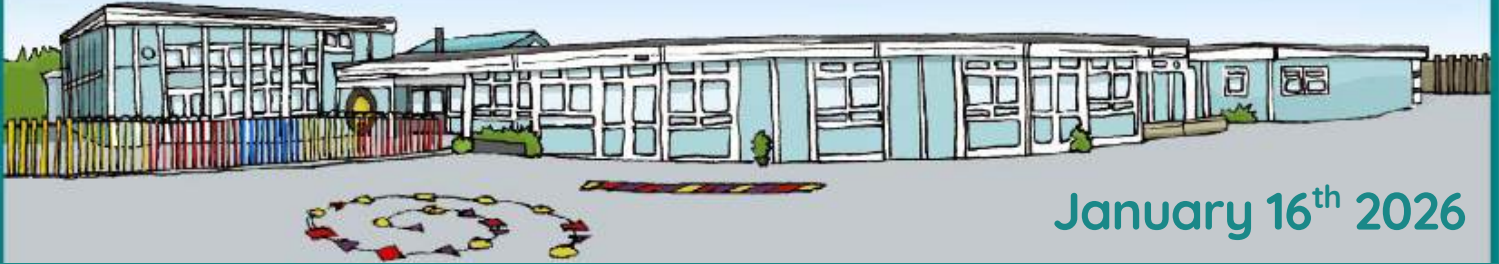


Gwenfo News



January 16th 2026

Upcoming Events

Jan 5th and next 5 Mondays
Fizzy Fun - Y4/5/6 families
Just turn up!

Jan 20th
Y5 Senedd School Trip

Jan 23rd - 9am
Year 2 Class Worship
(Y2 families welcome)
Non-Uniform day for **BALLAS**

Jan 27th
Year 3 Trip to Caerleon

Feb 6th
NSPCC Number Day
Wear own clothes - £1

Feb 11th - 2.45pm
Y1 Topic celebration
families welcome

Feb 13th - 9am
Year 5 Class Worship
(Y5 families welcome)

16th - 22nd Feb
February Half term
23rd Feb
INSET DAY
School closed to all

Feb 24th
BACK TO SCHOOL

March 4th
Wear Red/National Dress or house
colours
Whole school Eisteddfod

March 5th - 11:30 am
Nursery Visit for prospective parents

We always celebrate world
book day later in the year.
Watch this space.



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

This week in Gwenfo

Our value this half term is Perseverance

We have had some sad news that the
Farmers Market is no longer viable
enough to run. Huge thanks to all who
have supported it over the last year.

Huge thanks to Lily, Imogen and Rebecca in
Y6 who came to ask if they could run a
lunchtime club. They have designed a dance
club for younger pupils. Every 2 weeks they
plan to work with a different class for
several lunchtimes. They have worked hard
to plan routines, safe song choices and
timetables. Well done and thank you!




Attendance emails will have been sent out to families where pupils attendance has dropped below 90%. This is a Welsh Government drive led by the Local Authority to ensure that children attend school as regularly as they can.

If you have not received any communication this means your child/ren's attendance is over 90%.

Any queries over attendance please do chat to classteachers or pop to the office.

Attendance

NURSERY AM	98.75% 
NURSERY PM	95.83%
RECEPTION	89.58%
YEAR 1	91.67%
YEAR 2	97.42%
YEAR 3	98.62%
YEAR 4	96.9%
YEAR 5	95.33%
YEAR 6	92.8%

HELP!

Does anyone have any paving slabs we can use to pave an area in our Reception garden?

We would like to extend the path near the building and make the area less muddy.

If you can help please pop in for a chat!



FOR SALE



We have a number of fresh chicken eggs available for sale! You can grab a box of 6 for just £2.40, or if you prefer, it's only 40p per egg. What a fantastic deal!

These eggs are perfect for breakfast, baking, and all sorts of culinary delights. So why not treat yourself and your family?

If you're interested, do let us know—we would love to get these eggs to you soon!



TO DO



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.

- 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
- Please check guardians and Contacts section on Arbor and make sure these are up to date. Anyone that has permission to collect your child regularly from school should be added to this list with the can collect box ticked.

Please note: To mark someone as a Primary Guardian please contact the school directly once you have added their information.

[Back](#) Add Guardian / Contact

Please fill out as many fields as you can so that we can make contact in an emergency.
Please note that guardians and contacts added from this page will by default not be considered primary or legal guardians. If you want the guardian you are adding to be set as primary or legal guardian, please contact the school.

Title

First name*

Last name*

Sex*

Relationship to student*

Mobile number*

Home number

Email address

Options ☐ Can collect

Emergency contact 3rd priority emergency contact

[Cancel](#) [Add Guardian/Contact](#)

Thank You!



