

St. Brendan's Primary School – Homework Review Update November 2025

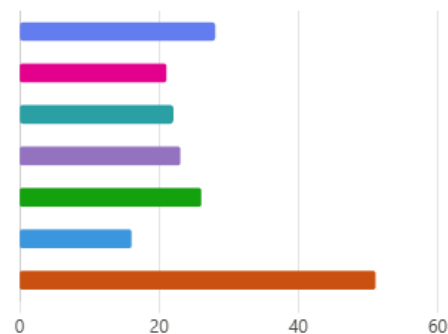
Dear parent/carer,

As you know, last session we carried out a review of our current approaches to Homework. Pupils, parents and staff were involved in this consultation. The findings of our consultation are shown below:

Pupils

35% of pupils completed the survey and of that 43% agreed with weekly homework. When asked about the types of tasks which children preferred pupils stated the following:

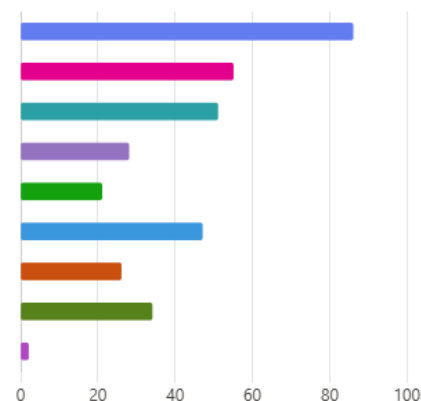
● Reading	28
● Active spelling	21
● Written spelling	22
● active maths	23
● written maths	26
● research	16
● online games/activities	51



Parents

A total of 106 parents completed our survey across all stages of the school. Of the 106 parents participating in the review 58% of parents agreed with weekly homework. Parents were also asked about the types of tasks they feel benefit their child's learning and the results are as follows:

● reading	86
● written maths	55
● written spelling	51
● active maths	28
● active spelling	21
● online activities & games	47
● 'flipped' learning/research	26
● topic based homework/model making	34
● Other	2



48% of parents felt that St. Brendan's needed to make changes to the Homework policy.

Staff

Throughout term 3 of session 2024-25, staff kept a record of the pupils who were completing homework on a weekly basis. The results of this are as follows:

Homework completion average for Term 3		
P2 – 7 out of 20	P3/2 – 6.5 out of 18	P3 – 10.6 out of 21
P4 – 12.6 out of 25	P5/4 – 7.6 out of 21	P5 – 9 out of 29
P6 – 16 out of 25	P7/6 – 8.1 out of 23	P7 – 3.8 out of 23

Overall, the staff felt strongly that reading homework is vital for developing fluency at early/first level, and also for supporting literacy work and it is evident from the results that this was not being completed.

Since returning in August 2025, many parents across the school have made contact regarding homework.

Conclusion

As we continue to review our Homework Policy, from Monday 10th November we will pilot a new approach to homework focussing on Reading and Spelling.

Reading homework will be assigned by the class teacher. I cannot stress enough the importance of reading regularly with your child.

Spelling words for each class will be available via the website on a monthly basis alongside a 'Pick n Mix' grid of tasks for you to complete with your child at home weekly. Children will be provided with a jotter to complete the homework tasks. Children may choose to return their homework jotter to school to show their teacher at the end of the week. There is no obligation to return the jotter however if jotters are returned, teachers will acknowledge this.

We will be back in touch for feedback on this approach, before deciding how to move forward with homework.

Kind regards,

Mrs M. Oates

Head Teacher