

# Gwenfo News



October 17th 2025

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 22nd**  
School Photographs  
Individual and Siblings

**Oct 24th**  
Year 3 Class Worship (9am)  
All Y3 families welcome

Food Bank Collection closes.

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Half Term  
School Closed to all Pupils

**Nov 4th**  
Reception Visit for Prospective Parents  
2pm - 3pm

**Nov 6th**  
Flu Vaccinations  
Rec - Year 6

**Nov 7th**  
PTFA Meeting 9am

**Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 13th**  
Share our Learning Sessions for Y1-Y6  
9am - 9:45am

**Nov 12th**  
PTFA - Candle Painting Workshop  
ADULTS ONLY

**Nov 14th**  
Children in Need (Non - Uniform)  
Bright/Party Clothes £1 donation

PTFA - Sparkle Silent Disco

**Dec 3rd**  
Christmas Fair

**Dec 5th**  
Nursery Reception Christmas concerts

**Dec 9th - 10th**  
Year 1/2/3 Christmas Concerts

**Dec 15th - 16th**  
Year 4/5/6 Christmas Concerts

The old e-mail address is no longer in use.  
Please make sure you use our new email  
address when contacting the school.

[office@gwenfocwprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@gwenfocwprimary.co.uk)

## This week in Gwenfo

### Our value is THANKFULNESS

It was wonderful to see so many pupils in non uniform. Thank you for the effort that you all made!

So far we will be able to plant 145 trees with the money raised from our Just One Tree Day. If you have yet to donate please pay your £1 on ParentPay as soon as possible.

Mrs Peterken our Forest Schools Leader worked with Year 5 and 6 this afternoon and supported classes across the school with tree theme activities. Thank you to the Wenvoe Wildlife Group for funding these activities today.

Last week we also donated £198 to Young Minds following our Hello Yellow day!

Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Urdd Jambori where they had a fun filled session singing Welsh songs with other children from across the Vale.

# Share our Learning 9-9.45am

## Nov 11th/12th/13th

Families of pupils from **Year 1 to Year 6** are invited to share your child's learning on the below dates.

Children will bring their books to the hall where you can talk through what they have been learning with them. No teachers are available at this time - this is an opportunity to be with your child/ren.

Sessions are for 45 minutes and we ask that you click the link below to book onto the date that corresponds with your child's surname.

Tuesday 11th November A-H

Wednesday 12th November I-P

Thursday 13th November Q-Z

Due to limited space in the hall please only book onto the session relating to your child's surname.

**Bookings close on Monday November 10th at 4pm to allow staff time to organise books.**





Tempest Photography  
will be coming in to take individual and  
sibling photographs of all the children  
on Wednesday 22nd October.


**PLEASE REMEMBER NO PE KIT TO BE  
WORN ON THIS DAY!**

If you would like a photograph of your  
child with siblings that do not attend  
Gwenfo Primary school. Please queue up  
with your children on the Year 1 ramp at  
3.30pm.

**REMINDER**

All children apart from  
those in Year 6 with  
permission should be  
accompanied at all  
times on the school  
grounds before or  
after school.

# Attendance

NURSERY AM	95.38%
NURSERY PM	94%
RECEPTION	92.5%
YEAR 1	97.32% 
YEAR 2	94.33%
YEAR 3	92.33%
YEAR 4	96.67%
YEAR 5	94%
YEAR 6	95.2%

# LATEST NEWS

GWENFO PRIMARY SCHOOL



**Chair:** Robyn Hockey  
**Vice Chair:** Fran Pappin  
**Treasurer:** Jody Skene

An exciting calendar of events is coming up with PTFA members busy making plans. Anyone is welcome to join and the next meeting will be held on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 9am in the cabin.

★ November 14<sup>th</sup> Sparkle Silent Disco ★

★ November 12th Candle Painting Workshop (adults only) ★

★ December 3<sup>rd</sup> Christmas Fair ★

★ Hot Chocolate Stall before each of the Christmas concerts ★

**There may be additional once a month sales of items -  
these will always be advertised via seesaw**

## Looking forward into 2026...

🌸 Spring Disco 🌸

🌸 Willy Wonka Chocolate Bars - Easter 🌸

🌸 Film Nights 🌸

🌸 Summer Fair 🌸





# Sparkle Disco

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

**N/R 3.30-4.30pm**

**Y1/2/3 4.45-5.30pm**

**Y4/5/6 5.45-6.45pm**

**Wear your **BRIGHT** clothes and come ready to dance the night away!**

**Tickets £5 - includes a drink and small bag of sweets!**

**Tickets on sale after half term  
from the cabin each evening after school**

**Glosticks and glitter face paint available on the night**

## How does a silent disco work?

Children are given a cordless headset which can tune into various channels of music. The fun is their friends may be listening to a different channel but they all dance together!

