



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a brand new academic year. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's been wonderful to see all the children return with such enthusiasm and energy. A special welcome to our new families – we're delighted to have you join our school community.

We're pleased to report that all children have settled in and are already engaging well in their learning. The classrooms are full of curiosity, creativity, and collaboration – a fantastic start to the term.

Class letters/curriculum maps

Class letters and curriculum maps for the term have been emailed home today (EYFS will be sent on Wednesday) . These documents are a great way for you to stay informed about what your child will be learning in class, across the curriculum.

The class letter also includes important information about routines, expectations, upcoming events, and how you can support your child's learning at home. Please take a moment to read through it and keep it handy for reference.

If you have any questions after reading the letter, feel free to contact your child's class teacher.

Reading at Home

Reading at home is one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning and development. Reading at home helps to:

Build Confidence: Regular reading helps children become more fluent and confident readers.

Boost Vocabulary: The more children read, the more words they learn and understand.

Improve Imagination: Stories spark creativity and help children explore new ideas and worlds.

Strengthen Bonds: Reading together is a lovely way to spend quality time and share special moments.

Support School Learning: Children who read at do better in school.

How can you help?

Set aside a regular time for reading each day.

Talk about the book together – ask questions, share thoughts, and have fun.

Visit the library – it's full of wonderful books waiting to be discovered.

Happy reading!

Staff News

Mrs Smith, our finance officer will be leaving Brookside this half term after 13 years at Brookside. Mrs Wanless has joined Brookside as our new school business and manager and is taking over from Mrs Smith. Mrs Patrick will be leaving her role as a teaching assistant in a few weeks to join a new school. A big thank you to Mrs Smith and Mrs Patrick for all of their hard work during their time here and we wish them both well in their new jobs.

Welcome to Ms McEvoy and Mrs Hessey who have joined Brookside this term.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

A reminder that the price of breakfast and after school club has increased. Breakfast club is now £4 per session and after school club is £7 for half a session and £12 for a full session including a light tea.

Uniform

It is good to see children looking smart in their school uniforms. A reminder that our school uniform consists of:

Red sweatshirt or cardigan

Red or white polo shirt (or a plain white shirt)

Black or grey school trousers or skirt (no cycling shorts/gym shorts or leggings)

Black indoor shoes/plimsolls

PE Kit comprises:

House T shirt

Black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms

Trainers

Please ensure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Holidays in term time

Following DfE guidance, holidays will not be authorised during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Please refer to the term dates when booking holidays which are on our website.

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Diary Dates

Wednesday 24th September—School photographs

Thursday 2nd October—Flu immunisation for children

Wednesday 15th October—FoBS Halloween Discos

Tuesday 21st/Wednesday 22nd October—Parents' evenings

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October—Half Term

Monday 3rd November—INSET Day (school closed to pupils)

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE 21st April, 12th May, 9th June, 30th June, 21st July, 1st Sept, 22nd Sept, 13th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Spinach & Pepper Pasta (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Wrap (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Creamy Garlic Chicken with Pasta (EF) Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF) Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Carrots & Peas Flapjack (V, EF, DF) & Raisins	Pork Sausages & Gravy (EF) Veggie Sausage & Gravy (VG) Rainbow Pasta Salad (VG) Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage & Green Beans Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)	Chicken & Leek Pie (EF, DF) with New Potatoes Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry (V, GF, EF) with Rice Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Broccoli & Sweetcorn Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Veggie Samosa's (VG) Cheddar Cheese & Tomato Bap (V, EF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Iced Fruit Smoothie (V, GF, EF, DF)

