

It's good to be back.



I hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and have 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 2025 / 2026 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.

If you have any queries or concerns regarding your child please contact me. I will be only too happy to help. Whatever your concern is, however big or small please let me know. My wonderful staff and I are very much looking forward to working with you all over the year ahead. Enjoy the 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 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.

St Brides Pupil has poem published in National Competition

St Brides pupil Martha Lewis has had a poem published after finishing highly commended in the Elmsbridge Literary Competition. This is an international competition with thousands of entries this year, the highest ever received. The theme of all entries was 'River' to commemorate the anniversary of 'Three Men In A Boat' and acknowledge the influence of Britain's rivers in English literature. We are super proud of you Martha!

Flowing

*Through the city built by ancientS,
Home to frosty fairs and daytrip yachtErs,
A playground since the Victorians.
Murky brown watErs,
Evolving into a clean dRinking
Supply for London's sons aNd daughters.
So long, it's the longest in the briTish isles,
Each rock a moment from History.
Very shiny and Always glittery,
Evermore its waters are a Mystery.
Running from Wales all the way to England,
Now we must protect these fiSheries.
Under the wonderous Black MounTains
Slinking sliding splAshing,
Kingfishers and salmon among its manY fountains.
Teeming with fish, dUcks and drakes
A pretty sight in Scotland,
You'll never see more lochs and laKes.*

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.

Parent Survey Results

Thank you to all parents who took the time to complete the recent parent questionnaire. The results can be viewed on the school website under Key Information / Important Docs.

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

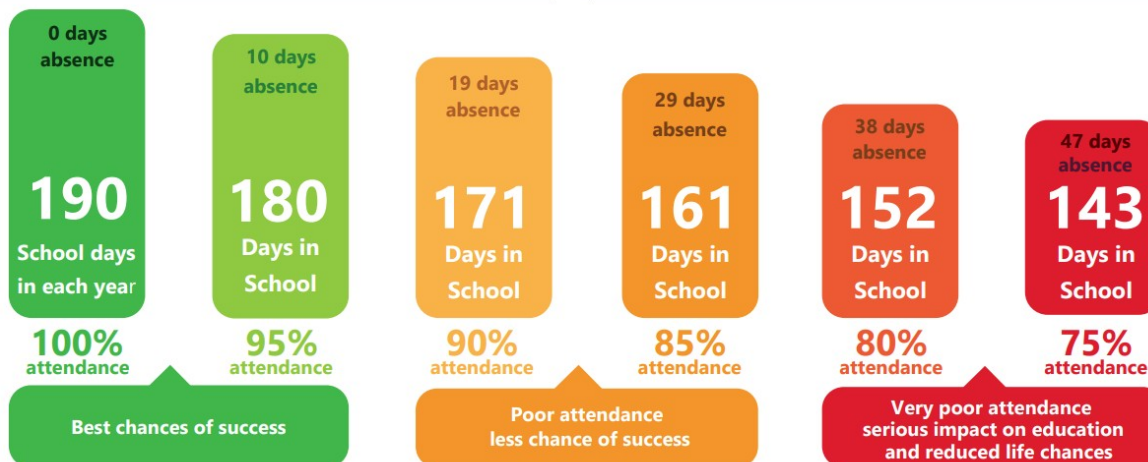
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ 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

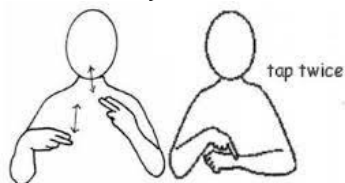
Ga i ginio os gwelwch yn dda?

Can i have dinner please?

Cei / Na chei

Yes / No

Makaton sign of the week



Dinner time

Lunchtime Menu

The Big Fresh Catering Company lunchtime menu is available on the school website under the Parents tab.



The FOSB Needs You!

The FOSB hope you've had a wonderful summer break and would like to welcome everyone back to the Autumn Term.

Our first meeting will be held on Monday 8th September in the Three Golden Cups, Southerndown at 8pm.

In order for our fantastic charity to continue, we desperately need new members and volunteers. We'd be grateful for any support you're able to give and welcome new ideas. Please feel free to join us and find out more about what we do and how you can help. We'd be delighted to see you there!

Parent Governor Vacancy coming soon

On Tuesday the local authority will be writing to St Brides parents with details about the parent governor vacancy we have on our governing body. The timeline, nomination process and how to vote will be clearly explained in this letter. Being a parent governor in St Brides comes with responsibility, but for the right kind of parent, the rewards of seeing the school and the children flourish make it all worthwhile. The role is voluntary and unpaid but will appeal to parents who wish to make a positive impact during their time as a St Brides parent. If you have any queries please contact the school office or outgoing parent governor Mr Luke Sibieta Lp.sibieta@gmail.com.

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.

Mr Mottram