It is a great option to children who may be sensitive to noise as the main space remains quiet. We will have the Y1 garden as a chill out zone with refreshments and a Photo Booth.

We will have a stall selling some optional extras such a glosticks and a glitter station

Children will enter via the front hall doors (near the main school entrance) and exit at the allocated time from the Y3/4 classrooms onto the back playground.

Nursery and Reception children will be collected directly from their class at the end of the day. Morning Nursery children are welcome to come back - please queue up at the hall doors from 3.30pm.

As the disco will be held on Children in Need day we are allowing all pupils to wear their bright/party clothes to school on the day.





Nov 12th  
7-9pm  
Craggs' Cabin  
12 MAX

£20 per person  
to include 4 candles  
and all equipment.  
Soft drink and  
nibbles provided.

Additional candles can be  
purchased on the night

# CHRISTMAS CANDLE PAINTING

GWENFO PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTFA

All proceeds to the PTFA  
Book via the school office



# Christmas Concert Dates

The following dates have been set for our  
Christmas Concerts

Tickets will go on sale nearer the time but here are  
some dates for your diary

Nursery AM/Reception December 5<sup>th</sup> 10am  
Nursery PM/Reception December 5<sup>th</sup> 2pm

Year 1/2/3 December 9<sup>th</sup> 2pm  
Year 1/2/3 December 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 6pm

Year 4/5/6 December 15<sup>th</sup> 2pm  
Year 4/5/6 December 16<sup>th</sup> 2pm & 6pm



Our Christmas Fair will be held on December  
3<sup>rd</sup> from 3.30pm until 5pm





# Arbor

We still have a few Parents that have not yet signed up to the Arbor App or Parent Portal. Please contact the office if you would like us to help you.

## TO DO

- Make sure your child's details are up to date.
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- Please check any outstanding consents on the Arbor App or Parent Portal.
- Book a Pupil Progress meeting



## Book! Now!

### Pupil Progress Meetings: November 19th & 26th

This terms Pupil Progress Meetings are live to book on the Arbor App.

- Face to face appointments available between 4:00pm - 6:20pm
- Each child will be given 1 appointment which will last for 10 minutes - multiple appointments for the same child are not available.
- Meetings will be held in the hall.
- Bookings will close on 10th November at 3:30pm.

How?



#### Booking Guardian Consultations (Parent's Evenings) on the Parent Port...

If your school is running Guardian Consultations (parent's evenings) and has enabled you to book,...

Arbor Help Centre



We are looking for people to look after our chickens during the Half Term Holidays

We have 4 slots available:

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> - Sun 26<sup>th</sup> October      Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Wed 29<sup>th</sup> October  
Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> October      Sat 1<sup>st</sup> - Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> November

If you would like to look after our chickens please contact the office with your availability.





# Collection for Foodbank

Whilst the foodbank are happy to receive donations of any tinned or packet food, we have been asked to food champion for:

- ★ Jars of Pasta/Curry sauce
- ★ Instant Mash
- ★ Corned beef

Please bring in your donations from  
20<sup>th</sup> October 2025.



## HELLO YELLOW

The donations collected last week for our wear yellow day support the charity Young Minds. They use these donations to support us all.

If you feel you need any support please reach out to them - we are always ready to chat in school too.

Please do pop in if you need anything.



### Chat to us online



To chat to us online, click on the chat icon in the bottom righthand corner of your screen. Our chat is open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 4pm.

When we're closed, you can leave us a message by clicking on the chat icon in the bottom righthand corner of your screen. We'll reply to you by email in 3-5 working days.



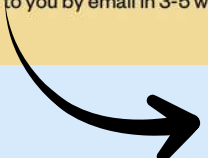
### Speak to us on the phone



Call our Parents Helpline for free on 0808 802 5544.

We're open Monday to Friday. You can call us:

- from 9.30am - 4pm on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays
- from 9.30am - 6pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays

 <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-helpline/>

The Family Information Service are bringing you a whole week of fun activities this October! From discos and craft sessions to skating sessions, toddler-friendly play, and even some surprises. There's something for every one across the Vale of Glamorgan.

