



# Brookside Primary School

*Learning for Life*

**Newsletter Spring Term 2026 - Issue 3**

**6th February 2026**

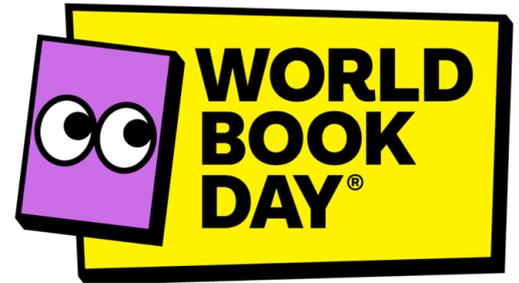
[www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.brookside.oxon.sch.uk)

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this half term next Friday, we want to take a moment to reflect on the last few weeks. The children have worked incredibly hard and embraced a busy, enjoyable start to the year. With just one more week to go, we hope everyone enjoys the final week of learning and when the break arrives, we wish you all a well-deserved and restful week off.

## **World Book Day**

Get ready to celebrate the magic of reading as World Book Day arrives at Brookside on Friday 6th March 2026. This year's theme, "Read Your Way," encourages children to build a lifelong love of books by exploring stories in their own unique style. To mark the occasion, we invite all pupils to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. Whether it's a full costume or a simple home-made prop, we can't wait to see their creativity bring legendary tales to life. Maybe use half-term as an opportunity to start planning their costume. We are also delighted to host a book fair on Thursday 5th to Tuesday 10th March, where children can use their £1 World Book Day tokens to discover new adventures and take a piece of the celebration home. Join us in making this a truly memorable day for our young readers!



## **School Council Toy Sale Success**

Well done to the School Council for organising Tuesday's toy sale. It was very well attended, and we are delighted to share that a fantastic £156.85 was raised! A big thank you to Mrs Lewis for coordinating the event with our school councillors. All money raised will go towards buying new bins for the playgrounds around school, helping us keep our outdoor spaces clean and tidy. Well done, everyone!

## **Key Stage 1 workshop**

Key Stage 1 had a great time during their Great Fire of London workshop on Wednesday this week! The children looked at artefacts from that time in history, made fire marks and pomanders and talked about the aftermath of the Great Fire. The children were very well behaved and demonstrated great curiosity! A big thank you to FOBs for paying for the workshop.



## **Football Report**

Brookside girls' football team took part in their second league match this season against Southwold. The girls started the match well and managed to take the lead. Southwold then came back strongly and equalised to make the score 1-1. Southwold then added a couple more goals and, unfortunately, the girls couldn't make a comeback with the score ending 5-1. Mr Harrison said 'The girls were a pleasure to take and showed fantastic teamwork, cooperation and determination, everybody enjoyed the game and both teams were complimentary of each other. Great to see girls playing football and enjoying themselves'.

## **Benchball**

Well done to the Year 3/4 benchball team who competed against other Bicester schools on Thursday 5th February. Mrs Cooper said, 'They showed amazing team work and cooperation, as well as skill which took them all the way to first position. I was so proud of each one of them'.

## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Children's Mental Health Week takes place from 9-15 February, and this year's theme is "This Is My Place."

For young children, having a sense of belonging is about far more than simply feeling happy - it helps them feel safe, protected and valued. When children experience reliable routines, trusting relationships with adults, and spaces where their voices are heard, their wellbeing is strengthened and they are better protected.

A strong sense of belonging encourages children to speak up, ask for help and share concerns before they become overwhelming. When children feel secure at home and in school, they are better able to regulate their emotions, form positive friendships and handle challenges. Feeling included and accepted also lowers their vulnerability, as they are more likely to reach out for support when something does not feel right.



We will be running Family Links' Nurturing Programme from 24th February each Tuesday afternoon. This will be a great opportunity to explore parenting challenges, understand children's behaviour and look at strategies and resources to support your children. Please email Mrs Swinburn (Home School Link Worker) at [familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk) if you would like more information or to let her know you plan on attending.

## **Site Safety before and after school**

A reminder that bicycles and scooters should be walked through school at all times. The outdoor play equipment should not be used before or after school as this is only to be used during school time.

