



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to see many parents at the recent drop in sessions in Key Stage 1 and Year 4. Next week, parents of children in Year 5 and 6 are invited to take part in a quick quiz on the morning of Thursday 13th February from 8:45am to 9:30am. The quiz will feature multiple-choice questions based on a variety of subjects and topics that the children have been learning since September.

Red Nose Day – 21st March

We will be celebrating 40 years of Red Nose Day on 21st March alongside many other people across the UK. Red Noses will be for sale for a minimum donation of £2 from Monday 17th March. Children are welcome to come dressed in their best red outfit from the last 40 years and be as creative as possible – Comic Relief suggest leg warmers, magenta manes, and wacky T-shirts. We will also be holding other events to raise as much money as we can for Comic Relief which aims to create a 'just world free from poverty in the UK and around the world.' We will send more details after half term but wanted to provide advance notice so that dressing up clothes can be found over the holiday!



Science Week

Science Week is happening in school 10th to 14th March and this year's theme is 'Change and Adapt'. In school we will be undertaking some science based learning focussed on the theme as well as our Science Council running science based sessions during lunch times.

As always, we would love to hear from parents if you have a job or passion linking to the 'Change and adapt' theme. This could be to do with animals, our wider planet or technology. Please contact Mrs Cooper via the school office if you would be comfortable talking to us about sharing your interests.

We will be holding a parent open morning for each phase across the school based on the Curly Wurly Challenge. Did you know that in 2015 Tracy Sullivan stretched a Curly Wurly 4.26m in 3 minutes? Do you think you could do better? Across the school, we will be opening the classrooms up to have a go at this challenge with your child in a team. There will be a prize for the longest Curly Wurly across the week!

EYFS - 10th March 9 - 9.30 a.m.

KS1 - 11th March 9 - 9.30 a.m.

LKS2 - 12th March 9 - 9.30 a.m.

UKS2 - 13th March 9 - 9.30 a.m.

We look forward to seeing your Curly Wurly change and you adapt your experimental ideas!

Football Report

Brookside boys' football team took on Southwold in their 3rd league fixture of the season. The boys opened the scoring but fell behind conceding 4 goals with the game looking like it was over. However, a late comeback from Brookside brought the score to 4-3. The boys showed great resilience but couldn't manage to find a deserved equaliser falling to a 4-3 defeat. A good performance and great team spirit.

Athletics

Year 5 and 6 children took part in the Sports Hall athletics competition at Bicester Leisure Centre yesterday. The children were brilliant and showed lots of determination and competitive spirit. There were a mix of field and track events. Special mention to Edward and Cooper who managed to win their race.

Attendance Matters

Most children are in school every day which helps with their academic and social progress and achievement. A reminder that under current law children are not allowed to be absent from school for a family holiday and Oxfordshire County Council may issue a fixed penalty notice to any parents who take their child out of school for a holiday. If you are planning a leave of absence for your child, please ensure you come to the school office to inform us through completing a form (available in the carousel in the office) which also explains the law to parents. All parents were issued with a full letter explaining this in September or when your child joined the school. We have a legal duty to inform parents if your child's attendance is of concern and an email will be sent with this information next week to parents. Should you wish to discuss your child's attendance please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.

NSPCC PANTS

All children in KS1 and KS2 took part in a Talk PANTS assembly with Rebecca from the NSPCC last week. You should have received a leaflet about this assembly via your child. Additional leaflets are available in the entrance hall should you not have received one. The NSPCC PANTS programme provides a way for trusted adults and parents to have a simple conversation to keep your child safe from sexual abuse.

Roofing Work

The work to replace the roofs on the single storey buildings is nearly finished. New fascias and gutters are being fitted this week to the outside of the buildings and the scaffolding should be removed soon.

Book Swap

A million thanks to those families that have donated books to Brookside's Big Book Swap which will take place just after half-term. We are still keen for more book donations though so if you have even just one children's book at home that has already been read and is still in reasonable condition please do bring it in to school as soon as possible. The more books the merrier! Thank you!

Homework Deadline for Years 3,4,5 & 6

Just a reminder that topic homework for Key Stage Two pupils is this Monday, 10th February. These will be shared in class next week and in assembly on Friday.

Friends of Brookside

FoBS will be holding a Preloved Uniform Sale on Monday 10th February, at the EYFS entrance from 2:45 PM. Each uniform item is just 50p and in good condition. Cash preferred (contactless available for amounts over £1) Please bring your own bag. If you have uniform to donate, please drop it at the school office after Monday's sale to help replenish stock for the next event.

Dates for your diary: Wednesday 26th March - Easter Fun Day Tuesday 22nd April - AGM everyone welcome!

Join Our PTA Team! Make a Difference in Our School Community

We Need You! Are you passionate about supporting your child's education and making our school a better place? FoBS are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our team. Whether you have a little time or a lot, your help can make a big impact! Please email chairoffobs@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support!

