# Brackla Primary School

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## Brackla Bulletin 576 (06.11.26)

Value of the month: Kindness

RRS - Article 12: Your right to say what you think should happen and be listened to

Dear all,

Welcome back to the first week after half term. I hope you all had a restful break and are feeling refreshed and are looking forward to the next seven weeks. Our days will be packed with activity as the children finish up their current learning topics, alongside key events including parent and carer meetings, Enterprise Week, our Christmas Fayre, festive concerts, and all of the usual Christmas fun. Keep an eye out for further details and dates over the coming weeks, and thank you as always for your ongoing support as we head into this final stretch of the term.

### Breakfast Club Update and Reminders

Thank you to all our families for your wonderful support of our Breakfast Club. Due to high demand, we are pleased to share that we have slightly increased our capacity.

To help everything run smoothly and safely, please keep the following reminders in mind:

- **Bookings:** Please continue to book your child's place in advance if you would like them to attend.
- **Cancellations:** If your child no longer requires their spot, please cancel your booking as early as possible so the place can be released to another family. This can be done by contacting the school office.
- **Adult Accompaniment (Years 1–4):** Children in Years 1 to 4 must be accompanied by an adult when arriving at Breakfast Club.
- **Parking:** Please do not park inside the school grounds due to very limited space. We ask that all parents and carers park safely off site when dropping off.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

### 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: Wren Gregory, Delilah Griffiths, Aliyanna Jones, Esmeray Arif, Rosie Jackson, Raffy Summers, Ava James, Riley-James Young,Rory Benson, Emily Brewer, Annie Bebb.

### Congratulations

Well done to Mia James in 5/6H for donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. Mia raised just under £800 - a staggering amount of money. A very worthy cause - well done Mia!



## 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:

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| Nursery (Mrs Whelan) | 90.61% |
| Reception (Mrs Driscoll) | 90.20% |
| Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Bartle) | 92.96% |
| 1W (Miss Wolfe) | 98.46% |
| 2P (Ms Pavitt) | 93.08% |
| 2/3HS (Miss Helm/Mr Still) | 91.43% |
| 3D (Mrs Delgado) | 98.67% |
| 4D (Miss Dawson) | 94.59% |
| 4/5R (Mrs Rees) | 92.50% |
| 5/6HJ (Mrs Hayter) | 94.48% |
| 6S (Mrs Stephens) | 97.19% |




## House Points Winner this week:



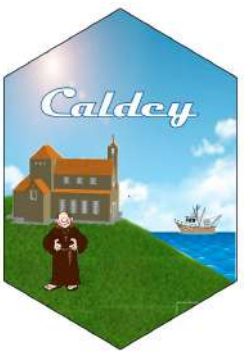

461 Points




426 Points




425 Points




403 Points

## Reception Admissions for September 2027

Please note that you are required to submit an admission application for a Reception place at a primary or infant school in September 2027 for your child/ren.

For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, who will be starting a Reception class in September 2027, the timing of the admission round is as follows:

| Action | Date |
|---|---|
| Opening date for submission of applications | 10am on **Monday, 9 November 2026** |
| Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority | 4pm on **Friday, 15 January 2027** |

It is important that an application for a Reception place **must be submitted,** as there is no automatic admission to any primary school.

Please contact the school office if you require any further information.

## 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.




## Birthdays this week

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

Hallie Latham, Beatrix Porch, Harry Blank, Rogan Goule.



**Outdoor Play - Reception and Year 1** - ***written by Miss Carbis***

We have been busy outdoors this week! Inspired by The Gruffalo, the children enjoyed exploring the Wild, spotting signs of autumn, looking at the changing colours of the leaves and creating their own nature crowns. They also became little Gruffalo chefs, using mud and natural materials to make imaginative pies, cakes, soups and stews while practising their bossy verbs! We went on a special adventure around our school, discovering interesting places, finding hidden Gruffalo characters and talking about the different areas and what makes our school special. There has been lots of exploring, creativity, discussion and outdoor fun!













# 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 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<br>(more details to follow) | Nursery - 10am, 1W - 2pm |
| Wednesday 9th December | Christmas concerts<br>(more details to follow) | Reception - 10am, R/Y1 - 2pm |
| Thursday 10th December | Festive Fun with Mrs Kelland | 2pm - 3pm, 3.15pm - 4.15pm |
| Friday 11th December | Christmas Pantomime<br>Beauty & The Beast | Years 1 - 6<br>£15 - sign up on school gateway app |
| Monday 14th December | Christmas Disco | Rec - Yr 2 (3.15pm - 4pm) £3<br>Years 3 - 6 (4.15pm - 5.15pm) £2 |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas dinner<br>Christmas jumper day | Whole school |
| Thursday 17th December | Santa visits Brackla<br>Class parties | Whole school |

## INSET Dates

The INSET dates for this year are as follows:

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

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



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# NURSERY OPEN HOUR





HAPPY TOGETHER



LEARNING FOREVER





- ✓ Visit the nursery class
- ✓ Meet the staff
- ✓ See around the school
- ✓ Ask any questions

**Monday 16th November**

**3.30PM-4.30PM**

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for more info
01656 815570

visit us
https://www.bracklaprimary.co.uk/

**Contact the school to confirm your attendance**

# 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...** There's still time to secure your spot for our Christmas Wreath Making Workshop! You can book via the School Gateway app under the Payments section. Thinking of coming on your own? Please do! It's a wonderfully warm, relaxed and friendly space, making it a great way to meet others while getting into the festive spirit.

Your booking includes all the materials needed to create a beautiful festive wreath to take home, along with light refreshments (and yes, definitely a Christmas goodie or two!).

Please note: This is a strictly adult-only workshop due to the equipment being used, including hot glue guns.

We can't wait to get creative and celebrate the season with you!



FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

# Upcoming Events

Nov-Dec

2026

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| EVERY FRIDAY | **TOTS OF FUN- 9AM-10.30AM**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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**<br>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! |
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→ FAMILYENGAGEMENT@BRACKLAPRIMARY.CO.UK

MRS KELLAND