

19th December 2025

Y4,5 and 6 dazzle in 'The Backstage Pass to Christmas'



On Tuesday and Wednesday Y4-6 parents and grandparents were treated to three fantastic performances of '*The Backstage Pass to Christmas, an alternative story*'. The children really shone on stage, their performances were brilliant and it was a pleasure to be involved. Their enthusiasm and enjoyment was clear for all to see and hear. A huge amount of praise must go to the staff led by Mrs Jenkins who worked tirelessly with the children to organise and rehearse. Congratulations everyone.



Bishop Mary's Christmas Message 2025

Today the Bishop of Llandaff, Bishop Mary released her Christmas message. In the message she reflects on the gift of hope with a little help from the school choir at St Brides CW Primary School who sang the hymn Silent Night which is played throughout the message narrated by Bishop Mary. You can find the Christmas message here.

<https://llandaff.churchinwales.org.uk/en/news-and-blog/bishop-marys-christmas-message-2025/>



"Carols Round the Tree"

Monday 22nd December

Outside Southerndown Church from 5.30pm

Please join us for carols and festive merriment around the Christmas tree, outside Southerndown Church on Monday 22nd December from 5.30pm.

There will be free refreshments for all, including mulled wine, and plenty of sweet treats for the kids!

It should be a lovely festive community event for everyone to enjoy!

We'd suggest you wrap up warm, bring a torch and any spare change, as we will be trying to raise funds for the repairs to the church bells of St Bridget's. Everyone is welcome! Any help or cash donations will be so gratefully received!



Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

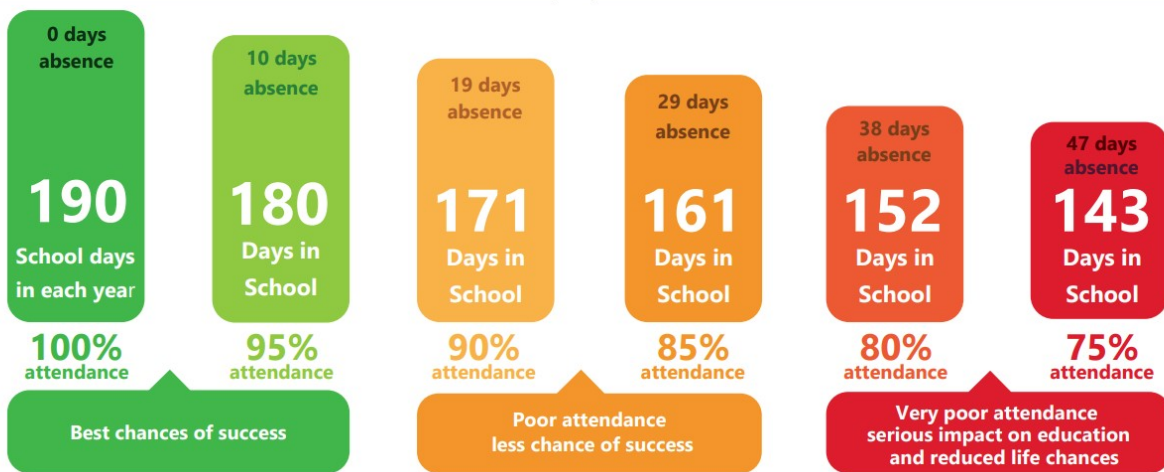
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ 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

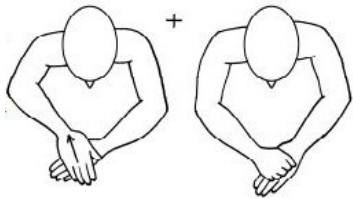


Holiday Homework – A Christmas Star

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 Christmas holidays is 'A Christmas Star'. Let your imagination run wild, I look forward to seeing your creations.



Makaton Phrase of the Week



Merry Christmas

Welsh Phrase of the Week

*Nadolig Llawn
Happy Christmas*

Merry Christmas

St Brides Primary School really is a special place at Christmas time, the community spirit created by the parents, staff, governors, friends association and most importantly the children is tangible and a pleasure to be a part of. The children from N-Y6 have excelled themselves in the last few weeks and are now due a well-earned break. If I don't see you in person please make sure you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and I look forward to seeing everyone back safe and well on Monday 5th January 2026 for the start of the Spring Term.

Mr Mottram