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 wrap up a jam-packed eight weeks, thank you to all of our parents, carers, and families for your support throughout this half term. It has been an busy final week, with 4/5R and Year 5 completing their swimming week (the remainder of Year 4 will go at the end of May), an exciting school trip to Dan yr Ogof, our Autumn Adventures activities for families and our wonderful Harvest assembly.

Looking ahead, we have another action packed seven weeks planned after the break, filled with the conclusion of our learning topics, parent/carer meetings, and all of our festive Christmas activities, so please keep a close eye on diary dates so you don't miss anything Finally, a special thank you to our dedicated staff team for their flexibility and hard work over these busy weeks, as well as to our supply staff for stepping in seamlessly to keep everything running smoothly. Wishing you all a restful and happy half-term break!

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: Myah Wilson, Mason Sylvester, Akil Singhage, Ariyah Richards, Jack Jenkins, Tilly Parker, Edith Lewis, Coco Jones, John-Paul Jenkins, Grace Stovell, Orion Stanford.



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)	85.14%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	88%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle)	91.48%
1W (Miss Wolfe)	88.08%
2P (Ms Pavitt)	91.43%
2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still)	89.64%
3D (Mrs Delgado)	95.33%
4D (Miss Dawson)	95.95%
4/5R (Mrs Rees)	94.64%
5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter)	92.07%
6S (Mrs Stephens)	95%



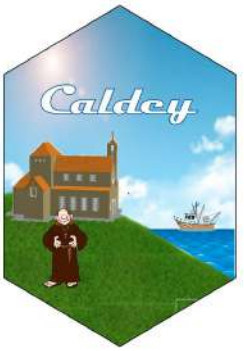
House Points Winner this week:



385 Points



339 Points



332 Points



327 Points

Birthdays this week

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



Rosie Black, Rhys Evans, Autumn Humphries, Navayah Richards, Tommy Smith, Jindrich Spivak, Max Watkins.

Birthdays during the half term holiday:
Jackson Payne, Mia Sanders, Diana Moryto, Jasmine Tucker, Carwen Sokolowski.

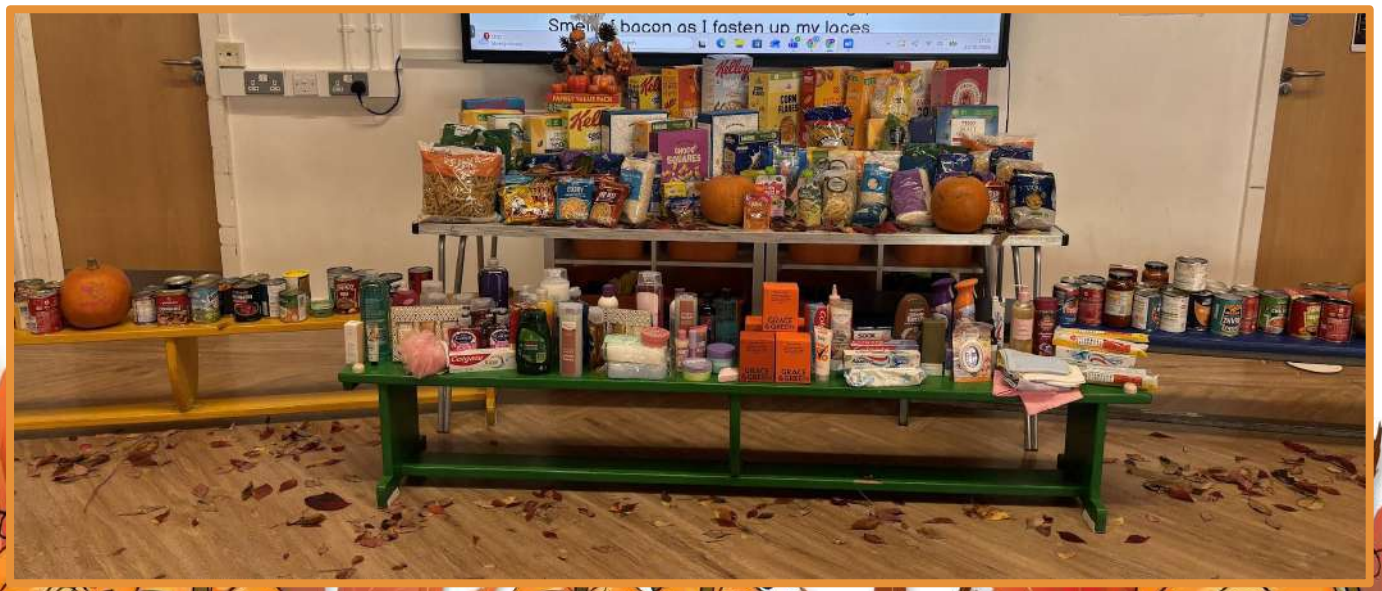
INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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

All things Autumn - *Written by Mrs Kelland*

It's been a busy, autumn-filled week at school. On Tuesday, we had a fantastic time at our Autumn Adventures event (be sure to check out the family newsletter for plenty of photos) and yesterday the children enjoyed a fun-filled Harvest Assembly. We explored the idea of thankfulness using a balloon static electricity demonstration: while you can't see thankfulness, you can always see its amazing effects - a single "thank you" can light up a room and spread happiness like magic! A heartfelt thank you for the incredible amount of donations brought in for Harvest; your generosity was overwhelming and will be a huge support to many families in our local community.



