger connection.

To book a place please call:

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