

Goodbye Year 6



This is always a sad time of year as we say goodbye to children whom the staff have grown very attached to over the years. This current Y6 class have been a fantastic, popular year group all the way through the school. They are a class with great character and personality and they leave us as well rounded and well educated children ready for the challenges that lie ahead. I'm sure they will settle quickly and excel in Cowbridge. *Well done to each and every one of you, you will be missed!*

Have a lovely Summer

Before the school year ends I would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all the children, parents, governors and staff who have helped to make the last year so enjoyable. St Brides is a very special place to be a pupil, parent or a member of staff and it is a privilege to be the Head Teacher of such a fantastic school. Enjoy the 6 weeks holiday and I look forward to seeing you all back fit and well on Monday 1st September to start the new school year.

Cost of School Trips



Educational visits are part of an enriched curriculum and provide children with hands-on, real-world experiences that make learning more engaging and memorable. The cost of these trips has increased significantly over the last few years and even with the generous help of the FOSB the school has limited funds to reduce the cost. Subsidy will normally be targeted to make sure that no individual child is disadvantaged. As a school we do not make a penny out of these trips, we simply divide the total cost by the number of children in the class.

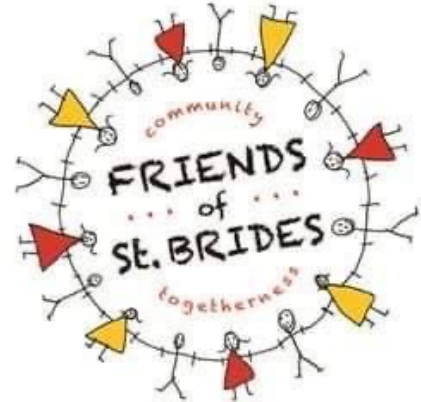
As a general rule parents should expect children in Nursery to Y5 to go on one topic based trip per term (approx. £20) and a Christmas Trip (approx. £20). Year 6 will exceed this mainly because of transition activities. Y5 visit Llangrannog for a two night residential and Y6 spend 4 nights in Storey Arms and a night in London. The 25/26 cost for these trips are Llangrannog £185, London £140 and Storey Arms £485 and they fall within 18 months of each other. I know these are not cheap which is why we will always give you as much notice as possible of these residential and provide a flexible payment options to help you spread the cost over a long time period.

Online Personalised Assessments Feedback

The children in Y2 – Y6 have recently undertaken Online Personalised Assessments in Reading, Numeracy Procedural and Numeracy Reasoning and their standardised scores are given to you with their reports. We have released the feedback to you via your child's hwb account. The instructions on how to access this are in the 'Information for Parents and Carers' doc provided. The purpose of personalised assessments is to help all children progress through understanding what they can do, the things they cannot do, and their next steps. The feedback is just a snapshot of your child's skills at the time the assessment was taken.

Thank you from the FOSB

The Friends of St. Brides would like to thank each and every family for your continued support and generous contributions over the last school year. Your financial assistance has enabled us to implement some really wonderful educational and fun experiences for our children to enjoy and learn from. We've also invested in equipment and the general upkeep of our fantastic school that our children will continue to benefit from in years to come.



In order to continue making a difference and enrich our children's education and future, we're appealing to parents and guardians to join our committee! We meet each term, usually on a Monday evening at the Three Golden Cups in Southerndown. Our first meeting of the new term will be held on Monday 8th September at 8pm. We'd love for you to come along and find out a little more about what we do and how you can make a difference. It's an informal and relaxed gathering with no pressure or obligation to join.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy summer,

The FOSB

Vale of Glamorgan Summer Holiday Activity Programme



The Family Information Service in the Vale of Glamorgan Council has collaborated with some organisations who have kindly provided details of their activities and events taking place this summer. The details can be found here

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/social_care/children_and_young_people/Family-Information-Service/Family-Information-Service.aspx

Goodbye Miss Evans

I'm sure you would like to join me in thanking Miss Evans for her superb work with Y4 over the last two terms and wish her all the very best of luck in her new job in Trelales Primary School.

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.

School Uniform for September

School uniform is an important part of life in St Brides, it helps promote positive behaviour and discipline, it provides a sense of identity, it develops the school ethos and supports high quality teaching and learning. For parents who are buying new uniform items for next year I would like to remind you that our only embroidered uniform supplier is 'Uniforms 2 Go' on Bridgend industrial estate, non embroidered uniform is available from supermarkets. The table shows you what I expect your child to wear to school.

Uniform	Red / Yellow Polo Shirt Red Jumper / Cardigan Grey / Black Trousers or Shorts / Skirt Summer – Red / White Dress Y6 – White shirt, Red / Yellow tie, red jumper / cardigan
Foot Wear	Black Shoes
Jewellery & Make up	None
Hair	Neat / Tied back
PE Clothing	White T Shirt Black or grey tracksuit bottoms or shorts Black hoodie (optional)
PE Foot Wear	Trainers

Drop in Parents Eve

On Wednesday 3rd September we will be holding a drop in parents evening at 3:30pm. All parents are welcome to come into their child's new classroom and have a chat with their new class teacher.

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 next year will be taken between 1st – 5th June and on Monday 20th July 2026. The first day of the school year is Monday 1st September.