

10th January 2025

What was your child's attendance figure for the Autumn Term?

Today you should have received a letter about your child's attendance during the Autumn Term, the letter also highlights the importance of school attendance and our joint commitment to pupils.

I would like to ask you to set the highest of expectations for your child's attendance. 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 a minimum of 97% for the 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.



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 are now available on the pages section of the school website <https://www.stbridesprimary.org.uk/class-pages/> If you would like a paper copy they are available from the school office.



Lighthouse Club!

Starting back on

Friday 17th

January 2025

5pm-6.15pm

Fridays Term-time

Free meal,

Bible story,

games & craft

@ Ogmore By Sea Church

Contact domwhite73@gmail.com

School Year 2024 / 2025

Term	Begin	Half Term		End
		Begin	End	
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 nd September	Monday 28 th October	Friday 1 st November	Friday 20 th December
Spring 2025	Monday 6 th January	Monday 24 th February	Friday 28 th February	Friday 11 th April
Summer 2025	Monday 28 th April	Monday 26 th May	Friday 30 th May	Monday 21 st July

INSET Days next year will be taken between 2nd – 6th June and on Monday 21st July 2025.

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. We arrange our INSET training all in one week to help St Brides families arrange cheaper holidays. Parents are legally responsible for ensuring their children receive an education. Those who intend to take their children out of school need to notify the school via the request form on the school website.

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.

After School Clubs

The after school clubs run by the school staff will start on Monday 20th January. More information about the clubs will be provided on a separate letter.

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Blwyddyn
Newydd Dda
Happy New
Year

Admissions for Reception Class 2025

This year the local authority will again be handling our admissions for the Reception Class intake September 2025. Parents need to apply for a place via the Vale of Glamorgan Council Website (linked below) between 29th November 2024 and 24th January 2025. 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 2025. 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>

Mr Mottram