



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Friendship

RRS - Article 15: Your right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs

Dear all,

We've had a fantastic start to the week as we welcomed our new Nursery children and their families to Brackla Primary School. It's been lovely to see such happy faces and to watch the children begin to settle into their new routines. We're excited to get to know them and support them as they grow and learn.

It's been an exciting week as many classes began their new topics with a range of exciting 'Engage' sessions. These activities are designed to inspire the children and give them a glimpse of what's ahead as they dive into their learning. Be sure to check out the photos later in the newsletter.

After School Clubs for this half term will go live today - please sign up on the school gateway app if you would like your child to attend. I would like to thank the staff who give up their time to run these fantastic extra curricular activities for the children.

Happy Retirement

After many dedicated years of service, we say a heartfelt thank you to Miss Thomas as she retires from BPS. She has been a big part of Brackla Primary School and also at Brackla Junior school for over 32 years. We wish Miss Thomas a happy, healthy, and well-deserved retirement. Diolch yn fawr for everything you have given to our school.



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: [Autumn Humphreys](#), [Grace Hole](#), [Tieraraye Wetton](#), [Olha Goncharova](#), [River-Rae Wetton](#), [Charlie Oliver](#), [Harriet Eynon](#), [Mia Larner](#), [Penny Still](#), [Jaxon Williams](#), [Caitlyn Excell](#).



House Points Winner this week:



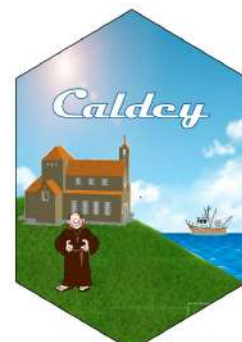
**409
Points**



**378
Points**



**369
Points**



**356
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 (Mrs Whelan)	96.57%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	88.8%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle)	98.52%
1W (Miss Wolfe)	95.77%
2P (Ms Pavitt)	96.67%
2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still)	86.9%
3D (Mrs Delgado)	90.33%
4D (Miss Dawson)	99%
4/5R (Mrs Rees)	100%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	96%
6S (Mrs Stephens)	95.94%



INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:
(1 more inset day to be arranged)

- Friday 2nd October
- Monday 15th February
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

Birthdays this week

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

Kenleigh Fry, Harrison Black, Levi Davies, Frankie-Leigh Davies, Nevaeh Rogers.



Sept 22nd
Individual
photos
Various
prices



w/b Oct 19th
Swimming
week
Year 5
FREE

October 21st
2/3HS & 3D trip
Dan-yr-Ogof
 showcaves
£11

September
Tudor workshops
in school
Y4- Y6
FREE

Dec 8th 2pm
Miss Wolfe's
concert
Tickets £2

December 4th
Christmas
Fayre
Stall costs
and raffle



Nov 13th
Children In
need
Donations

Dec 9th 2pm
Mrs Bartle's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 9th 10am
Mrs Driscoll's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 8th 10am
Mrs Whelan's
concert
Tickets £2

Dec 14th
Christmas Discos
Rec - Y2 £3
Y3 - Y6 £2 & tuck
money



Dec 17th
Christmas parties
Bring a plate of
food



Dec 16th
Christmas
Jumper day -
recycled jumpers
available



Engage Week! - written by Mr Still

At Brackla Primary we have a thematic approach to teaching and largely teach through engaging themes. This term's theme has a humanities focus and children this week have been immersed in their 'engage activities'. I have had the privilege of walking around the school this week during these activities and the children have been thoroughly enjoying learning about their new topics for the next few months.

Look out for a 'Feedback Friday' post on Seesaw to chat to your child about what they have learned in their new topic.



We are
history
detectives!



Engage Week!

Reception and Rec/Year 1 Engage Day - written by Mrs Driscoll

We had a very exciting start to our new topic, Time Travellers, when we received a surprise delivery of an empty suitcase, a Time Machine and a letter from Captain Time asking for our help! He had left us a trail of clues, so we made our own binoculars and set off exploring to find them. Once we had collected all the clues, we placed them in the suitcase and worked together to solve the mystery and discover what Captain Time needed us to learn about. We had great fun exploring and were very clever clue solvers!



