

12th September 2025

MacMillan Coffee Morning

**WORLD'S BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



Dear Parents, Guardians, Grandparents, Prospective Parents, Residents and Governors.

We are organising a MacMillan Coffee and Open morning on Friday 26th September between 9:00 - 10:30am in the school hall, please come along. After you've had a welcoming cup of coffee we can show you around all the classes and outside areas, it will be a fantastic experience for you. We look forward to seeing you on the day. If you would like to donate some cakes or biscuits for us to sell please can you send them in during week commencing 22nd September. Don't forget to bring cash!

After School Clubs

The after school clubs run by the school staff will begin during week commencing 15th September and finish on 28th November.

Catering Assistant Required

The Big Fresh Catering Company are looking to employ a catering assistant to work in the school kitchen. Full details and application forms can be found on the Jobs section of the Vale website.

FUND RAISING FOR CHURCH HALL REPAIRS

FAMILY
 **FUN** 
FRIDAY

Friday September 26th 6.30pm

St Brides Church Hall

With the Bridgend Ukulele Band



FAMILY GAMES



HOT DOGS and SOFT DRINKS available

Bring your own alcohol

ADULTS £5 CHILDREN £1

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

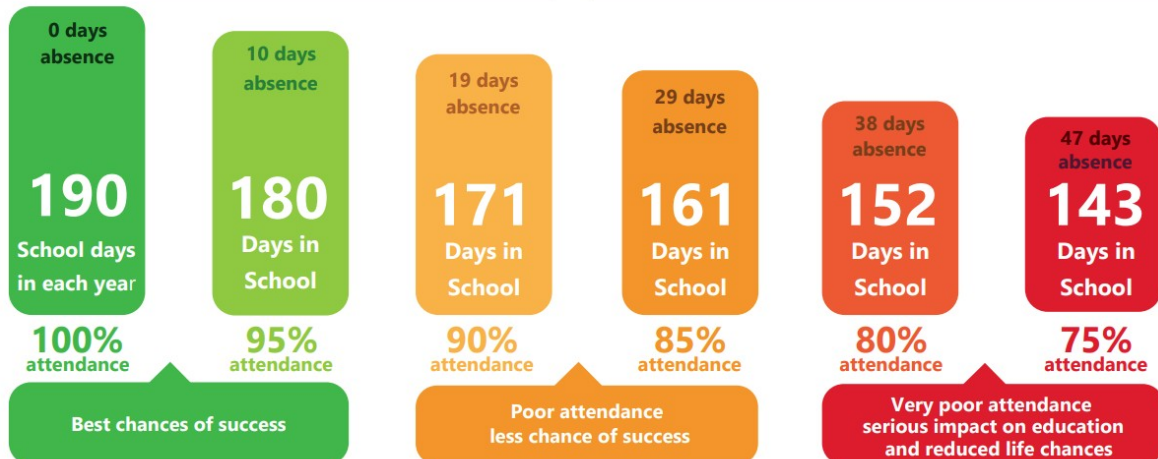
You can use this time for ...

- ⇒ 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



No Trainers

Can I remind all parents that our school uniform policy states that trainers are not part of school uniform. They are acceptable in an emergency but not on a permanent basis.



European Day of Languages



Friday 26th September is European Day of Languages. In school we will be celebrating this by learning about the cultures and traditions of European countries. Each class will learn about a different country and the children are invited to come to school dressed in the colours of the flag or in national costume. The countries each class will be studying are:

N	Belgium	3	Sweden
R	Belgium	4	France
1	Italy	5	Portugal
2	Spain	6	Greece

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

Ga i fynd i'r ty bach os gwelwch yn dda?

Can i go to the toilet please?

Cei / Na chei / wrth gwrs

Yes / No

Makaton sign of the week



Toilet

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.