## **Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 10th February**

Next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day, and we are excited to share that we will be taking part in the 'Be Internet Legends Safer Internet Day'. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn how to stay safe, confident, and respectful when exploring the online world. At Brookside we teach the children our 'SMART' internet safety rules. These important reminders help children make safe choices online:

S – Safe: Keep personal information safe.

M – Meet: Don't meet up with people you only know online.

A – Accept: Think carefully before accepting anything online.

R – Reliability: Not everyone online is who they say they are. Is your source trustworthy?

T – Tell: Tell a responsible adult if something online makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.

Thank you to our computing leader, Mr Taunton, for organising the Safer Internet Day at Brookside.

## **Support for Children and Families**

If you ever have concerns about your child's emotional wellbeing, or you're looking for advice or support, the following organisations provide reliable guidance for both parents and children:

Place2Be - Offers mental health support within schools and practical advice for parents on children's emotional wellbeing. [www.place2be.org.uk](http://www.place2be.org.uk)

YoungMinds - Provides a dedicated Parents' Helpline and a wide range of resources on children's mental health, including guidance on supporting worries, anxiety and strong emotions. [www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/)

NSPCC - Shares advice and support on safeguarding, keeping children safe, and what to do if you're worried about a child. [www.nspcc.org.uk/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/)

Anna Freud Centre - Offers evidence-based resources to help parents understand and support children's emotional and mental development. [www.annafreud.org/](http://www.annafreud.org/)

Childline - A free, confidential service for children and young people who need someone to talk to. It can reassure children that support is available beyond home and school. [www.childline.org.uk/](http://www.childline.org.uk/)

## **Diary Dates**

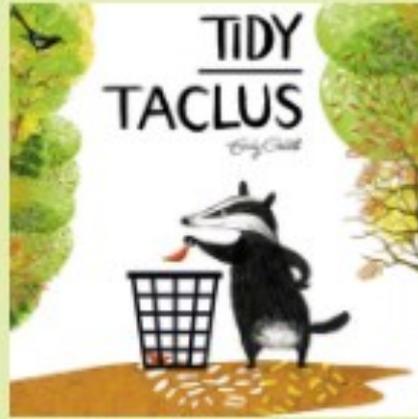
Monday 16th - Friday 20th February - Half Term

Friday 27th March - Last day of term

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

# HALF TERM FAMILY FUN IN OXFORD!



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## Tidy | Taclus

Based on the illustrated children's book by Emily Gravett

Pete the badger likes everything to be neat and tidy: the flowers, the leaves, even the other animals. But, when autumn comes, he gets a little bit carried away with cleaning up the forest and accidentally destroys his own home!

With beautiful puppets, original music and a touch of silliness, this playful story will delight young audiences, as it explores how everyone needs a little bit of wild chaos in their lives.

**THE NORTH WALL, OXFORD**

17 + 18 February, 11am + 2pm

**AGES 3-7**

**BOOK NOW!**

# U9s LAUNTON GIRLS



## ARE RECRUITING



**WhatsApp Us to find out more!**

- ✓ Year 4 at school
- ✓ Training on Tuesdays
- ✓ FREE until next season



SCAN ME

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

Previous attachment

If your daughter is football-mad and wants to play, learn and make new friends, we'd love to hear from you.

Dear All Oxfordshire Schools Staff, Parents and Pupils,

We would love to invite your school to be part of a historic moment as **Oxford United Women** take on **Charlton Athletic** in the **last 16 of the Adobe Women's FA Cup**.

This is the furthest the club has ever reached in the competition – and with your support, we're aiming to make history by reaching the **Quarter-Finals for the very first time!!**

## **Win Fantastic Prizes for Your School**

To make the day even more special, we're running an exciting schools competition:

- The school with the biggest attendance will **WIN a Women's first-team player visit** to their school
- **One lucky student** who attends the match will **WIN a signed shirt** and enjoy a **special mascot experience** at a future OUWFC fixture.
- Come and visit our fun Photo Booth at the game for your school attendance to be counted!

## **Match details**

MGroup Stadium, Oxford City FC, Marsh Lane, OX3 0NQ

Sunday 22nd February

Fun Starts 12:30pm - Kick off 2pm

## **Ticket Information**

We want to make this as accessible as possible for families:

- **U16s – FREE**
- **Adults – £8**

- **Concessions – £4**

- **OUFC Men's & Women's Season Ticket Holders – £4**

?? U16s must still book a ticket in advance to secure their place.

