

Attendance Matters

Today you will receive your child's attendance figure from the school. I want to remind all parents/carers of the importance of school attendance and our commitment to our pupils. I would like to ask you to set the highest of expectations for your child's attendance for the year ahead. A parent/carer has a huge impact on their child's view of school and the importance of good attendance.

When pupils attend school regularly, they are more likely to make friends, enjoy their learning, achieve better results, and increase their life chances. This is something I want for your child. As a result, our attendance target for all children is 97% and above for this year. We understand there can be genuine reasons for absence during the school year, and this target allows for that. We will write to you regularly with your child's attendance to keep you informed. We wish to provide your child with the very best opportunities to succeed and look forward to working with you and your child this year.

365 days in a calendar year

190 days in school

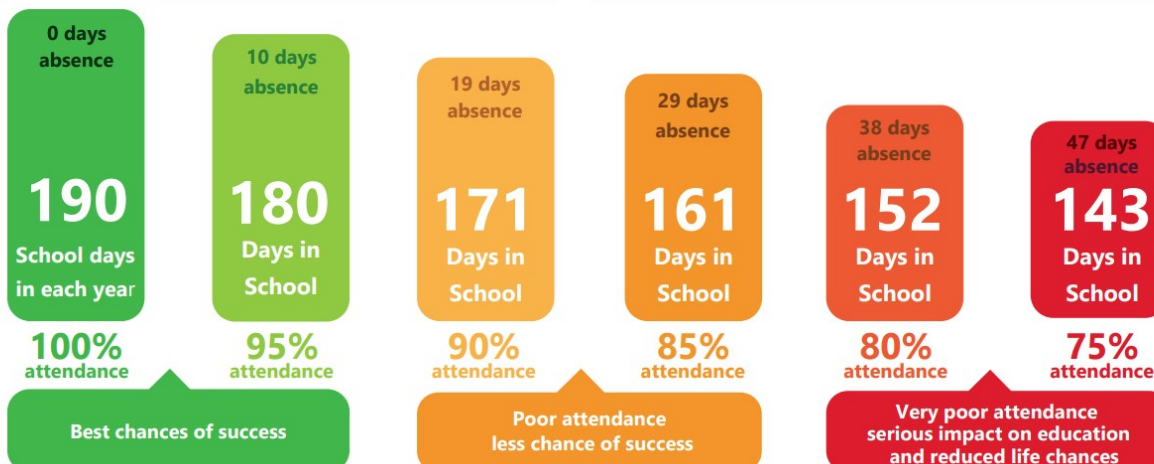
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ Learning new stuff
- ⇒ Extracurricular clubs and sports
- ⇒ Trips and visits
- ⇒ Socialising with your friends

175 days not in school

You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ Appointments
- ⇒ Holidays
- ⇒ Days out
- ⇒ Socialising with your friends and family



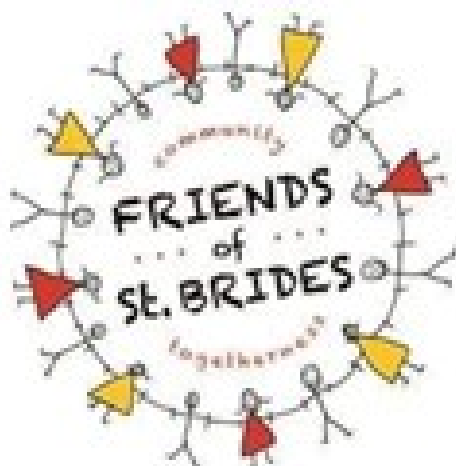
Run Pudsey Returns



On Friday 14th November 'Run Pudsey' will return to St Brides. Children, parents, guardians, grandparents of all ages are invited to join together and run or walk for 25 mins around the school grounds. You need to enter online and organise your sponsorship online. If you don't enter online you will not receive a 'Run Pudsey' medal.

If you would like to enter 'Run Pudsey 25' please visit <https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/st-brides-c-i-w-primary-school> and enter the secret school code **CF01** . Please arrive in full running gear ready to go, go, go.

There will be other activities organised for the day. More news on these after half term.



FOSB AGM

THE FOSB always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Please come along to our Annual General Meeting at the Three Cups Southerndown, on Monday, 3rd November at 8pm. With no obligation to join, come and enjoy a glass of wine in a relaxed atmosphere and find out a little more about what we do and how you can support us.

Christmas Concert Dates



The Christmas Concert Dates and all other key dates are found on the parent calendar on the school website.

They are ~

Nursery & Reception Nativity – Friday 12th December 9:30am

Year 1 - 3 Nativity– Tuesday 9th December 6pm & Wednesday 10th December 2pm and 6pm.

Year 4 - 6 Christmas Concert - Tuesday 16th December 6pm & Wednesday 17th December 2pm and 6pm.

All performances will be held in the school hall. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 17th November. More news nearer the time

Half Term Activity Programme



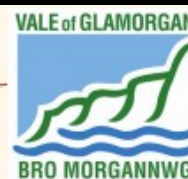
Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd
Family Information Services

The Family Information Service are bringing you a whole week of frightfully fun activities this October! From Halloween discos and creepy craft sessions to spooky skating sessions, toddler-friendly Halloween spooktacular play, and even some ghoulish surprises. There's something for every little monster (and grown-up goblin) across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Whether you're looking for thrills, chills, or just some autumnal fun, we've got you covered. Check out our Halloween programme.

The full Half Term Programme can be found here <http://bit.ly/4oiRwT1>

Contact the Family Information Service (FIS) for information on childcare, help with childcare costs (including the Childcare Offer for 3 to 4yr olds), activities and services for children and young people (including The Index for children with disabilities or additional needs).



FREE PLAY RANGER SESSION

OUTDOOR OPEN ACCESS PLAY SESSION
AIMED AT AGES 5 - 14

WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER
2PM - 3.30PM



WICK PLAY CUBE AND SPORTS PAVILION,
CWRT Y FELIN, WICK, CF71 7QT



Prosiect Gwyliau Gwaith Chwarae
Playworks Holiday Project

No jewellery please

Can I remind all parents that our school uniform policy states that jewellery is not to be worn in school. There has been an increasing number of chains, necklaces, stud earrings etc noticed by school staff recently. Please can parents work in partnership with the school on this matter as children often find it upsetting if they are asked to remove or not wear their jewellery by a staff member.

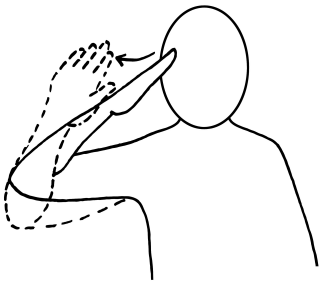


Foodbank Donations Delivered



We went to the Bridgend Foodbank on Tuesday 20th October to deliver the generous donations we'd received. It was very interesting, and we learned lots about how a foodbank works. There were lots of interesting facts, like all the people there were volunteers, which means they work for free. The food that is donated is taken to the warehouse, where it is dated and sorted. Then it is packed in parcels and given to people who have a food voucher.

Makaton sign of the Week



Holiday

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Mwynhewch eich gwyliau
Enjoy your holiday

Half Term Creative Homework

Every school holiday we invite the children to participate in a creative whole school project. This will involve working at home either alone, with a friend or a member of the family to create something linked to a title. When we return to school, all of the creative works of art will be displayed and there will be house points awarded in our first merit assembly of the half term. The topic title for Autumn half term is 'Bonfire Night', we look forward to seeing your creations.



Mr Mottram