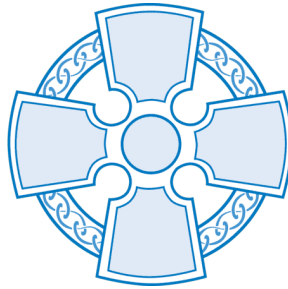


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Church in Wales Section 50 Inspection

I am writing to inform you that St Brides Major CW Primary School will be undergoing a Section 50 Inspection on 22nd April. This is a statutory inspection carried out under the Education Act (2005) and is specific to schools with a religious character, such as Church in Wales schools.

The inspection is conducted by trained inspectors on behalf of the Church in Wales and focuses on the Christian character of the school. This includes looking at how well the school lives its Christian values, how it supports learners' spiritual, moral, social, and cultural development, and the quality and impact of Collective Worship and Religion, Values and Ethics (RVE) (in voluntary aided schools).

What does the inspection involve?

Inspectors will spend one day in the school observing daily life, including lessons and acts of worship. They will speak to learners, staff, leaders, and governors, and will seek the views of parents and carers.

The inspection is not about judging individual learners or staff members, but rather about how the school as a whole lives out its Christian vision and values and the impact this has on all members of the school community.

How can you help?

As part of the process, parents/carers will be invited to share their views through a short survey. You may also meet with an inspector on the day. Your honest feedback is very valuable and will help the inspectors gain a fuller picture of the school's ethos and Christian character. The survey is linked via the QR code below.

Once the inspection is complete, a report will be published and shared with the school community.

If you have any questions about the inspection, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Mottram



September 2026 Nursery Admissions

Parents of children who are eligible to start in the Nursery in September 2026 need to make sure their Admission form is in the school office asap. Places will then be allocated and offers will be posted to parents after Easter.

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, the Welsh Government class persistent absenteeism as 90% and below. 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

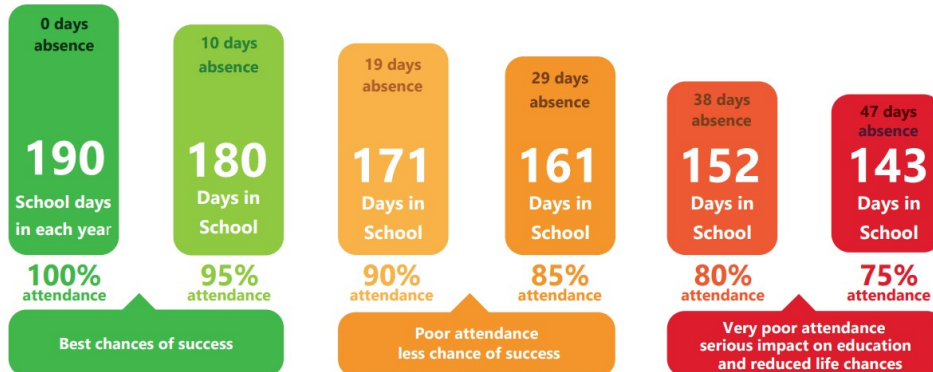
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ 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



Happy Easter from the Heidelberg Quarry

The Friends of St Brides have again organised for Heidelberg Quarry, Ewenny to donate Cadbury Cream Eggs to every child in the school. Thank you Heidelberg for your generosity.



School Year 2025 / 2026

Term	Begin	Half Term		End
		Begin	End	
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 st September	Monday 27 th October	Friday 31 st October	Friday 19 th December
Spring 2026	Monday 5 th January	Monday 16 th February	Friday 20 th February	Friday 27 th March
Summer 2026	Monday 13 th April	Monday 25 th May	Friday 29 th May	Monday 20 th July

INSET Days will be taken between 1st – 5th June and on Monday 20th July 2026.

Girls & Boys Football teams do well in Pen y Bont Tournament



Yesterday our boys and girls football teams played in a festival at Pen y Bont FC. The boys won their group by inning all 4 games but unfortunately in the quarter final we lost and were knocked out. The girls team played 7 games and lost in the final of the bowl competition. Top scorers were Ted and Rosa. Thank you to Mr Nurton and Mr Rhys for coaching us. By Noah, Mair and Darcy

Bridgend Schools Cross Country – Porthcawl Comp 14th March



Next race: Saturday 18th April, CCYD

Creative Homework – The Cross

Every school holiday we invite the children to participate in a creative whole school project. 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 the Easter Holidays is 'The Cross', your work can be 3 dimensional if necessary and could contain natural product, it could be written or IT generated. It's up to you. We look forward to seeing your creations.



VIAM Choir Trip to Wembley



Last Wednesday the Y5/6 school choir went to Wembley in London to sing in Voice in a Million (VIAM). We sang all the songs we'd been learning in choir club with children from 120 other schools. The Arena was jam packed to capacity with 12,000 people inside. Alys, Jai and Oli carried our school banner across the stage in the opening section. Thank you Mrs Jenkins, Miss Morgan and Mrs Joseph for taking us. By Darcy and Mair

Late Children

The kitchen are not able to accept lunchtime orders from children who are late for school. Once the dinner register is completed there can be no late additions.

Welsh Phrase of the Week



Makaton Phrase of the Week



Happy Easter