**Tickets can be purchased here.**

[https://www.eticketing.co.uk/oxfordunited/Events?preFilter=16&preFilterName=OUFC%20Women%27s%20Games&\\_gl=1\\*1lnynom\\*\\_ga\\*MTAyMTQ0NzMyNS4xNzY0NzcwMDAy\\*\\_ga\\_4X4S7Z73MY\\*\\_czE3NzAwMzAyOTUkbzI5JGcwJHQxNzcwMDMwMjk1JGo2MCRsMCRoMA..](https://www.eticketing.co.uk/oxfordunited/Events?preFilter=16&preFilterName=OUFC%20Women%27s%20Games&_gl=1*1lnynom*_ga*MTAyMTQ0NzMyNS4xNzY0NzcwMDAy*_ga_4X4S7Z73MY*_czE3NzAwMzAyOTUkbzI5JGcwJHQxNzcwMDMwMjk1JGo2MCRsMCRoMA..)

### **?? A Brilliant Day Out for Students & Families**

We're aiming for **1,000 supporters** and would love your school to be part of the atmosphere. Fans are encouraged to **wear yellow**, bring the noise, and enjoy a fun, family-friendly matchday experience.

On the day there will be:

- ?? Face painting
- ?? Player autograph area
- ?? Meet Ollie the Ox our furry mascot
  - Burnout BBQ food & refreshments
  - ?? Exciting activities for young fans
    - Children arts & Crafts area
    - Quiet/Sensory area in the bar

# ELITE CAMPS BICESTER



February Half Term



The Bicester School,  
Bicester, OX26 2NS

## Elite Activities Include..

-  Laser Tag
-  Nerf Wars
-  Soft Archery
-  Crazy Golf
-  Parachute Games
-  Balloon Bash
-  Hungry Hippos
-  and much more..

**BOOK NOW**

  
Ofsted  
Registered

  
ELITE CAMPS

# CAMP INFO

16th - 20th Feb 2026

## 5-13 Years Old

Standard day: 9:00am - 3:30pm

Extended day: 8:30am - 17:00pm

## 4 Years Old

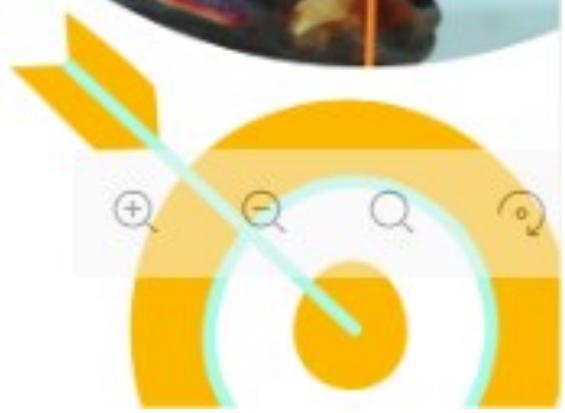
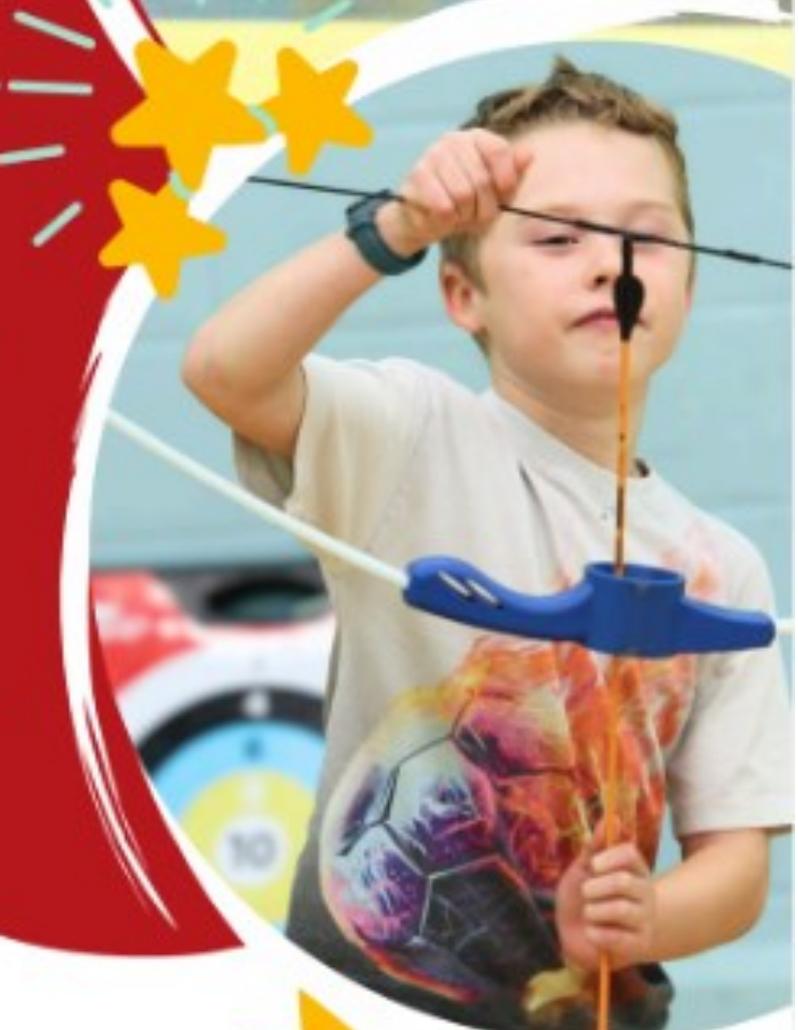
Half day session: 9:00am - 1:00pm