📌 Free and low-cost events | 📍 Activities for all ages | Fun guaranteed!

Check out our Halloween programme by clicking the link below.

### [Half Term Activities](#)



## Medication

All medication needs to be given to Mrs Hazelton in the office and a form completed please.

## School Uniform Shop

All items £1

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3pm

All proceeds to School Fund.

A huge thank you to Granny Anne and Jovie and Maeves mummy for helping sort out the uniform.



# Wenvoe What's On Competition

You may know that Wenvoe village has a monthly newsletter.



We have been asked to design a front and back cover for the Christmas Edition. It has to be A3 landscape in size (to make 2 portrait A4 sheets which will be the front and back cover).

It will be delivered to all homes in the area AND there are prizes too!



On the front cover it must have December 2025 and Wenvoe What's On

The design needs to have minimal white space and go right up to the edge of the page.



It can be hand drawn or designed on a computer with a Christmassy theme.

All designs need to be sent into school by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November



We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School.

Please ensure any food bought into does not contain nuts or kiwi due to severe allergies!



## WENVOE REPAIR CAFE

BRINGING BROKEN ITEMS BACK TO LIFE - FOR FREE!  
Electrical, Mechanical, Clocks, Textiles, and so much more...

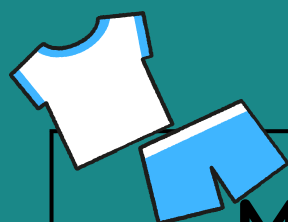
JOIN US AT THE  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
EVERY 4<sup>th</sup> SATURDAY  
OF THE MONTH > 10am-1pm

## Games and PE days

There is are no PE or Games lessons in the first week of school.

On PE/Games days pupils can wear their PE Kit to school

Each class has two days where they wear kit apart from Nursery who only have one.



<b>MONDAY</b>	NURSERY, Y3 AND Y4
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Y1, Y2 AND Y6
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	RECEPTION AND Y5
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y5 AND Y6
<b>FRIDAY</b>	RECEPTION AND Y4







Arbor

You can now log a same day absence on your Parent Portal or Arbor App.

To record an absence, click on the Quick Actions button and then click Attendance

From here, click the green Log Absence button in the top-right of the page

Here, you can input the start and end time for the absence and type in the reason for the absence. By default, the absence start and end times reflect the student's full day, but these can be adjusted as needed. Once you have filled in this data, click Log Absence. This will then be visible to school staff.

You can also log a same day absence by calling our absence line on **02920 593225** and pressing 1.

## Gwenfo Church in Wales Primary School Absence Form



For any planned absences such as unauthorised holidays or future medical appointments, please either click the link [here](#) or scan the QR code with a smartphone.

Please make sure to complete the reason for absence in the Note section.

## Office Hours

**The school office is open from 8.30am-4pm daily.**

Please check weekly newsletters/emails for information before contacting the school - we endeavour to send out all information in a timely manner.

All families should have a copy of our year planner.

**Please note we will always try to respond to phone calls or emails as quickly as possible but at busy times we may take up to 5 days.**

**Teaching staff are always available at the end of the school day for a quick chat, or can make an appointment with you if a longer time is needed.**



# RECYCLE AND RAISE MONEY!

Dear Parents and Guardians!

We have partnered with a company called Denner UK, to start a NO COST recycling initiative to collect empty inkjet and toner cartridges, and we are asking you all to get involved by spreading the word to family and friends.

Simply have a root around at home, or work, for any unwanted printer cartridges (empty or full!) and then bring them into school. We have a recycling box in Reception for you to pop them in, and each time that gets full we organise a FREE collection from Denner UK.

They then process them at their London facility and for every cartridge collected, they pay the school up to £1 per cartridge, providing a fantastic opportunity for us to raise funds for the school's projects and initiatives.

To put this into context, the majority of households will be using inkjet printers, and each box can hold in excess of 400 of these - meaning that for every full box that is returned it could raise as much as £400 for the school! Not only does this help generate financial support, but it also encourages environmentally friendly practices both at school and at home.

Please just reach out if you have any questions and we look forward to receiving all your unwanted printer cartridges!

Thanks in advance for your support on this easy and environmentally friendly initiative to help us raise much needed funds for the school!