Engage Week! - Y4, Y5 & Y6



The Roaring 1920's



Nursery New Starters - written by Miss Steel

This week we welcomed our very youngest and newest pupils to the school. It has been a pleasure getting to know them whilst they have been exploring all of the different areas, inside and outside. The children have coped wonderfully with the transition and we are very excited for the year ahead. Da iawn Nursery, what a fantastic week you have had.



Brynteg French Lesson

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a French lesson led by Madame Vickers. Through language games, the children demonstrated excellent participation and enthusiasm as they began exploring French. Madame Vickers was thoroughly impressed with everyone's effort. *Très bien*, Year 6 - keep up the brilliant work!



SCHOOL CLUBS **(Week beginning 14.09.26)**

TUESDAY

Gardening
(Max 12)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 3 - 6

Mrs Whelan

Choir
(Max 30)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 3 - 6

Miss Dawson

WEDNESDAY

Sewing Bee
(Max 10)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 4 - 6

Mrs Delgado
Mrs Driscoll

Netball
(Max 20)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 4 - 6

Mrs Hunter

THURSDAY

Card Swapping
(Max 20)

3.15pm - 4pm

Years 3 - 6

Mrs Hayter
(Bring your football,
Pokemon or Jurassic
World cards to swap
with your friends)



**BRING
BOOST
TO LIFE!**

We're looking for parents with a skill, passion or idea to lead a BOOST session, supported by a member of staff. You could share almost anything - a hobby, talent, career, craft or something you love!

Scan the QR code to find out more.



SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB

Is back! Save a little, every week

Looking after money is a skill for life. Our club helps children build the savings habit early — in school, with a little help from each other.

Our savings day is every...

THURSDAY

How it works

- Save as much or as little as you like — it all adds up.
- Every saver gets their own savings book, wallet and piggy bank.
- Collections happen in school, every week, with the children helping to run the club.
- Withdraw online or by handing a Withdrawal Form to the Savings Club.

What is a Credit Union?

A not-for-profit financial co-operative, owned and controlled by its members. Credit Unions are regulated like banks, so your money is protected — and savings earn an annual dividend.

Bridgend Lifesavers has served the area since 2004 and now runs 18 school savings schemes across Bridgend County Borough.



How do we join?

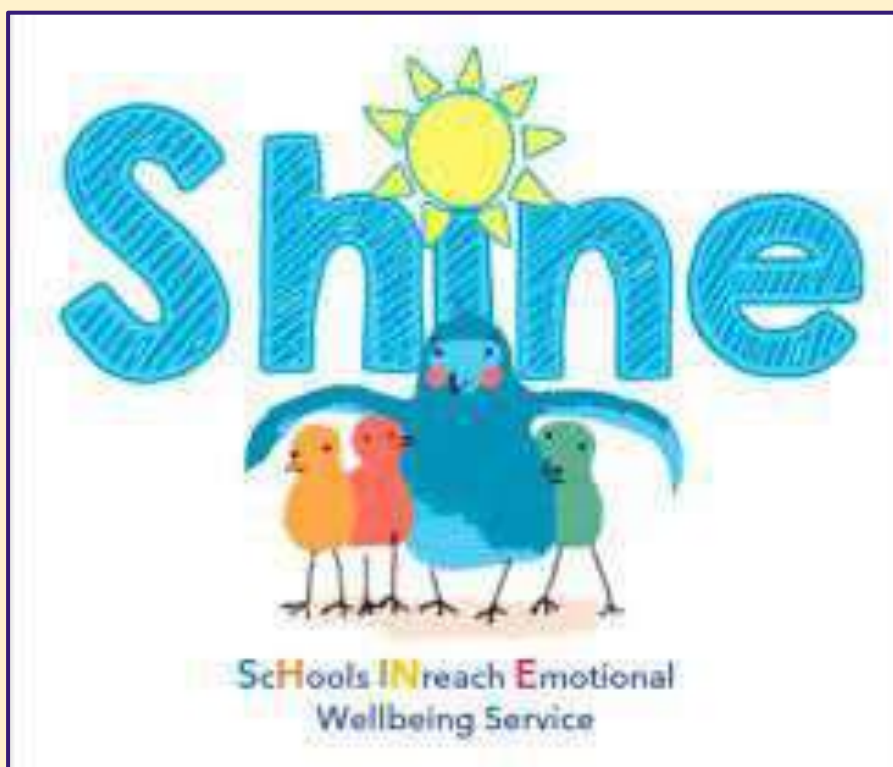
New savers: sign up any time. Fill in the online form at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com or return a paper application to school. Your child gets a wallet, paying-in book and piggy bank, and can start saving straight away.