Online Safety – 'What parents need to know about age ratings'

We have had a few children mention computer games and online content which is not appropriate for their age. Please see the guide about age ratings attached to the newsletter and take a moment to review it and consider what your child is accessing online and on TV.

Family Links

A reminder that Family Links is starting again after half term. More details were at the end of the last newsletter and can be found by emailing Mrs Swinburn (Home School Link Worker) on familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk. Leaflets are available in the school office.

Resources for parents

There are several leaflets available in the school entrance hall concerning sleep hygiene, online safety, toileting, online safety and many other topics. Next time you have a moment please pop in and see if there are any resources which you may find helpful.

Hygiene Bank

We are fortunate to work with the Bicester Hygiene Bank and have a pick up point in school for families who need access to hygiene and cleaning products. Please come to the school entrance hall to take anything which you might need. There are bags next to the hygiene bank. Should you wish us to put a bag together for you, please drop an email to Mrs Ashcroft in the school office.

Safeguarding Children

During the half term holiday if you have concerns about your child or another child living in Oxfordshire, please call Oxfordshire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 0345 050 7666 during working hours. During evenings and weekends, you will be provided with a different number to speak to the emergency duty team. If you are concerned that a child is at risk of immediate harm or is in danger, then please call the police on 999. You are also able to call the NSPCC helpline via 0800 800 5000 between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday, by email help@nspcc.org.uk or via their [website](http://www.nspcc.org.uk).

Oxfordshire CAMHS (Mental health service)

The Oxford Health CAMHS have got two offers of support for parents on workshops, some are during the school day, in lunch hours and in the evening. Please book directly with

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/oxon/sir/webinars/>

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/involvement/oxon/www/>

Diary Dates

Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025
World Book Day at Brookside—Friday 7th March 2025
Parents' evenings—Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March 2025
Class Photos—Wednesday 19th March 2025
End of Term - Friday 4th April 2025

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

FOBS

Pre Loved Uniform Sale

Monday 10th February

2.30pm-3.30pm

Outside EYFS



PLEASE
BRING
YOUR
OWN
BAG
THANK
YOU!

EVERYTHING 50P!

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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.








RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over; anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.


PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info



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AT BROOKSIDE PRIMARY

From £6.80 per lesson

Dependent on group size

Families on certain benefits can apply for free music lessons by completing the 'help with payment' section of the sign-up form

**SIGN UP OR
FIND OUT MORE:**

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/musicinterest



VIOLIN, VIOLA AND CELLO LESSONS

AT BROOKSIDE PRIMARY

ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW

25th
ANNIVERSARY

SAT 14TH

JUNE 2025

ABINGDON AIRFIELD
/DALTON BARRACKS

10AM - 4.30PM

OX13 6JQ



CAR PARKS OPEN 7.30AM

PEDESTRIAN GATE OPEN 9.30AM

SHOWGROUND OPENS 10AM

**PUBLIC ENTRY & EXIT BY VEHICLE IS ON
BARROW ROAD - OX13 6JQ**

**TAKE A34 MARCHAM INTERCHANGE
ONTO GOZZARDS FORD / BARROW
ROAD.**

what3words: drifter.warms.developed

ADULT (16 YEARS +) £20 / £25 ON THE DAY
SENIORS (65 YEARS +) £10 / £15 ON THE DAY
CHILD (5-15 YEARS) £7 / £8 ON THE DAY
UNDER 5'S FREE

**NOTE: 'ON THE DAY' TICKETS CAN STILL BE
PURCHASED EITHER ONLINE OR BY CASH ON
THE GATE - NO CASH MACHINES ARE ONSITE!**

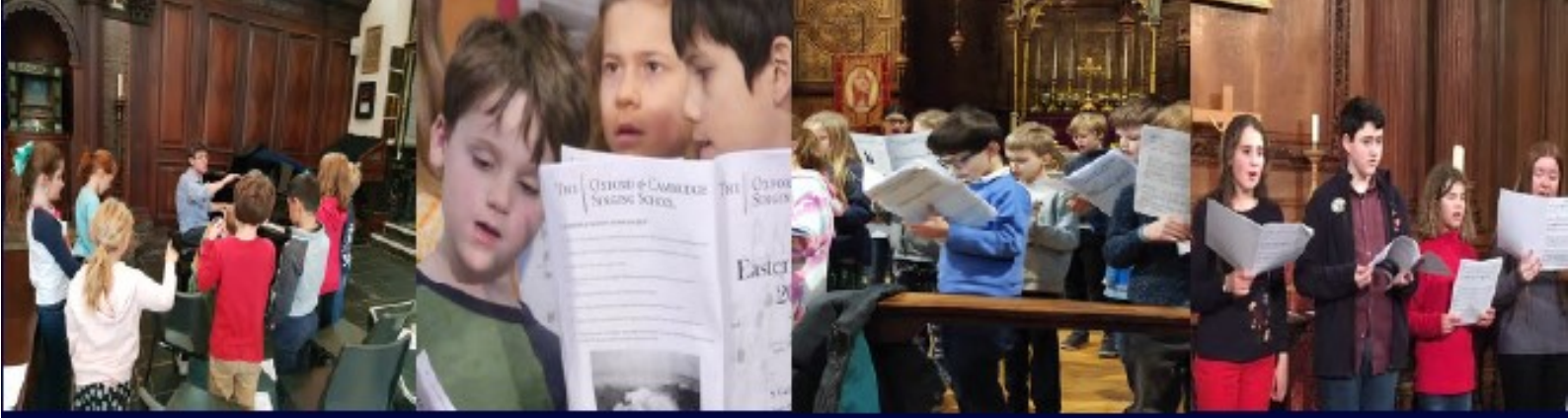
More information and online tickets at www.abingdonairandcountry.co.uk