What a wonderful half term in the garden - ***written by Mrs Whelan***

Autumn is upon us but the mild weather has helped many of our plants and vegetables to keep growing and flowering.

Just look at our amazing harvest. We've gathered courgettes, tomatoes, cucumbers, beans, potatoes, beetroot and even pumpkins.

A huge well done to all our fantastic young gardeners for digging watering and taking such wonderful care of our raised beds and plants in the polytunnel. We are very proud of everything you have achieved so far.





Bridgend Cross Country Race - ***written by Mrs Stephens***

Last Saturday, some of the children in years 3-6 represented our school in the first Bridgend Cross Country race of the season. All of the children ran extremely well with lots of great sportsmanship shown. I was very proud of each and every one of them. The next race is Saturday 14th November at Brynteg Comprehensive School. All children in years 3-6 are welcome to meet there at 9:30am for a 10am race start.



Netball Tournament - ***written by Mrs Hunter***

Last Friday, our netball team participated in their first tournament of the season which took place in Litchard Primary School. The team played a total of seven matches, winning five of them and scoring a staggering 38 goals. A massive thank you to their coach Mrs Hunter and to the whole team for their efforts and sportsmanship. Well done everyone!



School football team - *written by Mr Still*

Last Friday the school picked a team of Y5 and Y6 children who had expressed interest in playing football for the school this year and had demonstrated super behaviour and attitude throughout the Autumn term so far. We walked down to Penybont Primary for our first matches of the year where we won 2 games and lost 2 games. Well done to all who showed a super attitude and excellent teamwork.

There will be more boys trials and therefore potential more regular after-school training during the Spring term. There will also be separate girls trials and matches this year with more information coming after half-term.



Children in Need 2026

This year we will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 13th November. Children can come to school wearing something yellow or spotty. We will be accepting donations either on the school gateway app or cash to your child's teacher.



Dan yr Ogof Caves - ***written by Mr Still***

This week, classes 2/3HS and 3D went on a school trip to Dan yr Ogof caves as part of our humanities topic. It was a fantastic day full of brand new experiences for many, starting with an exciting bus journey. Once, we arrived we walked through the dinosaur trail where lots of children were able to name some of the dinosaurs and link it to our previous learning. We were also able to look though some of the fantastic caves, spotting the unique rock formations. The children's behaviour was fantastic and it was a unanimous success of a day.













BOOST

What an action-packed start to our autumn cycle of BOOST! Our pupils have been busy trying out everything from hockey, tennis and bike riding to board games and dance.

We are always looking to enrich our pupils' experiences. If you could spare a little time or expertise in future terms to support our BOOST activities, please get in touch with the school office—we would love to hear from you!


















Multiplication









What's On in Autumn B 2026

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

Date	Event	Additional details
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October	Half term	School closed
Monday 2nd November	Children return to school	
Wednesday 4th November	Reading meeting @ 2.30pm	Year group Reception
Monday 9th November	Parent meetings	4D & 4/5R
Tuesday 10th November	Parent meetings	5/6H & 6S
Wednesday 11th November	Parent meetings	Reception & R/Y1
Thursday 12th November	Parent meetings	1W & 2P
Friday 13th November	Children In Need	Wear something yellow or spotty
Tuesday 17th November	Parent meetings	Nursery (pm)
Wednesday 18th November	Parent meetings	Nursery
Thursday 19th November	Parent meetings	2/3HS & 3D
Wednesday 25th November	Wreath making workshop	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Elf Show	Nursery & Reception
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fayre	1.30pm - 4pm
Tuesday 8th December	Christmas concerts (more details to follow)	Nursery - 10am 1W - 2pm
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas concerts (more details to follow)	Reception - 10am R/Y1 - 2pm
Thursday 10th December	Festive Fun with Mrs Kelland (more details to follow)	2pm - 3pm 3.15pm - 4.15pm
Friday 11th December	Christmas Pantomime Beauty & The Beast	Years 1 - 6 £15 - sign up on school gateway app
Monday 14th December	Christmas Disco	Rec - Yr 2 (3.15pm - 4pm) £3 Years 3 - 6 (4.15pm - 5.15pm) £2
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas dinner Christmas jumper day	Whole school
Thursday 17th December	Santa visits Brackla Class parties	Whole school

Nov 13th
Children In need
Donations

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



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

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

December 4th
Christmas Fayre
Stall costs and raffle

Dec 9th 2pm
Mrs Bartle'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.

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

Nov-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!
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