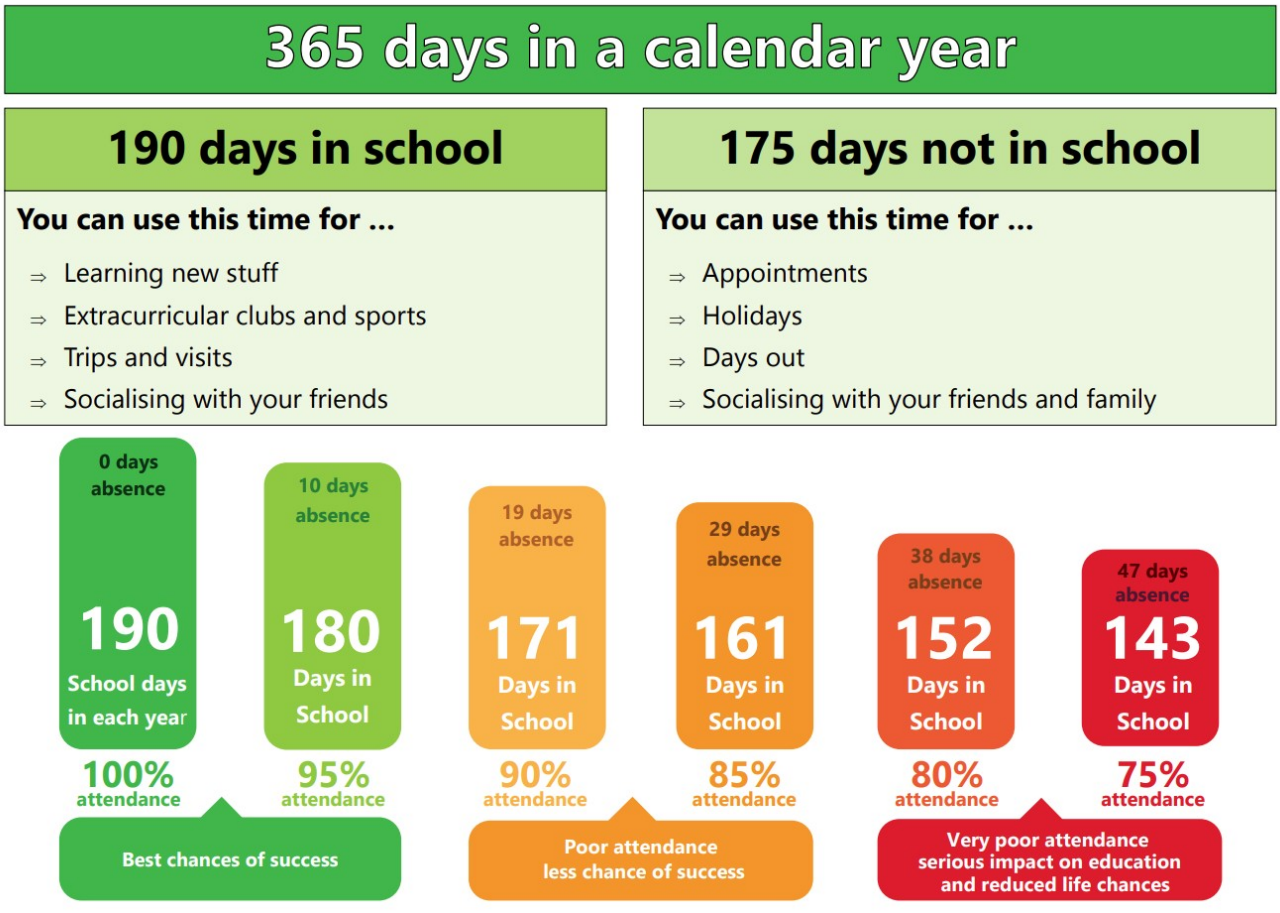
St Brides News

23rd October 2026

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.



Parents Evening Booking info



Our Autumn Term parents evenings are scheduled for Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th November. We are now using Arbor as the booking system for all Parents Evenings. Please log in to your Arbor account and follow the Parents' Evening link on the home screen to select an appointment time with your child's teacher. Appointments are available on a first come first served basis, all appointments are in person.

Run Pudsey 2026



On Friday 13th 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 26 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 26' please https://www.runpudsey.co.uk/school/st-brides-major-c-w-primary-school and enter the secret school code BFFD . 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.



