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Value of the month: Respect

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

Dear all,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. Please take note of the information on pages 3 and 4 about applications for nursery, reception and Year 7 places. The opening dates for Reception and Year 7 places is coming up, so please ensure you get the applications in as soon as possible. If you require any support or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

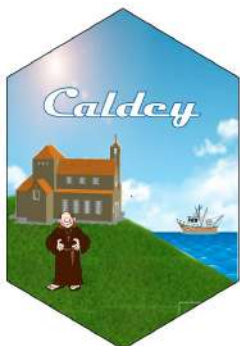
Thank you to everyone that has submitted a 'Get Caught Reading' photo over the last few weeks. They are due to be judged shortly and we will include some photos in next week's newsletter. Our book fayre arrives next week, so please come along and visit. It will be open after school on the 9th - 15th October until 3.45pm.

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: [Fernando Wintermute](#), [Coral Goule](#), [Harper Hampson](#), [Winnie Treharne](#), [Mia Gregory](#), [Dylan Burnell](#), [Darrian Ray-Sims](#), [Ashton Wines](#), [Kobey Rees](#), [Scarlett Nutting](#), [Noah Aydin](#).



House Points Winner this week:



**527
Points**



**516
Points**



**485
Points**



**474
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/Reception (Mrs Whelan)	83.61%
Reception (Mrs Driscoll)	95.09%
Reception/Year 1 (Mrs Ellis)	94.67%
1/2D (Mrs Delgado)	96.33%
2H (Miss Helm)	87.42%
3P (Ms Pavitt)	95.56%
3/4M (Mr M ^c Namara)	95.19%
4D (Miss Dawson)	94.80%
5S (Mrs Stephens)	90.37%
5/6H (Mrs Hayter)	82.14%
6S (Mr Still)	95.17%



Birthdays this week

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

Reuben Lewis, Harper Wilkinson, Henry Jones, Scarlett Nutting, Winnie Treharne, Isaac Sims, Olivia Brooks, Harper Sheldon.



Application for School Admissions

The timing of the admission rounds is as follows:

For children born between **1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023** eligible for a **full-time Nursery** place in a local authority-maintained school starting in September 2026:

FULL TIME NURSERY - September 2026

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am, Monday, 5 January 2026
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm, Friday, 3 April 2026

PART TIME NURSERY (January 2027/April 2027)

For children born between **1 September 2023 and 31 December 2023** eligible for a **part-time place** in a local authority-maintained school starting in **January 2027**, and children born **between 1 January 2024 and 31 March 2024** eligible for a part-time place in a local authority-maintained school starting in **April 2027**:

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am, Monday, 5 January 2026
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm, Friday, 28 August 2026

RECEPTION

If you are the parent/carer of a pupil entering Reception in September 2026, you must complete a school admission application. Even if your child is currently attending Nursery in your preferred school/s, there is no automatic right to a place in Reception.

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10 November 2025 at 10am
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	Friday, 13 February 2026 at 4pm.

Failure to submit an application by the deadline may result in your child being refused a place at the school of your choice.

Application for School Admissions

For children born between **1 September 2014** and **31 August 2015**, transferring from junior/primary school (Year 6) to secondary school (Year 7) in **September 2026**, the timing of the admission round is as follows:

YEAR 7 - September 2026

Action	Date
Opening date for submission of applications	10am on Monday, 13 October 2025
Closing date for receipt of applications by the local authority	4pm on Friday, 16 January 2026

It is important to note that an application for a Year 7 place **must be submitted**. Additionally, that there is no automatic admission to any secondary school, regardless of the primary or junior school that a child currently attends.

Failure to submit an application by the deadline may result in your child being refused a place at the school of your choice.

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,10th, 13th, 14th and 15th October	Book fayre	315pm-3.45pm (small hall)
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

Meet the Librarians! - written by Miss K Davies & Mrs L Davies

We're thrilled to introduce a new opportunity for our children to become Student Librarians! This initiative allows children to take an active role in managing our school libraries - helping with organising shelves, recommending reads to their peers and even planning fun literacy events. Being a librarian nurtures responsibility, teamwork and a love of reading. It's a chance for children to develop leadership skills while contributing to our school community in a meaningful way. We are proud to announce that our school Librarians are Otis Still, Sophia Brooks, Orion Stanford and Hope Cabigting. We can't wait to announce new and exciting bookish events!

