



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Respect

RRS - Article 14: Your right to follow your own religion

Dear all,

As we reach the end of this first half term, there has been so much to celebrate across Brackla Primary. From exciting trips and visitors to competitive tournaments and the continued success of our BOOST programme, it has certainly been a fun and busy half term.

We have also enjoyed a range of family engagement opportunities, and it has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers getting involved. Your support makes a real difference, and we are grateful for your time and enthusiasm.

Looking ahead, the countdown to Christmas begins! Please keep an eye on the school diary - there will be lots of events coming up, and we don't want you to miss a thing. The first two weeks back after half term will be dedicated to parent/carer meetings. Thank you to everyone who has already booked their appointment.

We wish all our families a restful and enjoyable half term break. A huge thank you to our dedicated staff for their hard work and commitment - have a well deserved and relaxing break!

Headteacher Awards

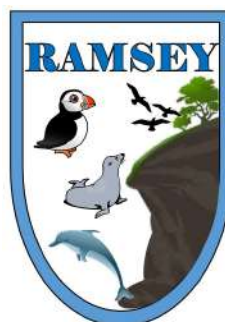
Well done to the following children on being nominated for a Headteacher Award this week. They have worked well in demonstrating the monthly value and right. Well done to: [Albie Treharne](#), [Carwen Sokolowski](#), [Vienne Francis](#), [River-Rae Wetton](#), [Isla Lawrence](#), [Michael Smith](#), [Scarlett Harris](#), [Theo Lee-Burke](#), [Esme Allin](#), [Max Watkins](#), [Christopher Ezeemo](#).



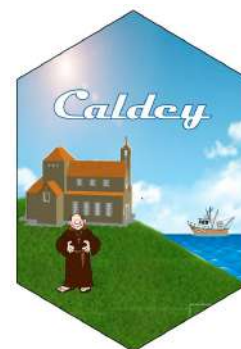
House Points Winner this week:



**599
Points**



**596
Points**



**590
Points**



**587
Points**

Attendance

Each week class attendance is celebrated in assembly and this term, we will be awarding a trophy to the class with the highest attendance. The winning class will also get an additional 5 minutes playtime on Monday. Take a look below to see how your child's class did this week:

Nursery/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	84.05%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	93.10%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	87%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	96.67%
2H (Miss Helm)	92.26%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	85.36%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	86.30%
4D (Miss Dawson)	98%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	89.26%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	92.14%
6S (Mr Still)	91.03%



Birthdays this week

On behalf of all the children and staff at Brackla Primary School **Happy Birthday** to:

Rhys Evans, Navayah Richards, Tommy Smith, Max Watkins.

Birthdays during the half term holiday: Diana Moryto, Jasmine Tucker, Carwen Sokolowski, Noah Aydin.



Harvest 2025

This week, our school came together to celebrate the season of Harvest — a time to reflect on gratitude, generosity, and thankfulness. The Senedd created a wonderful display of contributions children brought in. Mrs Kelland led us in a lively Harvest Gameshow, bringing laughter and learning together. Her lesson on “Overflowing with Thankfulness” reminded us how fortunate we are to have food on our tables and people who work hard to grow, supply, and prepare it. Thank you for all who donated items which will help stock up our school Pantri.



Netball Festival

Last week, our talented netball squad of 10 pupils represented Brackla Primary in a local tournament in Litchard Primary School, and they were absolutely outstanding! The team won all of their first round matches convincingly showing fantastic skill, teamwork and determination. They progressed to the semi-finals, where they narrowly missed out on a place in the final. Despite the result, their performance was exceptional throughout.

Their behaviour, commitment, effort and enthusiasm were a real credit to the school. Every player gave their all and supported each other brilliantly. We are incredibly proud of them—well done to the whole squad! Although Mrs Hunter couldn't be there on the day, I was fortunate to be able to accompany them and see their fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship in action. We would also like to thank Mrs Hunter for her dedication in training and supporting the team over the past few years - thank you!





Comic Capers - written by Mr Williams

In a classroom, within a primary school, not that far away, the children of years 3&4 have been taking part in a forgotten pastime... creating a traditional comic book using only the power of imagination!!!

No technology was used in the creation of this Boost group, just the love of sketching, the passion for telling a good story and the chance to be the children of yesteryear!

There's no school like the old school!





WONDERS OF THE RAINFORESTS

WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 8th October 2025, Victoria Harding (from The Size of Wales) once again came in to school and delivered fantastic workshops to 3/4M & 4D.

The children in 3/4M were delighted to welcome Vicky back and she was amazed that they were able to recall many of the import facts and information they had learned from her in their previous workshops.

During this workshop we became Forest Detectives and learned about the importance of tropical forests and their role in climate change and found out why tropical forests are being cut down:

'Deforestation of natural rainforests is rapidly threatening our world and is a big factor in causing climate change.' (**Parker**)

'Many animals, people and insects are losing their homes.' (**Harry**)

We played games outside which helped to make us aware of the decline in fresh air and we discussed ways in which to help improve our climate.

We looked at the world map and learned about the many problems being caused by deforestation in the rainforests in The Amazon, The Congo, Madagascar, Sumatra and Borneo.

By the end of the workshop the children were able to understand the links between climate change and deforestation and be aware of ways they can help take action for the protection of tropical forests.