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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 by Handel, Gibbons and John Ireland as well as some light-hearted pieces by Cole Porter and Aaron Copland. 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 or email oxbridgess@gmail.com

7 & 8 APRIL 2025

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Your School Lunch

Let's Eat
• TOGETHER •

WEEK ONE 4th Nov, 25th Nov, 16th Dec, 20th Jan, 10th Feb, 10th March, 31st March, 5th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Fajitas (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Baked Beans</p> <p>Chocolate Shortbread (V, DF, EF) with Melon</p>	<p>Traditional Cottage Pie (GF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Cottage Pie (GF, EF)</p> <p>Tuna & Sweetcorn Bap (EF, DF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Vegetable Medley</p> <p>Strawberry Jelly (V, GF, DF, EF) with Peaches</p>	<p>Roast Loin of Pork (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Roast Potatoes & Yorkshire Pudding with Gravy</p> <p>Savoy Cabbage & Carrots</p> <p>Cinnamon Cookie (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p>Chicken, Spinach & Tomato Pasta (EF, DF)</p> <p>Fruity Vegetable Curry & Rice (VG, GF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese & Lettuce Wrap (EF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Green Beans</p> <p>Vanilla Sponge Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage Roll (V, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans</p> <p>Strawberry Ice Cream (V, GF, EF)</p>

WEEK TWO 11th Nov, 2nd Dec, 6th Jan, 27th Jan, 24th Feb, 17th March, 21st April, 12th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (V, EF)</p> <p>Five Bean Chilli with Rice (VG, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Peas & Baked Beans</p> <p>Lemon Drizzle Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p>Pork Sausages (EF)</p> <p>Veggie Sausage (VG)</p> <p>Ham Bap (V, DF)</p> <p>Mashed Potatoes, Curly Cabbage & Vegetable Medley</p> <p>Melting Moment (V, DF, EF) with Pineapple</p>	<p>Roast Chicken Breast (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Carrots & Cauliflower</p> <p>Rice Crispy Cake (V, DF, EF)</p>	<p>Mac 'n' Cheese (V, EF)</p> <p>Pizza Pinwheel & New Potatoes (V, EF)</p> <p>Tuna & Cucumber Bap (EF, DF)</p> <p>Peas & Green Beans</p> <p>Shortbread (V, EF, DF) with an Orange Wedge</p>	<p>Flipper Dippers (DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Samosa's (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>French Fries or Pasta Baked Beans or Sweetcorn</p> <p>Ginger biscuit (V, EF, DF) & Raisins</p>

WEEK THREE 18th Nov, 9th Dec, 13th Jan, 3rd Feb, 3rd March, 24th March, 28th April, 19th May

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>Margherita Pizza (Cheese & Tomato) (EF, V)</p> <p>Veggie Nugget Wrap (DF, EF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Sweetcorn & Baked Beans</p> <p>Sultana & Syrup Cookie (V, EF)</p>	<p>Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Veggie Meatballs in a Rich Tomato Sauce (VG)</p> <p>Salmon & Cucumber Pasta Salad (EF, DF)</p> <p>Fluffy Rice, Carrots & Peas</p> <p>Cranberry & Oat Biscuit (V, EF)</p>	<p>Roast British Gammon (GF, DF, EF)</p> <p>Vegetarian Quorn Roast (V, GF)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese & Coleslaw (V, GF, EF)</p> <p>Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Gravy</p> <p>Cauliflower & Green Beans</p> <p>Iced Sprinkle Cake (V, DF)</p>	<p>Oriental Chicken Noodles (DF)</p> <p>Rustic Tomato Pasta Bake (EF, DF)</p> <p>Cheddar Cheese & Cucumber Bap (EF)</p> <p>Broccoli & Sweetcorn</p> <p>Chocolate Sponge (V) with Pears</p>	<p>Battered Fish (DF, EF)</p> <p>Crispy Quorn Dippers (VG)</p> <p>Oven Baked Jacket Potato with Cheese (V, GF, EF) or Baked Beans (VG, GF)</p> <p>Chips or Pasta Peas & Baked Beans</p> <p>Rocket Lolly (VG, GF)</p>

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.

KEY:
V VEGETARIAN
VE VEGAN

EF EGG FREE
DF DAIRY FREE
GF GLUTEN FREE



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