

GWENFO NEWS



13TH DECEMBER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 16th December

Y2 Trip - Christmas Unwrapped
Nursery fun afternoon

Tuesday 17th December

Whole School Trip
Sophia Gardens

Wednesday 18th December

Christingle Service - Reception
Community Choir - St. Mary's Church
Reception & Y1 fun afternoon

Thursday 19th December

PS3 Carols at St. Mary's Church
Y2 & Y3 fun afternoon

Friday 20th December

Y4, Y5 & Y6 fun afternoon
Last day of term

THIS WEEK IN GWENFO

'Clothe yourselves with compassion'
Colossians 3:12

Thank you to years 4,5 and 6 who performed their nativity this week. The acting and singing was wonderful and thank you to families for all of your support helping the children learn their lines, practice their songs and sourcing costumes.

Huge thanks to school staff for all of their work behind the scenes too.

Thank you to everyone for your support at the Christmas fair this week - special thanks to the junior choir, Mrs Jones and our special Guests Mr Yates and Mrs Seaward. Huge thanks also to Mr Newberry and Santa!

SCHOOL DINNERS



When we return the dinner options will be from 'WEEK 1' on the Big Fresh menu

This week our Estyn report was published and can be found on our school website. A highlight was our community and partnership working which we are thrilled to celebrate.

PRE - ORDERING LUNCH

WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP - TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER

No hot meals on this day due to the timings of the trip -
please could you pre-order your child's grab bag.
(Ham, Cheese or Tuna available)



Thank you to Ceri,
Stacey and Ella-Mae
in the kitchen for a
tasty Christmas lunch
on Thursday!



Christingle

Reception parents are invited to our Christingle Service on
Wednesday morning from 8.50-9.20am in the school hall

Whole School Trip

Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers with the rest of their
uniform on Tuesday when we go on our whole school trip.



Carol Service Y4/5/6

We will hold our annual carol service at St Mary's on Thursday
morning. Unfortunately due to space no families are able to attend
but anyone can watch on the church livestream.
<https://www.ipcamlive.com/stmarywenvoe>

ATTENDANCE

Week ending: 06.12.2024

Reception	83%
Year 1	89.7%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	94.7%
Year 4	91%
Year 5	88.6%
Year 6	80%

A big well done to Year 3 who had the highest school attendance last week with 94.7%



Christmas Tree

We have a real small Christmas tree we would love to find a new home. We can also loan you the stand/decorations/lights. If anyone is interested in rehoming our real tree this year please call in!



Well done to Grace and Evelyn for collecting £13.66 for charity by selling bracelets. We will add this to our donations.





Christmas whilst full of cheer and joy for many can be a very difficult time for a whole host of reasons.

There are many avenues of support ready to help.

Dewis Cymru

<https://www.dewis.wales/>

Citizens Advice

<https://cacv.org.uk/>

Vale Foodbank

<https://vale.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/foodbank-vouchers/#Vale%20foodbank>

Wellbeing Matters Service

https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/social_care/Health-and-Wellbeing/Wellbeing-Matters-Service.aspx

Fundraising

Thank you everyone for your support in attending the Christmas fair. Huge thanks to our school council members who have stayed behind after school for the last few weeks to make items for their stall, Zoya, Elsa and Grace who helped set up the fair, staff and PTFA members, Mr Yates and Mrs Seaward for joining our Choir, the Junior Choir and Mr Newberry who sent Santa along. Big thanks also to families for your support in sending in items to help raise funds. Thank you!

This term we have raised

£400 bucket collections at the concerts - the children will vote on which charities we send this to next week.

PTFA events £1,200 (Wreath making £350, raffle £300, fair £550)

Farmers Market Donations £300

Asda Rewards £272

We have also donated items to the foodbank twice. Leftover tins from the tombola have been donated to the foodbank via the Finlayson-Clements family.

Thank you for your generosity and support.

We are fundraising for a much needed additional space - we are hopeful to have an update on this after Christmas!



Christmas Fun Afternoons

Children are welcome to wear party clothes/Christmas jumpers

Nursery - Monday

Reception/Year 1 - Wednesday

Year 2/3 - Thursday

Year 4/5/6 - Friday

St Mary's Community Carols

Our choir have been invited to sing and all the community is invited to join together at St Mary's from 7pm on Wednesday evening.

The live stream will also be on for anyone who would like to join from home.

