



Brackla Primary School

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Value of the month: Friendship

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

Dear all,

Welcome back to the new school year - I hope you have enjoyed the summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm and smiles this week. The school has been buzzing with energy as we settle into our routines and reconnect with friends and learning.

This term our whole school Humanities based topic is called 'Heroes' and each class has a subtopic within this theme. To find out more about what your child's class is learning, please take a look at their Class Placemat which were emailed this week. They give a great overview of the key learning areas and activities planned for the term

Please remember to keep an eye on diary dates and forthcoming events—there's lots to look forward to this term, starting with a few school trips next week.

Key Reminders:

Nut-Free School: Please remember that we are a nut-free school due to children with severe allergies. We kindly ask that no nut products are brought into school in lunchboxes or snacks. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe.

PE Kit Expectations: Children are welcome to wear their PE kit to school on PE days, but we kindly ask for your support in ensuring they follow the correct kit:

- White t-shirt
- School jumper or cardigan
- Black shorts or black joggers
- Appropriate footwear for physical activity

Last year, we noticed that standards around PE kit began to slip, so this year we are reinforcing expectations. Your support in helping us maintain a smart and consistent appearance is greatly appreciated.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for your child's success. When children attend school consistently, they benefit from continuous learning, build strong relationships with their friends and staff, and develop routines that support lifelong habits. Missing even a few days can lead to gaps in understanding and make it harder to keep up with their learning. At Brackla Primary, we know that good attendance helps children achieve their full potential—academically, socially, and emotionally. That's why we work closely with families to support and encourage excellent attendance every day.

Here's how you can support good school attendance:

- **Establish a consistent morning routine** to help your child arrive at school on time and ready to learn.
- **Avoid taking holidays during term time**—even short breaks can disrupt learning.
- **Schedule medical and dental appointments** outside school hours whenever possible.
- **Inform the school on the first day of absence** and keep us updated if your child is unwell.
- **Talk positively about school** and encourage your child to see it as a safe, exciting place to learn and grow.
- **Keep contact details up to date** so we can reach you quickly if needed.
- **Be punctual**—school starts at 8:50am, and arriving late can disrupt your child's learning and confidence.
- **Reach out for support** if you're facing challenges that affect attendance—we are here to help.

Nursery




Snack Time Reminder – Fruit Only

A gentle reminder that snack time at Brackla Primary School is strictly fruit only. This week, we've seen a variety of non-fruit items such as yogurt, chicken bites, pepperoni, and dunkers. While we appreciate the effort to provide tasty snacks, it's essential to remember that many of our children have allergies, food intolerances, and religious dietary requirements.

To ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all, please send only fruit for your child's snack.

Here are some great examples of acceptable fruit snacks:

- Apples (sliced or whole)
- Bananas
- Grapes (cut in half for younger children)
- Pears
- Oranges or easy peelers
- Berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries)
- Melon slices
- Pineapple chunks
- Dried fruit (such as raisins or apricots – in moderation)

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep snack time safe, healthy, and enjoyable for everyone!   

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:

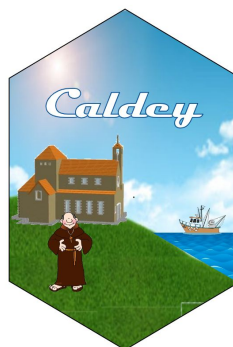
Nursery/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	69.64%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	96.05%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	99.17%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	96.25%
2H (Miss Helm)	95.83%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	98.15%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	98.15%
4D (Miss Dawson)	92.31%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	100%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	99.55%
6S (Mr Still)	98.25%



House Points Winner this week:



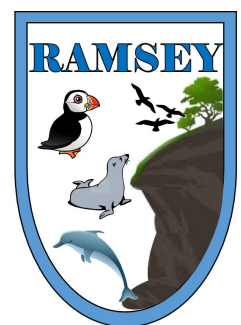
**347
Points**



**335
Points**



**318
Points**



**296
Points**

Here are some of the activities we've got planned for this term, along with any costs you might want to keep in mind...

School Trips...

1/2D - St Fagans (Sept 9th) £10

5/6H & 6S Swansea Museum (Sept 10th) (£7)

4D & 5S Swansea Museum (Sept 11th) (£7)



Individual photos
Sept 23rd
Various prices



Christmas Fayre
Dec 12th
Stall costs and raffle

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



BOOST off site activities -
FREE!

November 21st
Children In need
Donations



Dec 3rd
Nursery concert
Y1 concert
Tickets £2

Dec 3rd
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



What's On Autumn Term A

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

Date	Event	Additional details
9th September	1/2D Trip to St Fagans	
10th September	Trip to Swansea War Museum	5/6H and 6S
11th September	Trip to Swansea War Museum	4D and 5S
22nd September	Nursery group photo	Gazette photographer
23rd September	Individual school photographs	
13th - 24th October	Swimming fortnight	Years 5 and 6
24th October	Break up for half term	
Monday 3rd November	INSET Day	
Tuesday 4th November	Children back to school	

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

Birthdays this week

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

Samuel North, Oscar Ford, Teddy Beresford, Isabella Griffiths, Aliyanna Jones, Imogen Blank, Isabella Richards, Tomasz Gorski, Kheelan Rees.



School Clubs

Please take a look at the school clubs on offer this term. If your child would like to take part, please sign up using our electronic booking system on the school gateway app from Monday, (please note that karate is done directly through the instructor Christian Whale). There are a variety of clubs on offer which change on a termly basis. Thank you to all the staff for delivering this term's clubs.

SCHOOL CLUBS

(Week beginning 08.09.25)

TUESDAY

Gardening (Max 12)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Whelan
Craft Club (Max 15)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 & 3	Mrs Ellis
Digital Art (Max 10)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Stephens
Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.45pm	Years 2 - 6	External Provider

WEDNESDAY

Scouts	6pm - 8.45pm		External Provider
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THURSDAY

Netball (Max 20)	12pm - 12.30pm	Years 4 - 6	Mrs Hunter
Dice & Tales (Max 15)	3.15pm - 4pm	Years 2 & 3	Miss Jones
Rangers	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Brackla Rangers	Mr Williams
Karate (charge per session)	3.30pm - 4.45pm	Years 3 - 6	External Provider

Years 3 - 6

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MEMBERSHIP

£20

PER MONTH

KARATE KIDS

Academy

LESSONS ON
THURSDAY
3.30PM - 4.30PM



Christian Whale (Instructor)
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