## What Children Need to Bring

- Packed lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Weather-appropriate clothing
- Suitable footwear

## HOW TO BOOK...

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





# THE | OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE SINGING SCHOOL

The Singing School was established in 2013 to provide children with the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing.

This Easter, we will be learning some beautiful seasonal music and, as always on our courses, we will be giving sessions on vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history.

To join our mailing list and for more information on our courses, please see [www.oxbridgesingingschool.com](http://www.oxbridgesingingschool.com) or email [oxbridgess@gmail.com](mailto:oxbridgess@gmail.com)

**30 & 31 March 2026**

**OXFORD & CAMBRIDGE**

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FEBRUARY HALF TERM  
**HOLIDAY  
CAMPS  
OXFORD**

Join us at Oxford City Football Club in  
Marston in February Half Term for 5 days of  
camps & football training for ages 5 to 16



# February Half Term

 The North Wall  
Arts Centre



## NW Explorers

Under 8s

### Family Dance Party

14 February  
10.30am & 1pm

Join us for a 'hip-hopping, toe-tapping' daytime disco for all of the family. Featuring bubbles and balloons, movement activities and dance games, sensory play and face painting! With DJs playing party classics, for you and your little ones.

Tickets Pay What You Feel

## NW Inventors

Ages 8-11

### Character Creations

16 - 17 February  
9am - 12pm

Invent your own characters in this fun, interactive drama workshop: describe and design them, and bring them to life with physicality, facial-expression and voices – then see what happens when when they all mix and meet!

Tickets £40

Full bursaries available

Email [participation@thenorthwall.com](mailto:participation@thenorthwall.com) to apply



Book now: [thenorthwall.com](http://thenorthwall.com)

OXFORD  
**BROOKES**  
UNIVERSITY

FREE FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!  
MOST SUITABLE FOR 5-16 YRS



# SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening  
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe



BOOK  
TICKETS

**MORGAN  
SINDALL**  
CONSTRUCTION

[www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencebazaar](http://www.brookes.ac.uk/sciencebazaar)  
[sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk](mailto:sciencebazaar@brookes.ac.uk)



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# You're invited!



Northamptonshire Music and Performing Arts Trust

[www.nmpat.co.uk/centreopenmornings](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/centreopenmornings)

# to NMPAT Brackley and Cheney Centre

## Open Morning

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026

9.15am - 12.15pm | Bracklen Leads Primary School, NN13 6LF

An invitation for all children aged 6-18 to join us for an exciting morning of music-making **free of charge!**

Use the QR code or link to register. For more information, get in touch using the contact details below.



Janine Mold - Centre Head

[brackleycheney@nmpat.co.uk](mailto:brackleycheney@nmpat.co.uk)

[www.nmpat.co.uk/brackleycheney](http://www.nmpat.co.uk/brackleycheney)

## 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 Loin 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.

VEG: VEGETARIAN  
VG: VEGAN

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



**OXFORDSHIRE  
COUNTY COUNCIL**