Wellbeing Update

At Brackla Primary School, we take all aspects of Safeguarding seriously. We are committed to ensuring every child is safe, happy, and protected from abuse or neglect. All staff are trained to recognise and respond to concerns, and we follow clear procedures in line with our Child Protection and Safeguarding policy.

We work closely with external agencies and may refer cases to Children's Services when necessary. Concerns are shared with our designated safeguarding leads.

If you're worried about a child, please speak to us at school or call 01656 815570.

If you feel a child is at immediate risk of harm or danger ring 999.

Are you concerned about a child?



Mrs A Baldrige
01656 815570
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs K John
01656 815570
Designated Safeguarding
Lead



Mr G Still
01656 815570
Designated Safeguarding
lead



Mrs E Lewis
chairofgovernors@bracklaprimary.co.uk
Chair of Governors

If you are concerned about a child please speak with one of the safeguarding leads - we are here to listen and help.

Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldrige, Mrs John and Mr Still. If you are concerned about any child please come and speak with either of us at school or ring on 01656 815570. If you feel a child is at immediate risk of harm or danger ring 999.

What's On Autumn Term

Please take a look below at what is coming up till the end of November. These dates will be added to as the term goes on, so please keep checking.

Date	Event	Additional details
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day	
Tuesday 4th November	Children back to school	
Tuesday 4th November	Parent/carer meetings	2H and 3P
Wednesday 5th November	Parent/carer meetings	Reception and Reception/Year 1
Thursday 6th November	Parent/carer meetings	5S and 1D
Monday 10th November	Parent/carer meetings	5/6HJ
Monday 10th November	Flu vaccine	
Tuesday 11th November	Parent/carer meetings	6S and 4D
	Parent/carer meetings for 3/4M to be confirmed	
Friday 14th November	Children in Need	Wear something spotty or yellow

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

Monday 3rd November

Monday 23rd February

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July

Children In Need 2025 Friday November 14th

We're thrilled to be taking part in a fun-filled day to support Children in Need! To help us celebrate, please help your child to come to school dressed in something **spotty or yellow**.

Donations are welcome either in **cash**, handed to your child's teacher, or **online** through the **School Gateway app** from Monday 10th November.

Let's come together to make a difference while having a fund day at school!

Thank you!



Upcoming events

We've got a fabulous mix of family engagement events coming your way - some during the day, some after school, and even a few in the evening, so there's something for everyone. Make sure you check your messages and emails for all the exciting details coming soon!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Autumn 2025

THURS 16 TH OCT	Autumn Adventures: 3.15pm-4.30pm Families with children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to an after-school celebration filled with seasonal crafts, exciting games, and cozy autumn vibes. Sign up is now open.
THURS 27 TH NOV	Wreath making: 9am-10.30am Adults only and cost involved- limited numbers. More details to follow.
TUES 9 TH DEC	Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm After school event for families. More details coming soon.
WED 17 TH DEC	BPS Quizmas Cracker- 7pm-8.30pm Evening event for adults only full of festive cheer and fun- more details to follow

→ FAMILYENGAGEMENT@BRACKLAPRIMARY.CO.UK

MRS KELLAND

ALL YEAR 1 & 2 PUPILS
CINEMA TRIP

ELF

PG



**FRIDAY 5TH
DECEMBER**

£12
PRICE INCLUDES:
TICKET
BUS TRANSPORT
CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN CAN BRING A SMALL BAG OF
SWEETS OR CRISPS AND A DRINK

SIGN UP VIA THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP

YEARS 3-6 CINEMA TRIP

HOME ALONE PG



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Just to clarify this Christmas, children in Progression Step 1 will be performing Christmas concerts:



Dec 3rd 10.00 a.m. **Nursery** Children from Mrs Whelan's class

Dec 4th 10.00 a.m. **Reception** children from Mrs Whelan's, Mrs Driscoll's and Mrs Ellis' class

Dec 3rd 2.00 p.m. **Year 1** children from Mrs Ellis and Mrs Delgado's

Children in Years 2 - 6 (including Mrs Delgado's Y2) will perform for families later in the year.

Christmas Fayre
Dec 12th
Stall costs and raffle

Individual photos
Sept 23rd
Various prices

Oct 13th - 24th
Swimming lessons - Y5 & 6
FREE!

November 21st
Children In need
Donations

BOOST off site activities - **FREE!**

Dec 3rd
Nursery concert
Y1 concert
Tickets £2

Dec 4th
Reception concert
Tickets £2

Christmas Discos
Dec 15th
Rec - Y2 £3
Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck money

Dec 17th
Christmas Jumper day - recycled jumpers available

Dec 18th
Christmas parties
Bring a plate of food

PARENTS & CARERS ONLINE WORKSHOP

CAMHS SHINE TEAM

HAVE A FREE WORKSHOP FOR
PARENTS & CARERS DURING THE
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

THERE ARE ALSO PRERECORDED
TRAINING SESSIONS AVAILABLE ON

CWM TAF MORGANNWG CAMHS
WEBSITE UNDER SPECIALIST
SERVICE SHINE.

CLICK ON THE SHINE TAB TO FIND
PRERECORDED TRAINING SESSIONS

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FREE WEBINAR FOR
PARENTS & CARERS
ON
SUPPORTING
YOUR CHILD/YOUNG
PERSON
WITH EMOTIONAL
REGULATION

BOOKING INFORMATION:



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WHEN:
WEDNESDAY 29TH
OCTOBER
FROM:
13:00 - 13:40
WHERE:
ONLINE