

Welcome Back



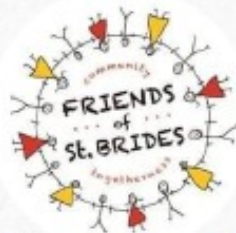
I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and are refreshed ready for the year ahead. On behalf of the staff at St Brides Major CW Primary School, I am delighted to welcome you to the 2026 / 2027 school year. I look forward to a productive partnership with parents new and old. I recognise that in order to be successful, your children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference to your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for your children's success and I want you to know that we take our part in this seriously and will do everything we can to make sure your children make excellent progress, have a lot of fun and develop a 'love of learning for life' whilst they are in St Brides.

Curriculum News

At the start of each term, each class teacher issues a termly Curriculum Newsletter to parents / carers detailing the topics to be covered for that term, useful information and important dates. These can be found on the school website on the class pages in the parents tab, If you would like a paper copy they are available from the school office.



We Need Your Help!



**The Friends of St Brides are
looking for new volunteers!**

**Our first meeting of this year
will be on Monday 14th
September at The Three Golden
Cups, Southerndown @ 8pm.**

**Without new members,
we may not be able to continue
raising money for our children
and fantastic school.**

**With no obligation to join,
Please feel free to come along,
find out what we do and how you
can help!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE AT THE HEART OF WHAT WE DO

Parent Calendar

The key events for the Autumn term including parents evenings, school trips, church services and class assemblies have all been uploaded to the Parent Calendar on the school website. Take a look.

Attendance Matters

As a new school year begins, 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 coming term and 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 termly 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

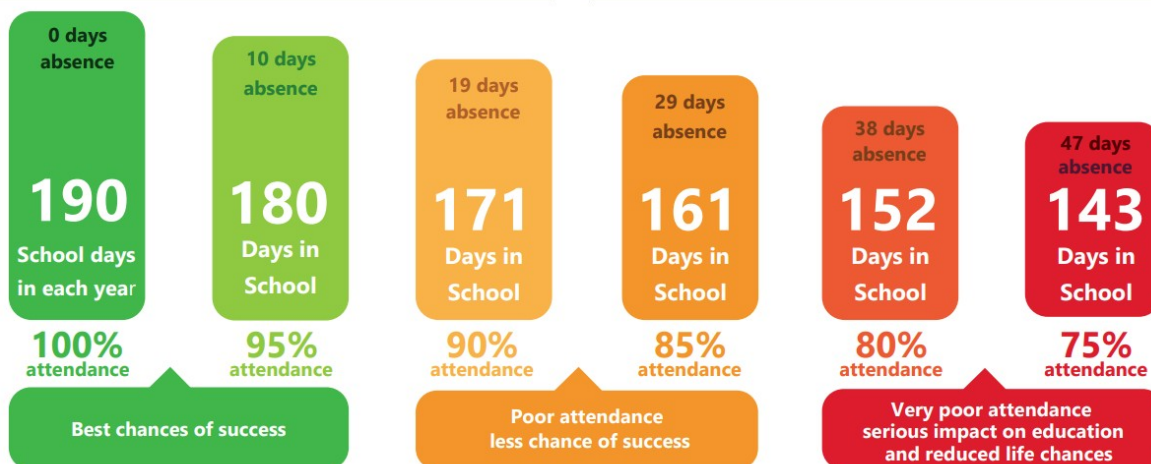
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ 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 ...

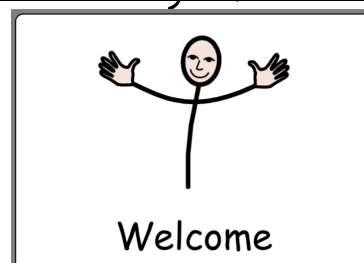
- ⇒ Appointments
- ⇒ Holidays
- ⇒ Days out
- ⇒ Socialising with your friends and family



Welsh Phrase of the Week

Croeso nol
welcome back

Makaton sign of the Week





School PE Kit

The school PE kit is a plain white T shirt, black or grey tracksuit bottoms or shorts, an optional black hoodie and trainers. Football kits and other fashion items are not part of the PE kit. The 'School Uniform Policy' and other policies can be found on the school website.

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**VALE FAMILY
COMPASS**
FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

The Vale Family Compass provides a comprehensive range of information, advice, support, and protection for children, young people, their parents, carers, and families in the Vale of Glamorgan.

It brings together the Family Information Service, the Early Help Advice Line, and the Intake Team to ensure that families receive the right information and support at the right time from their first point of contact.

We can connect you to support with:

- Advice and support with home and family life, emotional wellbeing and mental health
- Childcare, inclusive activities and services for children and young people
- Advice and guidance to help keep children and young people safe

Telephone: 0808 281 6727 Email: familycompass@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk

Website: <https://valefamilycompass.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ValeFamilyCompass>

The school Year 2026 / 2027

Term	Begin	Half term		End
		Begin	End	
Autumn 2026	Tue 1 Sept	Monday 26 Oct	Friday 30 Oct	Friday 18 Dec
Spring 2027	Monday 4 Jan	Monday 8 Feb	Friday 12 Feb	Friday 19 Mar
Summer 2027	Monday 5 April	Monday 31 May	Friday 4 Jun	Friday 16 July

INSET Days next year will be taken between 7th - 11th June.

Mr Mottram