Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Respect

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

Dear all,

Thank you to everyone that has been supporting us with our Harvest donations for FareShare. The trolley in the foyer has been getting fuller each day, and we will be holding our Harvest assembly next Thursday. Therefore, if you have any last minute donations, we would be grateful if you could give them to your child/drop them into the trolley in the main foyer by Tuesday. Thank you for your support.

We will be sending out details for our parent/carer meetings taking place after half term, so please keep an eye out for the communication to state whether you want a telephone call or a face to face meeting. Meetings will be taking place between Monday 9th November - Thursday 19th November.

Parent & Community Governor Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for both Parent Governors and Community Governors. Governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school to ensure the best outcomes for all pupils.

What does the Governing Body do?

- Supports the school's vision and strategic direction
- Holds school leaders to account
- Oversees school finances

Time Commitment

Governors attend at least four meetings per year, plus committee meetings where relevant. Papers are read in advance, and governors visit school during the day as part of their monitoring role.

Parent Governors – How to Apply

All parents/carers are eligible. If we receive multiple applications, a ballot will be held.
Please submit by **Wednesday 4th November.** :

- Your name, address, email, phone number
- Your child's name and class
- A brief statement (max. 100 words) explaining your interest

Thank you for taking the time to consider this vacancy.

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:
Ellie Evans, Iwan Taylor, Kathryn Davies, William Butler, Harry Joseph, Winnie Treharne, Dylan Lewis, Brychan Williams, Archie Stephens, Imogen Blank, Kobey Rees.



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:

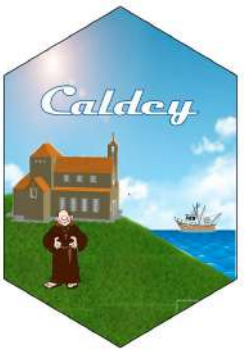
Nursery (Mrs Whelan)	87.95%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	92%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle)	97.78%
1W (Miss Wolfe)	94.23%
2P (Ms Pavitt)	98.15%
2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still)	89.64%
3D (Mrs Delgado)	96.33%
4D (Miss Dawson)	93.92%
4/5R (Mrs Rees)	95.71%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	92.76%
6S (Mrs Stephens)	95%



House Points Winner this week:



447 Points



442 Points



389 Points



367 Points

What's On in Autumn A 2026

Please take a look below at what is coming up in Autumn Term A - these dates will be added to as the half term goes on.

Date	Event	Additional details
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd October	Swimming week	Year 5
Tuesday 20th October	Autumn Adventures with Mrs Kelland	More details to follow soon
Wednesday 21st October	Trip to Dan Yr Ogof Caves	2/3HS & 3D
Thursday 22nd October	Brynteg Open Evening	4pm - 6.30pm (Years 5 & 6)
Friday 23rd October	Last day in school	
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term	School closed
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school	

INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

- Monday 15th February
- Friday 28th May
- Monday 19th July
- Tuesday 20th July

Birthdays this week

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

Jack Coxon, Harrison Evans, Ioan Perry, Rosie Jackson, Nadia Moryto, Kascey Nutting, Emily Richards, Lyla Marshall, Hallie Evans, Alex Robinson, Brayden Coyle, Anna Hamel.



1W & 2P - Working in the Coal Mine - *written by Miss Wolfe*

1W and 2P took on the role of working as a child in the coal mines. First, we carried the coal around the trim trail in buckets and wheelbarrows without touching the ground. This took lots of teamwork! Next, we took the coal cart around the grass and up the hill with some pushing and pulling. Then, we transported the coal in buckets across the pulley system, making sure no coal gets dropped using team effort. Finally, we hoisted the bucket of coal up to the top of the basketball fence and slowly lowered it back down. A hard days work!











Harvest Collection - *written by Miss Dawson*

A huge thank you to everyone who has generously donated to the Harvest Collection! Our wonderful Senedd members have been hard at work collecting, sorting and organising all of the donations that have come into school so far.

We are still welcoming donations! If you would like to contribute, please place your items in the collection trolley located in the school reception area or take your donations into class.







w/b Oct 19th
Swimming week
Year 5
FREE

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



Nov 13th
Children In need
Donations

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

December 4th
Christmas Fayre
Stall costs and raffle

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

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

Dec 9th 10am
Mrs Driscoll'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



Wellbeing Update



Thank you to all the families who attended Clare's workshops over the past few weeks—we hope you found them beneficial!

The SHINE team continues to partner with our school to promote a whole-school approach to emotional and mental wellbeing, offering ongoing guidance and practical support for our families.

This term, Clare Blakemore will be hosting 1-to-1 parent sessions every other Tuesday afternoon, providing tailored advice on managing challenging behavior, 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 contact her by email at familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk.

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.

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GREAT NEWS FOR FAMILIES!

WELSH GOVERNMENT-FUNDED CHILDCARE IS EXPANDING ACROSS ALL POSTCODES





ALL FAMILIES CAN NOW APPLY FOR UP TO 12.5 HOURS FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR TWO- TO THREE-YEAR-OLDS.

MORE FAMILIES * MORE SUPPORT *MORE OPPORTUNITIES

FROM 2 NOVEMBER 2026, THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES INCLUDING THOSE LIVING IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

BROADLANDS	PENCOED	PENYFAI
LITCHARD	MERTHYR MAWR	BRACKLA
LALESTON	OLDCASTLE	BRYNTIRION

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY VIA THE QR CODE BELOW IN READINESS FOR FUNDING TO START 2 NOVEMBER.





NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Childcare Access and Sufficiency Team:

flyingstart@bridgend.gov.uk

TÎM GOFAL PLANT CHILDCARE TEAM
PEN-Y-BONT BRIDGEND

Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr
BRIDGEND
County Borough Council

We are supporting Fareshare and would be so grateful if your child could bring any items from the list below for our school Pantri.

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS

Please bring items in by
Monday 19th October

Nursery & 2P- Any tinned food

Reception & 5/6 H- pasta

Reception/Year 1 & 4/5R - rice

1W & 4D- Cereal

2/3HS & 3D- Toiletries

6S- household cleaning products

Please drop your donations into the trolley at the office or hand to the class teacher

Autumn Adventures - *written by Mrs Kelland*

Ready for an outdoor adventure? Wrap up warm and join us for our Autumn Adventures event featuring a fun seasonal craft and an exciting great photo scavenger hunt (the hunt is outdoors, weather permitting!). To help cover costs we are charging £1 per child and you can sign up now via the school gateway app under payments.



Wreath Making Workshop - *written by Mrs Kelland*

CHRISTMAS IS COMING- only 11 weeks to go!!! You can now sign up for the adult only wreath making workshop via the school gateway app under payments. See below the details. Your booking includes all the materials you'll need to create a lovely festive wreath to take home, plus plenty of light refreshments to keep us going and yes, there will be a mince pie or two!

Please note: Spaces are limited and this is a strictly adult only workshop due to all the equipment that will be around the room- including hot glue guns! Looking forward to getting all creative and Christmassy with you all.



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Oct-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!
TUES 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	**FESTIVE FUN 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!

→ FAMILYENGAGEMENT@BRACKLAPRIMARY.CO.UK

MRS KELLAND