Already a member? Nothing to do — just keep saving. Lost a paying-in book? We'll issue a new one with the balance up to date.

www.bridgendschoolsavings.com

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Wellbeing Update



We're delighted to share that Clare Blakemoore, (Emotional Wellbeing Practitioner from the SHINE team), is back with us this autumn term at Brackla Primary. The SHINE team continues to work in partnership with our school to promote a whole-school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing. As part of this ongoing support, she will once again be offering guidance and practical support for families.

This term, she will be holding **1-to-1 parent sessions every Tuesday afternoon**, offering tailored advice around challenging behaviour, emotional regulation, and general wellbeing.

If you would like to book a 1-to-1 session, please speak to Mrs Kelland, our Family Engagement Officer, or email her at familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk

Alongside these sessions, Clare will also be delivering one-off workshops over the next few weeks.

Please keep an eye on your emails and the school newsletter for sign-up links - these sessions will be extremely helpful for families.

Safeguarding at Brackla Primary School

The Safeguarding leads at the school are Mrs Baldridge, 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.

Pantri

Our BPS Pantri is open to all families every Tuesday from **2.45pm–3pm** during term time. Fresh deliveries arrive each week, so the items change but the value stays great. Please note that due to rising supplier costs, it's now **£3 to fill a bag**. Bring your own bag, pop by, and pick up a brilliant bargain.



PANTRI

Every Tuesday

2.45pm–3pm

£3.00 to fill up a bag

Deliveries arrive every week, so the items will vary but the value won't. Bring your own bag and grab a great deal.

- Tinned food
- Pasta
- Fruit and vegetable
- Fridge food
- Toiletries
- Rice

The Pantri is open to all families at BPS

We have a donation trolley near the office that we use throughout the year and we want to say a huge thank you for all the wonderful contributions you've made - from Pantri donations to Harvest, Christmas and Noah's Ark. Your generosity has made such a difference. We'll be using the trolley again this year and to kick things off we're collecting **toiletries and cleaning supplies** for our Pantry. Any donation, big or small, is greatly appreciated.



Product of the MONTH

TOILETRIES & CLEANING SUPPLIES

Item ideas:

- Fairy liquid
- Toothpaste
- Soap
- Shower gel
- Deodorant
- Anti bac spray
- Shampoo & Conditioner

Thank you for supporting our BPS Pantri

September

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Sept-Dec

2026

EVERY
FRIDAY

TOTS OF FUN- 9AM-10.30AM

Join us every Friday from 9am-10:30am for singing with Larry the Lion, toys, biscuits, cuppas and friendly chats – just £1 per family, no sign-up needed, so pop along and join the fun.

EVERY
MONDAY

POP UP AT THE POD- 3PM

Whether you need advice, support, a friendly face or simply a cuppa, come and say hello to Mrs Kelland – no appointment needed, just pop up!

THURS
1ST
OCT

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: 2PM ONWARDS

Raise a mug for a great cause! Pop along from 2pm for tasty treats, tea, coffee and friendly chats – with optional donations supporting Macmillan. Babies and toddlers very welcome.

THURS
20TH
OCT

AUTUMN ADVENTURES 2PM-3PM & 3.15PM-4.15PM

The Great Photo Scavenger Hunt! Grab your camera and join us for a fun autumn adventure as you find, spot and SNAP your way through a series of challenges! Sign-up required – more information coming soon!

WED
25TH
NOV

WREATH MAKING PM- TIME TO BE CONFIRMED

Wreath Making Workshop is back – this time in the evening! Join us for a cosy festive evening of Christmas music, nibbles and crafting. Places are limited, with more information and sign-up details coming soon!

THURS
10TH
DEC

AUTUMN ADVENTURES 2PM-3PM & 3.15PM-4.15PM

Get into the festive spirit with a fun-filled family event packed with Christmas crafts, festive games, music and plenty of Christmas magic! Spaces are limited and sign-up is required – more information coming soon!