 *Meet the Book Nook*

Hope (6S)



Orion (5S)



Librarians

 *Meet the Shark Sub*

Otis (6S)



Sophia (5S)



Librarians



Little Scribes - written by Mrs Hayter

Last week the children in Year 5/6HJ immersed themselves in a writing adventure, working alongside Jen Issac, a visiting publisher from Australia. The children also took part in an interactive online workshop with leading author Jackie French, exploring historical fiction through heroic encounters. By the end of the day they had all proudly mastered techniques for creating historical characters and challenging historical narratives, within the setting of WW1 Belgium. Unlocking author's secrets and beginning their own writing journey, the children are on their way to completing their own short stories, to be collated and published later this year in a digital and printed book, which will be available to purchase. We certainly have some gifted authors in Brackla and can't wait to read the finished stories.



A visit from Mrs Grainger - written by 6S (Ronnie & Otis)

On Friday 26th September we met Mrs Grainger (Mrs Robinson's granny) and she told us about her childhood during World War II, she also told us about rationing on foods and it was only at the end of the war when bread got rationed. Mrs Grainger was born in 1931 and was 7 years old when the war began, she told us about what it was like in an air-raid shelter and she remembers when she was in school and the air-raid siren went off and what her father did in the war effort in WWI & WWII. Her father was a Royal Flying Corps which is now the RAF.

Walk a mile - written by Mr Sobocinski

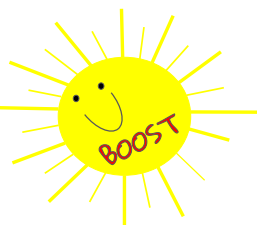
Last week, pupils from Brackla Primary School stepped back in time as they visited the historic Brackla Bunkers — a fascinating local landmark with deep roots in World War II history. Children were captivated as they explored areas where tunnels had been built and learned about the bunkers' role in wartime Britain. With the help of knowledgeable guides, they discovered how the site was once used for storing munitions and protecting vital supplies during air raids.

Our pupils asked thoughtful questions, showed great curiosity, and demonstrated excellent behaviour throughout the walk. Many were especially intrigued by the stories of local people who worked in and around the bunkers and ammunition factory during the war.



Boost - Park Run - written by Miss Helm

Pupils from Year 1 and 2 have had a fabulous time visiting our local park. Their behaviour was excellent and it was a pleasure to see them enjoying the outdoors and forming new friendships.



Miss Thomas: *Finger Print Art*

Years 1&2 (Group D)



Fabulous artwork was created by Group D during the 1st BOOST sessions of the Autumn Term.



Week 1: the children painted a watercolour undersea background.

Week 2: using ink pads and black pens, everyone produced amazing underwater scenes with a fantastic assortment of sea creatures.



Just to clarify this Christmas, children in Progression Step 1 will be performing Christmas concerts:



Dec 3rd 10.00 a.m. **Nursery** Children from Mrs Whelan's class

Dec 4th 10.00 a.m. **Reception** children from Mrs Whelan's, Mrs Driscoll's and Mrs Ellis' class

Dec 3rd 2.00 p.m. **Year 1** children from Mrs Ellis and Mrs Delgado's

Children in Years 2 - 6 (including Mrs Delgado's Y2) will perform for families later in the year.

Christmas Fayre
Dec 12th
Stall costs and raffle

Individual photos
Sept 23rd
Various prices

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

November 21st
Children In need
Donations

BOOST
BOOST off site activities -
FREE!

Dec 3rd
Nursery concert
Y1 concert
Tickets £2

Dec 4th
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



Join us for a session on

GET READY FOR READING!!

Discover practical ways to support your child's reading journey at home. We'll share helpful resources, tips, and guidance to make early reading in Reception fun and effective.

Come along and be part of your child's exciting first steps into the world of reading!

Wednesday 8th October
2.30pm


Don't miss out – let's make reading fun together!

NO SIGN UP REQUIRED



Harvest Celebrations

The whole school will be joining in a joyful Harvest Celebration on Tuesday 21st October, with a beautiful display of donated items from each class. If you'd like to contribute, every class has been invited to bring in specific items, all of which will go towards supporting The Pantri. Donations are completely optional, but if you'd like to take part, please send items in before the celebration so they can be included in the display. Please ensure all food items are in date and unopened. We're really sorry, but we cannot accept any fresh food. Thank you so much for your kindness and support!



