



Brookside Primary School

Learning for Life

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year, we hope you all had a good Christmas holiday and enjoyed the time off school. The spring term has got off to a good start and the children have been working hard on their learning.

Class letters

You should have received a letter today from your child's class teacher and a curriculum map. This information tells you what your child will be learning about and also important information about the term ahead.

Homework

Well done to the children who always do their homework. We are always amazed at the quality of the work that is sent in and can see the impact that regular reading and mathematics homework has on pupils' performance in school. Unfortunately, there are some children who do not complete their homework regularly and are also not reading at home. As we enter a new year, we want all our children to get into regular homework habits and reading every day at home. This will make a huge difference to their learning. A letter has been emailed to all parents today that outlines the benefits of homework and makes clear the homework your child should be doing every week.

Site safety

A reminder that no pedestrians should be using the vehicle gate to access the school site. Please use the pedestrian footbridge which is a few metres away. This is to keep pedestrians safe and to allow vehicles to enter and exit the site safely.

Car Park

The school car park should not be used by parents without permission. Parents collecting their children from after school club can continue to use the car park as the school is much quieter at this time.

Parenting Programme

Katie Swinburn our Home School Link worker alongside Karen Ariss from Adult Education at Abingdon and Witney College will be running a free 10-week nurturing programme for parents. It is a fantastic course that supports parents in building emotional health for the whole family. It can help provide strategies to understand, recognise and regulate children's behaviour at home. You are more than welcome to come along to the first session before deciding if you want to attend the whole course.

The course will run from the 25th of February to the 13th of May every Tuesday (excluding the Easter Holidays) at 12.30pm to 2.30pm at Brookside School. Tea, coffee, and biscuits will be available. Please email familylinks@brookside.oxon.sch.uk to book your place or ask any further questions.

Music Lessons at Brookside

We would like to see more children taking up a musical instrument. Please see the advert for guitar, violin and viola lessons at the end of this newsletter. [Click here for more details.](#)

We also have [Rock Steady](#) at Brookside every Friday morning. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part.

A visit from Perform

KS1 were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform, a drama group, on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Under The Sea and using drama to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. This was a great start to our new topic and has helped fuel the children's creative juices for their poetry writing.

Perform run regular weekly classes on Wednesday afternoons in the West Bicester Community Centre and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Brookside Primary School if they come along for a free trial session before the end of February. Please see the details on the flyer at the end of the newsletter.

Flu vaccinations

If your child did not have a flu vaccination before Christmas it is not too late to get them vaccinated against Flu. Remember that by vaccinating your child, you are not just helping to protect them, but you are also helping to protect your friends and family, too, some of whom could be at a greater risk from flu. If your child is vaccinated it will reduce the chance of others "catching" flu from them.

If your child hasn't been vaccinated and you would like to arrange an appointment, please see below how you can do this. If you have already completed a vaccination Consent Form but your child has not yet had their vaccination please go to the `Parent and Carers` area of the Oxford Health [website](#), to arrange a clinic booking. To be able to book an appointment you will need the unique booking reference that you received via email when you submitted the consent Form. This email will be from school.immunisations@nhs.net and may have gone direct to your junk folder.

If you have not completed a Consent Form please go to the `Parent and Carers` area of the [website](#), where you will be able to access both the Consent Form and the school code you will need to complete the Form. Once you have submitted the Consent Form, you will receive an email from school.immunisations@nhs.net which will include your unique booking reference and a link for you to book the clinic appointment.

If you have any queries please email immunisationteam@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk and include your Childs name, DOB and the school they attend. **Oxfordshire School Aged Immunisation Team Website address-**
<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/imms>

Diary Dates

Half Term - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025

End of Term - Friday 4th April 2025

Best wishes,

Mr Cornell and the staff of Brookside

Parent Coffee Afternoon

When?

Wednesday 15th January

What time?

From 14:30- school pick up time

Where?

Brookside school (Community space)



The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) are hosting termly coffee afternoons at Brookside to provide parents with guidance around mental health. There will be two mental health practitioners running this session.

The theme for this session will loosely be around supporting emotional regulation so come along to share experiences, learn some tips, and connect with other parents.

GUITAR LESSONS

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

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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Confidence Building Fun

Try a Free Drama Class

— This is a fab class! It was mentioned at Katie's parents' evening that her confidence in class seems to have grown so I am delighted. Jane Spurgeon



Try Perform for free and claim a £40 discount

Today, your child took part in a Perform drama, dance and singing workshop – a unique mix of activities designed to bring out every child's true potential.

Our small classes ensure lots of individual attention by our experienced teachers – hand-picked for their warmth, energy and professionalism. They'll focus on your child's engagement in the activities rather than their precision, and be with them every step of the way to guide, inspire and encourage.

As well as having fun at Perform, your child will enjoy real benefits: greater confidence, improved concentration and an increased awareness of what they can achieve.



Your nearest Perform venues

See more at perform.org.uk/venues

Perform Bicester

Wednesdays at 4.15pm

West Bicester Community Centre, Bowmont Square, Shakespeare Drive, Bicester, OX26 2GJ

Perform Oxford

Wednesdays at 4pm

West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road, Oxford, Oxfordshire, OX2 0BT

Perform Abingdon

Saturdays at 9.30am

The Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1NS

Perform Abingdon

Thursdays at 4pm

The Northcourt Centre, Northcourt Rd, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX14 1NS

Perform Wallingford

Fridays at 4pm and 5.05pm

Benson Community Hall, China Piece, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6FY

Your £40 introductory discount

Your child can enjoy a free trial class at any Perform venue. Sign up on or before the expiry date to claim your special discount. Call **020 7255 9120** or visit perform.org.uk/free

DISCOUNT CODE

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EXPIRY DATE

27-Feb-25

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