

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 2024 / 2025 school year. I look forward to a productive partnership with parents both 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. We 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. Enjoy the year!

Allergy Alert

No ifs, buts and strictly no nuts

Could all parents ensure that their children do not bring nuts or products that contain them into school. We have several children in school who are allergic to nuts and would suffer a severe possibly fatal anaphylactic reaction if exposed to them.

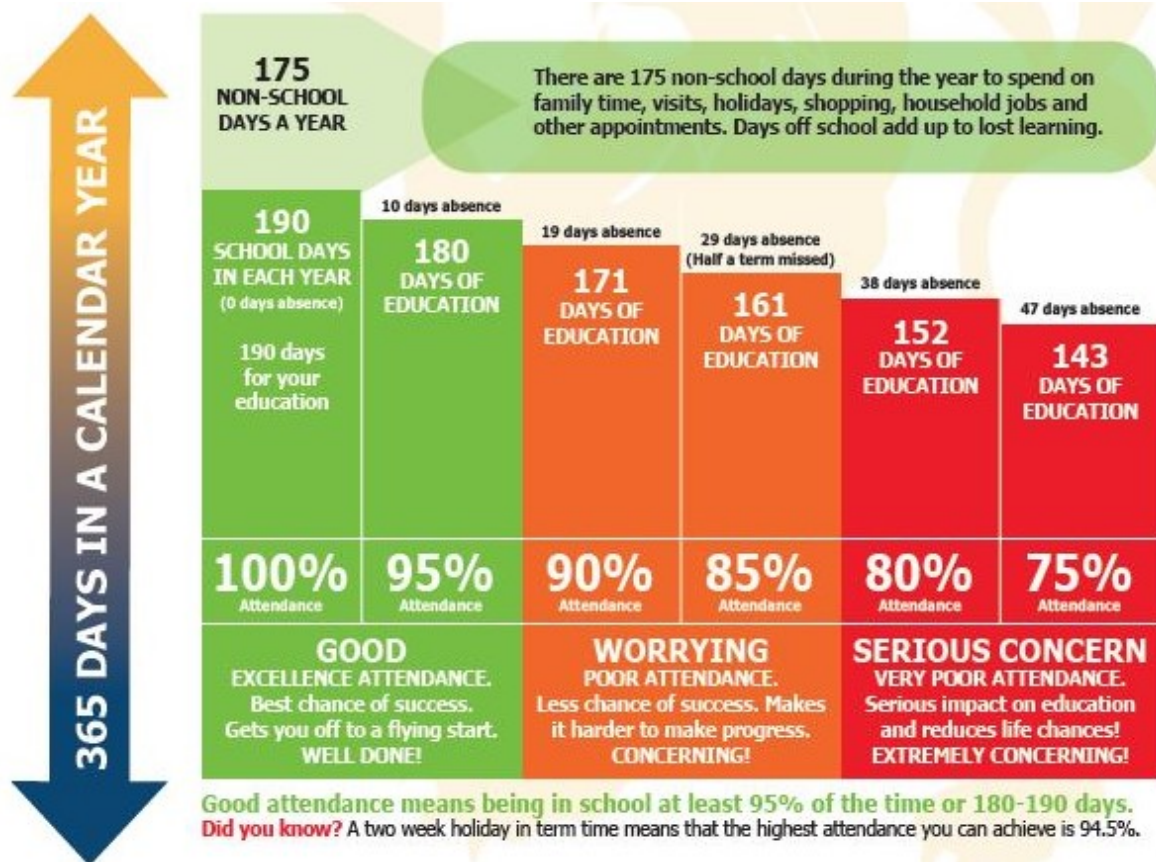


Attendance Matters

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.



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.

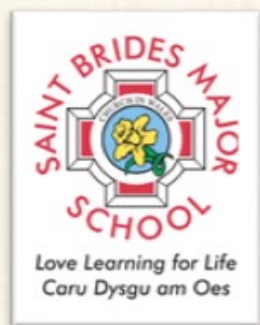
Open invite to all parents



The staff and Governors of St. Brides Major CW Primary School wish to invite you to the official opening of the new school hall on Wednesday 18th September at 9am. Bishop Mary will lead a special service to mark the occasion.

This is a significant milestone for both the school and local community and we do hope you will be able to join us.

RSVP: StBridesPS@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk



Schools Essential Grant

The Welsh Government Schools Essential Grant scheme for 2024-25 opened on 1st July.

Up to £200 is available for children whose families are on lower incomes for school uniform and other essentials, in all year groups from reception to year 11.

Even if learners are receiving Universal Primary Free School Meals, it is important to still check availability to access the School Essentials Grant and extra funding for schools.

[School Essentials Grant: help with school costs | GOV.WALES](#) [Get help with school costs | GOV.WALES](#)

Breakfast and After School Clubs



Sadie & Franks offer Breakfast and After School Clubs at St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School.

Opening Hours:

Breakfast Club: 7.30-8:55am
Afterschool Club: 3.30-6.00pm

All bookings must go through Emma. For further details please contact the nursery on 01656 645444 or email emmahk@sadieandfranksnursery.co.uk.
<https://www.sadieandfranksnursery.co.uk/>

FOSBs meeting Tuesday 10th September 8pm in the Cups

All welcome. We may not be able to continue without your help!!! Ideally, we need two representatives from each year group in order to continue organising and running the fun fund raising events that the kids know and love. And new ideas and enthusiasm on what to spend the generously donated money on. We also need to appoint a new Chairperson and secretary this year. If you think you can help support the FOSB and our school then please come along to the meeting on Tuesday 10th Sept 8pm in the Cups. We'd love to see you there!!

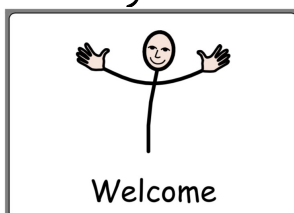
Parent Calendar

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.

Welsh Phrase of the Week

Welcome Back
Croeso Nol

Makaton sign of the week



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.

Mr Mottram