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

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

NURSERY & 3P- ANY TINNED FOOD

RECEPTION & 5/6 HJ- PASTA

RECEPTION/YEAR 1 & 5S - RICE

1/2D & 4D- CEREAL

2H & 3/4M- TOILETRIES

6S- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING PRODUCTS

PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATIONS INTO THE TROLLEY
AT THE OFFICE OR HAND TO THE CLASS TEACHER

Upcoming events

We've got a fabulous mix of family engagement events coming your way - some during the day, some after school, and even a few in the evening, so there's something for everyone. Make sure you check your messages and emails for all the exciting details coming soon!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Upcoming Events

Autumn 2025

THURS 16 TH OCT	Autumn Adventures: 3.15pm-4.30pm Families with children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to an after-school celebration filled with seasonal crafts, exciting games, and cozy autumn vibes. Sign up is now open.
THURS 27 TH NOV	Wreath making: 9am-10.30am Adults only and cost involved- limited numbers. More details to follow.
TUES 9 TH DEC	Festive Fun: 3.15pm-4.30pm After school event for families. More details coming soon.
WED 17 TH DEC	BPS Quizmas Cracker- 7pm-8.30pm Evening event for adults only full of festive cheer and fun- more details to follow

→ FAMILYENGAGEMENT@BRACKLAPRIMARY.CO.UK

MRS KELLAND

TOTS OF FUN!!

Calling all Brackla Primary families ... get ready for Tots of Fun! Launching Friday 10th October, 9-10:30am, this brand-new baby and toddler group is your weekly dose of fun, playtime, and connection. This is something new we're trialling, so we'll see how it goes over the next few weeks and review it - your support and feedback will help shape what comes next.

at
BPS

TOTS OF FUN

£1
PER
FAMILY


FRIDAY MORNINGS 9AM-10.30AM

A welcoming toddler group for all Brackla Primary families to bring babies and toddlers, connect with others, enjoy a cuppa and have fun with play, singing and stories.

PLAY, SING & GROW - TOGETHER AT BPS

Join us for an unforgettable Autumn Afternoon of Fun!

Families with children from Nursery to Year 6 are warmly invited to our after-school event filled with seasonal crafts, exciting games, and cozy autumn vibes. It's the perfect way to welcome the season together-laughing, creating, and making memories. Sign up now via the office or email Mrs Kelland to secure your spot and let the fall festivities begin!



AUTUMN ADVENTURES

THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER

3.15PM-4.30PM

CRAFT | GAMES | FUN

SIGN UP AT THE OFFICE

Or email

familyengagement@bracklaprimary.co.uk

SCHOLASTIC

COME TO THE

BOOK FAIR

**9th - 15th
October**

**Breaktimes
and
3:15 - 3:45**

**FILL YOUR
SCHOOL WITH
FREE BOOKS
WHEN YOU BUY
FROM THE
BOOK FAIR***

**LAST YEAR, YOUR
SUPPORT HELPED
TO DONATE OVER**

£5.3M

**IN BOOKS TO
SCHOOLS
NATIONWIDE**

**READING
GIVES YOU
SUPERPOWERS!**



Wellbeing Update

Welcome to the SHINE Padlet



Shine



ScHools INreach Emotional Wellbeing Service

This is an innovative platform that facilitates communication between parents/carers, school staff & external organisations.

It works as an online noticeboard.

Take a look at all our excellent resources, information & signposting.

Please click on the link or scan here to access a wealth of SHINE original resources:

<https://padlet.com/camhsshine1/camhs-shine-whole-school-approach-service-xzhh9qfp7el2sgzc>



GIG
CYMRU
NHS
WALLS

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Cwm Taf Morgannwg
University Health Board

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.

Wellbeing Update



We're delighted to offer a series of parent sessions this term, covering a variety of topics designed to support **emotional wellbeing** and family life. They'll be led by Clare Blakemore from SHINE (Schools Inreach Emotional Wellbeing Service), whose expertise and warmth make these sessions both practical and empowering.

Coffee and tea will be provided!

Sept 18th	2.30	Managing worries
Oct 2nd	2.15	Supporting children with emotional regulation
Oct 9th	2.15	Understanding the spectrum of mental health
Oct 16th	2.15	Promoting positive mental health

These sessions are open to all, and you're welcome to sign up on the School Gateway app



It's not too late to sign up!!

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**BRIDGEND TOWN GIRLS
FOOTBALL CLUB
U9'S & U10'S
GOAL KEEPERS
WANTED**



**GIRLS WILL HAVE
DEDICATED
TRAINING DURING
SOME OF THE
SESSION**

**SCAN THE QR
CODE OR MESSAGE
ON BRIDGEND TOWN
GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB
FACEBOOK PAGE
FOR MORE
INFORMATION**



**WE'RE LOOKING FOR GIRLS "NEW" TO FOOTBALL
AGE U7'S-U10'S (SCHOOL YEARS 2-5)
TO JOIN US NOW FOR THE NEXT BRIDGEND TOWN
GIRLS FOOTBALL CLUB PRODUCTION....**

STARRING

Your
DAUGHTER

Her
FRIEND

My
NIECE

New
BESTIE

Next
SOCCER STAR



A FILM BY BRIDGEND TOWN GIRLS FC

**FIELD OF
HER
DREAMS**

'THE GIRLS SOCCER DREAM'



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