October Half Term

Family Workshops

Scan to Enrol

Join our Vale Courses tutors at Old Hall, Cowbridge, for fun-filled family workshops where children and their grown-ups can get creative together through a variety of arts, crafts, and hands-on activities in a relaxed and welcoming setting.

Monday 26/10/27	Tuesday 27/10/26	Tuesday 27/10/26
MANDALA SPPOKY HALLOWEEN SPIDERS WEB WITH CLARE SOMMERVILLE 11:00-12:45PM	CREATE YOUR OWN ECO RESIN TRINKET DISH WITH HELEN TAMPLIN 11:00-12:45PM	MAKE A LEATHER WRISTBAND TOGETHER WITH ANNA FIGGINS 13:30- 15:15PM
ABSTRACT ART WORKSHOP WITH JUDE HARRINGTON 13:30-15:15PM	CREATE A LEATHER KEYRING TOGETHER WITH ANNA FIGGINS 11:00-12:45PM	FAMILY WORKSHOP -TETRA PAK PRINTING WITH SARAH HANNIS 13:30-15:15PM
		DECORATE YOUR OWN HALLOWEEN CUPCAKES WITH ZLATINA LEWIS 15:00 - 16:45PM
Wednesday 28/10/26	**Wednesday 28/10/26**	**Thursday 29/10/26**
EMBROID YOUR OWN BOOKMARK WITH CLARE SOMMERVILLE 11:00-12:45PM	CREATE WITH CLAY: FAMILY WORKSHOP WITH SIAN DIXON 11:00-12:45PM	FAMILY WORKSHOP - SEWING WITH ANNA FIGGINS 11:00-12:45PM
MAKE YOUR OWN MACRAME KEYRING WITH CLARE SOMMERVILLE 13:30-15:15PM		



COST: £9 PER CHILD, £3 PER PARENT/CARER.
AGE GUIDANCE: 8–13 YEARS.
PLACES ARE LIMITED TO 8 CHILDREN, SO EARLY BOOKING IS RECOMMENDED.



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Old Hall: Home of Vale Courses

Friendship Bracelets

Our value this half term has been *Friendship*. Today each child has been given a free bracelet from Dom, pastor at Ogmore By Sea Church. These were kindly provided by the team from the Logos Hope OM ship that recently docked in Cardiff. The four symbols on the bracelets explain the core message of the Bible.

Diamond - We are precious to God
Light/darkness - We have been separated from God
Hand - Jesus died on the cross for us
Joined hands - By trusting Jesus we can be friends with God forever



Free School Meal Eligibility

The Welsh Government Website says 'Children and young people, whose parents or carers receive certain benefits, are entitled to free school meals. A child/young person may be eligible for free school meals provided certain eligibility criteria are met. If these criteria are met, the parent must apply for their child to receive free school meals.'

In all cases the actual application for Free school meals and/or a Uniform grant 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/

Half Term Creative Homework

Every school holiday we invite the children to participate in a 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. The title for Autumn half term is BBC 500 words writing competition. The children simply need to write a story of max 500 words that they would love to read. Full details can be found here https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words . The children can either submit the work themselves or leave it drafted in their hwb account and we'll submit the work when we return.



ST BRIDES MAJOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SALE





Tuesday 3rd November

Wednesday 4th November

During Parents Evening

Good quality, pre-loved uniform available to buy.



All items £1, cash only please

FRIENDS of ST. BRIDES

Help us support our school community and give uniform a new home!

Governing Body Annual Report to Parents

All Governing Bodies are required to produce an annual report to parents. The report contains information about the work of the governing body committees during the previous academic year as well as information about the charitable work of the school and an update from the Friends of St Brides. The report was distributed alongside this newsletter and can be found on our school website.

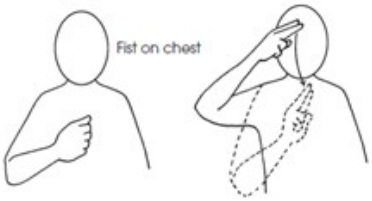


Year 6 Remembrance Service

On Wednesday 11th November at 10:30am Year 6 will be leading the school in an act of remembrance in the school hall. All parents / guardians are invited to join us for the service. Tea and Coffee will be served afterwards.



Makaton sign of the Week



My name is ...

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Beth ydy dy enw di?
What is your name?

Fy enw i ydy Brian
My name is Brian

Holidays in term time

Holidays in term time will not be authorised in St Brides and may result in a referral to the Education Welfare Officer and a Fixed Penalty Notice.
Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children receive an education. Those who intend to take their children out of school for a holiday need to notify the school via the request form on the school website.

Mr Mottram