WEEK TWO 28th April, 19th May, 16th June, 7th July, 8th Sept, 29th Sept, 20th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Cheese & Potato Pie (V, GF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Peas & Baked Beans Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge	Beef Bolognese (DF, EF) Veggie Bolognese (V, DF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Pasta, Sweetcorn & Broccoli Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple	Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Breaded Salmon Wrap with Mayo & Lettuce (EF, DF) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy Carrots & Cauliflower Chewy Vanilla Cookie (V, EF)	Sticky BBQ Pork (GF, EF, DF) with Rice Veggie Sausage & Tomato Pasta Bake (V, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF) Peas & Green Beans Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)	Flipper Dippers (DF, EF) Veggie Nuggets (VG) Tuna & Sweetcorn Wrap (DF, EF) French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn Cinnamon Swirl (V, DF, EF) With Peaches

WEEK THREE 5th May, 2nd June, 23rd June, 14th July, 15th Sept, 6th Oct

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF) Bean & Vegetable Chilli with Rice (VG, GF) Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (V, EF) Sweetcorn & Baked Beans Lemon Sponge Cake (V, DF)	Chicken Korma (GF, EF) with Rice Cheese & Red Onion Pinwheel (V, EF) with New Potatoes Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Broccoli & Vegetable Medley Chocolate Cornflake Cake (V, DF, EF)	Roast Loaf of Pork (GF, DF, EF) Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF) Tuna & Cucumber Pasta Salad (DF, EF) Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy Savoy Cabbage & Carrots Cranberry & Oat Cookie (V, EF)	British Pork Hotdog (EF) Veggie Burger in a Bun (V, DF, EF) Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF) Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn & Green Beans Ginger Biscuit (V, EF) with Melon	Fish Fingers (DF, EF) Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF) Egg Mayo & Lettuce Bap (V, DF) Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream (V, GF, EF) with Mandarins

Available daily – Natural yogurt, fresh fruit, fresh bread, salad bar and lots of fresh water!

Allergy advice – all our food is prepared in a kitchen where nuts, gluten and other ingredients are 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.

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VG VEGAN

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



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Sundays 9:00, apart from the last Sunday of the month
- ↘ SEN Bounce
Last Sunday of the month, 9:00
- ↘ Birthday Parties
- ↘ Exclusive Hires

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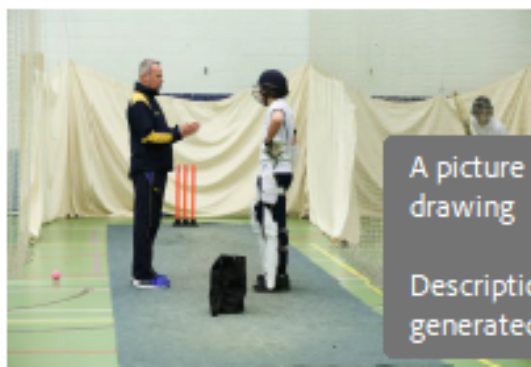
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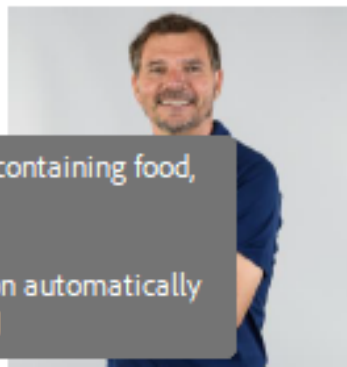
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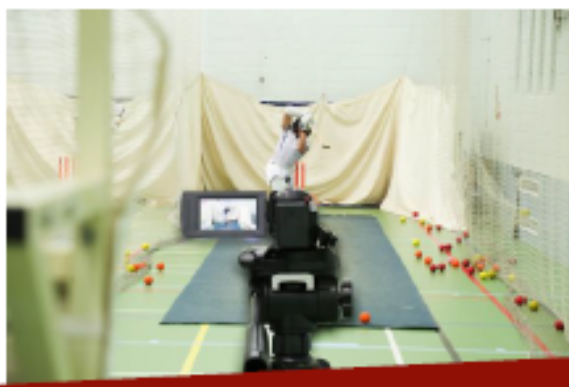
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