

The Book Fair has arrived



Please come and visit our book fayre and earn free books for us at St Brides. The fair is a fantastic fundraiser for school, the school gets a significant percentage of the earnings to spend on books. This is a good way for us to get up to date, exciting texts into each classroom.

Every day next week after school we will be running the book fayre in the school hall. This year the book fayre is cashless. We look forward to seeing you.

Considerate parking please

The school has received several complaints from residents about parents parking inconsiderately or illegally during pick up and drop off times. Could parents please not use Heol yr Ysgol for parking and make sure they park legally with full consideration to residents in all other areas. The Fox car park is available as a park and stride option and is only a short walk to the school.

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.

Christmas Concert Ticket Arrangements

Last week you received a letter explaining the Christmas concert ticket arrangements. Today your child will come home with your initial allocation if you've paid for it. The remaining tickets will be available from Monday 24th November on a first come first served basis (max 4 more) either from the school office or please send cash in with your child. The new school hall is significantly bigger than the old one and I'm confident we have the capacity to keep everyone happy.

Snow

If the school needs to be closed due to heavy snowfall then parents will be notified as early as possible. The school will use

Parent Pay - School Website – Twitter - Local Authority Website - Local Media to spread the news.

Storytelling with Father Christmas at St Illtud's Church!



This festive season, something magical is happening at

St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major!

Our dear friend, Father Christmas (who's been close pals with St Illtud's for centuries, of course), is making a special stop to meet all the boys and girls who've been extra nice this year!

Father Christmas will be making his special visit to St Illtud's Church in Llantwit Major on:

Saturday, 6th December 2025, between 09:45 AM and 5:00 PM.

To ensure your child gets their magical moment with Santa, visits must be booked in advance using the QR code below. Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your slot early!



To book tickets once on our website navigate to the three lines on the top left and select products.

**Cowbridge
Churches
Together
Present**



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New Venue!
Now indoors at Holy Cross Church



Nativity

**A FAMILY EVENING OF
STORY TELLING AND
SINGING OF CAROLS**



Sat 6th Dec 6.30pm

Hear the telling of the Nativity Story in the
Medieval Church of the Holy Cross.



***Holy Cross Church,
Church Street,
Cowbridge.***

Help with the cost of living

The Welsh Government Website says 'Children and young people, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits, are entitled to free school meals and / or uniform and equipment grants'. A child/young person may be eligible provided certain eligibility criteria are met. In all cases the actual application is dealt with by the Vale of Glamorgan Council. Guidance and an application form can be found on the council's website by following this link <https://www.stbridesprimary.org.uk/free-school-meals-eligibility/>

Year 2 Advent Service

Parents, grandparents, guardians etc are invited to join us at Ewenny Priory at 9:30am on Sunday 30th November for our Advent Service that will be led by the children in Year 2.



Welsh Phrase of the Week

Ga I diod os gwelwch yn dda?
Cei / Na cei / wrth gwrs
Can I have a drink please?
Yes / No / of course

Makaton Phrase of the Week



To drink

Admissions for Reception Class 2026

This year the local authority will again be handling our admissions for the Reception Class intake September 2026. Parents need to apply for a place via the Vale of Glamorgan Council Website (linked below) between 28th November and 23rd January. The Local Authority will then work with the school's Governing Body to allocate places according to the school's admission criteria. Offers of places will be made on April `16th. It is really important that you complete the online application form within the given time period. Paper copies are available from the school office.

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

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