

## Harvest Appeal



Bridgend  
**Foodbank**  
Together with Trussell

### **MOST NEEDED ITEMS**

Tinned Corned Beef  
Tinned Ham  
Tinned Veg (carrots, peas, sweetcorn)  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Custard  
Carrier Bags

### **WE DO NOT REQUIRE**

Baked Beans  
Pasta  
Cereals

On Monday we will be launching our Autumn Harvest Appeal. We hope you can help us collect food for local people who are in crisis. We are looking for donations of tinned food that we can give to Bridgend foodbank this harvest. They are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK. Could all donations please be brought into school before Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Nursery Admissions**

Parents of children who are eligible to start in the Nursery in January 2026 need to make sure their Admission form is in the school office by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Places will then be allocated and offers will be posted to parents asap.

### **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.



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**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2025**

**£3**

drink included

**NURSERY - YEAR 2**

**4:30 - 5:30PM**

Nursery parents must  
stay with children

**YEAR 3 - Year 6**

**5:45 - 6:45PM**

Main entrance entry,  
nursery pick up



Additional  
charge

**TUCK SHOP**  
selling sweet cones,  
cookies, flapjacks, crisps  
and more...

Own snack  
not permitted

Your donations are raising funds for an  
outdoor shelter for the foundation yard

## Christmas Trips

This year's Christmas Trips are in the parent calendar on the school website. They are ...

Nur & Rec – Fonmon Castle Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
December

Y1 & Y2 – Fonmon Castle Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>  
December

Y3-Y6 – Mary Poppins (Millennium Centre)  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

These trips will be subsidised by the FOSB.  
More news about timings and cost after half  
term.



## Y4 enjoy a Forest School experience

On Thursday Year 5 went on a school trip to Sony for a Forest School Day. Year 4 went the day before and said they saw a crocodile so we were really excited. At the start we split into 2 groups. One made water filters and the other made fires. We used dragon's wings and giant's belly button fluff to start the fires. We boiled water and made hot chocolate with marshmallows on top. At lunchtime we made dens, Twila said that we were making history as children don't usually make dens. Girls and boys made separate dens and the boys kept stealing our sticks. It was a lovely sunny day and we enjoyed spending it outside. Thank you for organising it for us. By Bea



## Y6 vist Senedd and Cathedral

Last Wednesday Y6 went on a trip to Llandaff Cathedral and the Senedd in Cardiff. In Llandaff Cathedral we went on a Christian pilgrimage through the Cathedral. It was a journey of life, starting by the font and ending in the graveyard. It was really interesting getting our passports stamped as we went. In the afternoon we travelled to the Senedd, there was a noisy protest outside. We looked around the Senedd and had a debate about reducing the school week to 4 days. Thank you to Mr Dudley, Mrs Joseph and Mr Mottram for taking us. By Jai and Ted.



## BRIDGEND SCHOOLS' CROSS COUNTRY SEASON 2025-26



**St Brides School are the reigning champions and we would love to have new runners join us for 2025-26!**

We need a minimum of 3 boys and 3 girls from Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 to make a team for each race but please come along and join in, the more the merrier!

Course length: only 2 laps of a rugby field, about 1800m.

5 events in the season staggered between Oct and March (normally on a Saturday morning) - no requirement to attend all dates, each child counts and potentially gains points for the schools competition.



**Come and join us!**

First race is **Saturday 18th October** at **Pencoed Comprehensive**. Arrival: 9.30am, all races completed by 11am.

To join in / ask questions contact:  
Julie Neenan (Isla's Mum) -  
07917 190875



## What is Arbor?

Arbor is a cloud-based school management information system (MIS) used by thousands of UK schools to centralize administrative tasks, student data, and communication. It has been purchased for all Vale schools by the Local Authority and replaces SIMS. Arbor has much greater functionality than SIMS and in time we will stop using other services that we currently subscribe to such as parent pay. For the time being can you please make sure you have activated your account and are fully set up.

## Up to date medical information required **by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

We are currently updating our pupil medical records on **Arbor** and would like to ensure that we have the most accurate and up-to-date information for all children. If your child has any medical conditions, allergies, or specific health needs that we should be aware of it is your responsibility to tell us. Please can you log into Arbor and add these details to their profile. This helps us to keep your child safe and supported during the school day.

## **Adding Medical Conditions and Medical Plans**

To add a medical condition or plan, go to the **Medical** section of the students profile click the little green Add button.



Select **Medical Condition** or **Medical Plan** respectively and fill out the slide over that appears.

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## Welsh Phrase of the Week

*Ble mae'r ... ?*

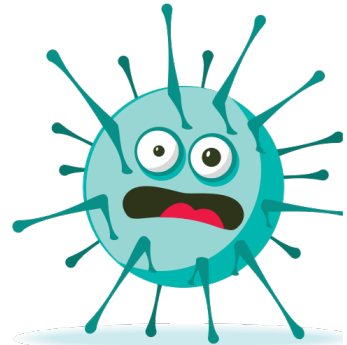
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## Harvest Service

All parents and guardians are invited to St Bridget's Church on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 11am for Y3's Harvest Service.

## Nasal Flu Vaccinations

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October children in Reception to Year 6 will be offered flu vaccinations. Please ensure you have completed the necessary online consent forms ahead of time.



*Mr Mottram*