**Education, Early Years
and Young People**
Direct line: 01656 642622
Ask for: Pupil Services
Our ref:
Your ref:

Date: 1 September 2026

Dear parent/carers

Admission to secondary schools in Bridgend - Year 7 (September 2027)

This letter contains important information for parents and carers of **all** pupils currently in Year 6 of primary or junior school.

If your child is due to transfer from a primary or junior school to Year 7 at a secondary school in Bridgend for September 2027, you **must** complete a school admission application.

You are able to apply online. If you have already signed up to 'My Account' on the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) website, you will need to log in and you can then complete an online application for a secondary school place.

If you have not already signed up to My Account, you can create your account from the Bridgend County Borough Council website. All you need is an email address.

It is quick and easy to apply for a Year 7 secondary school place through My Account and you can have peace of mind knowing that your application has been received because once you have submitted the application, this will be indicated in your My Account summary information.

The online application works equally well on PC, tablet device or mobile phone.

Before you complete an application, please read the documents on the website:

www.bridgend.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The application form is also available as a hardcopy upon request, either from your local school or from the council on telephone number 01656 642622.

The online application will be available through My Account from Monday, **14 September 2026 at 10am**. Please note that the deadline date for completed applications is **Saturday, 31 October 2026 at 4pm**. Failure to submit an application by this date and time may result in your child being refused a place at the school of your choice.

All parents/carers have the right to express a preference for the school they wish their child to attend. In most cases, parents/carers are happy to choose their nearest suitable English-

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medium (also known as the catchment school), Ysgol Gyfun Gymraeg Llangynwyd as the nearest Welsh-medium school, or Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School as the nearest faith school.

If you are successful in applying for a place at a school that is not your child's nearest suitable school, the Council **will not** provide free transport, irrespective of the distance from home to the school.

The Home-to-School Transport Policy is available from:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-transport/>

Where a school is oversubscribed, that is, the demand for places is greater than the number of places available, the council will apply its oversubscription criteria to allocate the places available. The council's School Admissions Policy 2027-2028 identifies the full list of oversubscription criteria. **It is strongly recommended that you select other schools as your second and third preference schools. Limiting your choice to just one school does not improve your prospects of gaining a place for your child in that school.** This can be the nearest suitable school for your child or another school. Please note that there is no automatic right for pupils with siblings in a school to be allocated a place at that school.

Every parent/carer who is applying for a Year 7 place for September 2027 for a child must record the current address at which their child is ordinarily resident on the application form. When processing the application, the council will check the child's place of ordinary residence against the records held by the child's school (if applicable). In addition, council tax records for the applicant will be checked.

If an applicant is not registered for council tax at the address of ordinary residence recorded in the application form, the applicant **must** supply documentation **with** the application form that evidences the child's place of ordinary residence. If the council is not satisfied by any evidence provided by the applicant and there is ongoing doubt about the child's place of ordinary residence, the council reserves the right to undertake further checks and/or seek further verification from the applicant. This will be to assist in the prevention and detection of address fraud for the purpose of gaining an unfair advantage in the school application system.

If you are considering applying for a secondary school in another council's area (for example, in Rhondda Cynon Taff) you **must also apply to that local authority directly for a Year 7 place for your child** and you must also ensure that you fully understand the implications of doing so.

Although parents/carers may express a preference to apply for their child to attend any school, there are often policy implications in doing so, in particular whether school transport to that school will be provided by either BCBC or the other council. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to check their child's eligibility for school transport prior to applying for any school.

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Text relay: Put 18001 before any of our phone numbers for the text relay service

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Rhwch wybod i ni os mai Cymraeg yw eich dewis iaith.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh. Please let us know if your language choice is Welsh.

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The council's 'Starting School' Prospectus 2027-2028, which outlines the admissions policy and provides other information in relation to the services provided for children and parents/carers, is available on <https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-admission-to-school/>

The school admission policies and starting school prospectuses for other councils are available on their websites.

If you should require further, specific information in relation to the admissions process, please email pupilservices@bridgend.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

Robin Davies
Group Manager (Strategy, Performance and Support)