

# Gwenfo News



October 3rd 2025

## Upcoming Events

**Oct 7th**

Open evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils  
3 - 6pm - Stanwell

**Oct 8th**

Open evening for Year 5 and 6 Pupils  
5pm - Mary Immaculate

**Oct 9th**

Open evening for Year 5 and 6 pupils  
6 - 8pm - St Cyres

**Oct 10th**

World Mental Health Day  
All pupils to wear **YELLOW** and donate £1

**Oct 16th**

Year 4 - Urdd Jambori  
**Details TBC**

Open evening for Year 6 pupils  
5.30 - 7.30pm - Bishop of Llandaff

**Oct 17<sup>th</sup>**

Just One Tree Day  
Dress like a tree - donate £1

**Oct 22nd**

School Photographs  
Individual and Siblings

**Oct 24th**

Year 3 Class Worship (9am)

**Oct 27<sup>th</sup> - 31st**

Half Term  
School Closed to all Pupils

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

Special thanks to Maddie, Rebecca, Leonardo and Alice who came along to the Harvest Service at St. Mary's last week and sang with the congregation.

It was lovely to welcome Matt from Bethesda Church in Dinas Powys to lead worship this week. The children loved the interactive worship along with the use of an overhead projector which they were fascinated by!

Thank you to Gardening Club who have been selling our apple harvest. All money raised will help buy more seeds and plants for our school grounds!

Pupils across the school enjoyed drama workshops with Kinetic this week and we have further classes taking part next week. Huge thanks to the Kinetic team for this kind offer of free workshops.

Thank you to Amelia who set up a chess club before the summer holidays which is still going strong. She, via her Dad, shared details of how to get some free chess sets and we now have 6 brand new sets which children are already enjoying playing with.

Thank you to families who helped raise £69 for McMillan last week. Huge thanks for the donations of cake and also to families who came along for a cuppa.

# WELCOME

Welcome to our PGCE students  
Mr Caswell in Reception,  
Mr Cope in Y1 and Miss Gatt in Y5.



## School Council

Meetings will be held regularly with leaders from the various pupil voice groups to make a difference to our school

**Chair: Luke S**  
**Vice Chair: Lily**  
**Clerk: Maddie**

**Y5: Christopher & Sydney**

**Y4: Harley & Charlie**

**Y3: Harry & Zara**


**Y2: Farris & Matilda**

## PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

Please keep an eye on your emails for information being sent out on 7<sup>th</sup> October regarding parent governor vacancies at the school.

If you would like to know more about the positions please pop in .

# Attendance

NURSERY AM	87.69%
NURSERY PM	91.84%
RECEPTION	97.08% 
YEAR 1	96.21%
YEAR 2	88.67%
YEAR 3	92.91%
YEAR 4	94%
YEAR 5	90.33%
YEAR 6	88%

# 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.



Our PTFA have lots of ideas for activities and events and plan to hold a meeting in our cabin on the playground on **Friday 10th September from 8.50am.**

Please do come along and say hello - bring your diaries and some ideas.

Watch this space for Autumn term events coming up!

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.

### Pupil Progress Meetings: November 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>

This terms Pupil Progress Meetings will be going live to book on the Arbor App from  
**10<sup>th</sup> October at 6:00pm.**

- 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 **10<sup>th</sup> November at 3:30pm.**



## Wellbeing Check-Ins

Optimistic October 2025

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today	8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today
13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation	15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future
20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you	22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face
 27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?	29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month		

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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Please send all children to school with coats  
- we have had a number of children who have not worn coats this week and we will always try and get outside to play if we can - even in light showers!



### Medication

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

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.



We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School.

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



# HELP!

Nursery are looking for donations of:

Wet wipes

Socks

Navy Leggings

Soil for creating an allotment

Please pop any donations into the office

**WENVOE REPAIR CAFE**

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

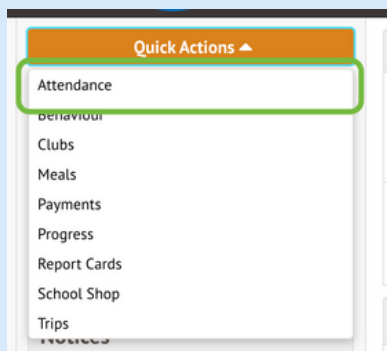
JOIN US AT THE  
**COMMUNITY CENTRE**  
EVERY 4th SATURDAY  
OF THE MONTH > 10am-1pm

CAFFI TRWSIO CYMRU

REPAIR CAFE WALES

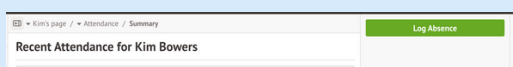


You can now log a same day absence on your Parent Portal or Arbor App.



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



**Log Absence**

This form lets you notify that Kim will be absent today, Tue, 02 Jul 2024. If you need to record an absence for a future date, you will need to contact the school.

Student: Kim Bowers

Date: Tue, 02 Jul 2024

Absence start\*: 09:00

Absence end\*: 15:45

Reason\*: Please provide a reason for the absence

Cancel Log Absence

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.

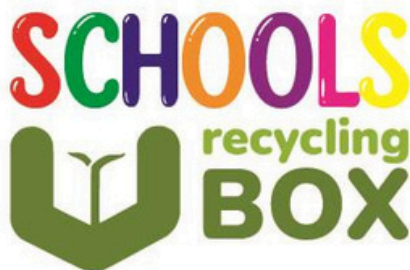
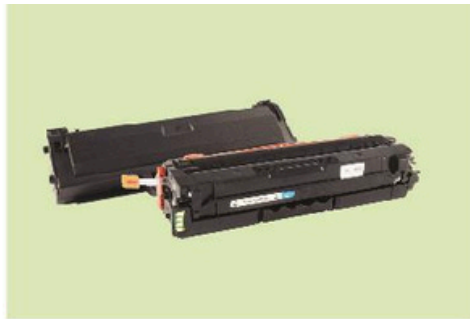
Please make sure to complete the reason for absence in the Note section.

## 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.



# 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!

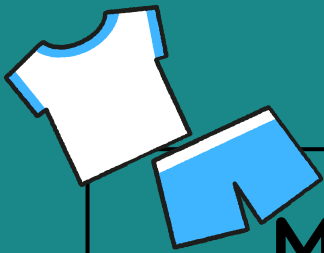
Thanks in advance for your support on this easy and environmentally friendly initiative to help us raise much needed funds for the school!

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