PE DAYS



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W/c 05.01	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4	RECEPTION YEAR 6
W/c 12.01	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4	RECEPTION YEAR 6
W/c 19.01	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4	RECEPTION YEAR 6
W/c 26.01	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	NURSERY AM & PM RECEPTION YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4
W/c 02.02	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	NURSERY AM & PM RECEPTION YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4
W/c 09.02	YEAR 3 YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 5	NURSERY AM & PM RECEPTION YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 4



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.



Our eco group would like to get out into the village to do some regular litter picking. Does anyone have a spare litter picker they would like to donate to us?



Does anyone have any old puddle suits, waterproofs or waterproof trousers? If so we would love to put them to good use! Please drop them off at the school office. Thank you!

Umbrellas



We kindly ask that children do not bring umbrellas into school. If umbrellas are needed for the journey, please ensure that these are taken home again as they are causing the cloakroom to become slippy and wet.



Free!



We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School.

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



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.

Welcome to the...

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**VALE FAMILY
COMPASS**

FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

**What is the
Vale Family
Compass?**



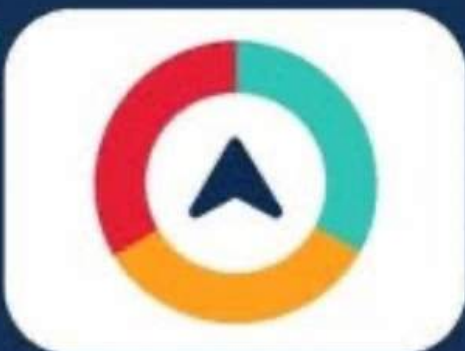
**One front door
to access support
for families**



**Family Information Service, Early
Help and Intake Team**



Now under one umbrella so you get
information, advice, support and
protection through one phone number,
one website and one email address.



0808 281 6727



**familycompass@
valeofglamorgan.gov.uk**

valefamilycompass.co.uk

Family Compass enables families to access support from Vale Services.

Please take a look at the website.
There is lots of help available for all aspects of
parenting and family life.



What happens when things go wrong at Gwenfo?

Parents always have the option to chat to classteachers daily - sometimes you may be asked to pop back later, or wait for a call as we have to be mindful of the duty of care to all of our children. A good time to speak to staff is at the end of the day after they have dismissed their class.

This is often when staff may ask to have a quick word with you.

Mornings are tricky as the school is filling with children and we need to ensure staff are where we plan them to be! All classes start the day straight away which is why being on time is so important. In the morning if you really do need to talk to someone then pop to the office and staff there will support you and work on how best to help.

In school we have some simple rules as seen on the next page - the expectation is that our whole community follows these rules as best we can and at an age appropriate level. This includes families, staff, Governors and visitors as well as all of our children.



GOLDEN RULE

TREAT OTHERS AS YOU WANT TO BE TREATED



BE READY

BE ON TIME AND READY TO LEARN
WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM
BRING EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO SCHOOL



BE RESPECTFUL

LISTEN TO OTHERS AND EXPECT TO BE LISTENED TO
LOOK AFTER OUR BUILDING, OUTDOOR AREAS, EQUIPMENT AND DISPLAYS
REPRESENT GWENFO - BOTH IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL



BE RESPONSIBLE

BE SAFE IN SCHOOL, OUT OF SCHOOL AND ONLINE
BE IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME
REPORT ANY PROBLEMS TO AN ADULT

If you have ongoing concerns sometimes it helps us if you can pop them in writing as this means we can get a really clear idea of how to direct help to you.

We have a system of directing queries and concerns - typically via the class teacher, senior teachers, then Mr Bean as deputy head and then myself as Headteacher. This is to allow you to be supported at different levels and for you to escalate a concern to be supported by different members of staff if needed.

Complaints and concerns can also be taken direct to the Chair of Governors and a committee will review them - generally we would ask that school is given a chance to help you first.

Within school there are many ways we can support or help you and your children. This may be a tweak to their learning, some support for friendships or playtime, a chat with our cook if the worry is food related. A meeting with Mr Bean can be set up if the concern is around learning and additional needs.

For more serious incidences typically this is dealt with by our most senior staff. To be fair to anyone involved we need to consider evidence which may mean taking time to speak with children, staff or families. Often this take a little time. We will always try to be as open as possible with our families, however in terms of general data protection laws we cannot discuss the specific details of every concern or incident.

We understand this at times may be frustrating but all of our children deserve the right to know we will deal with issues as fairly and quickly as we can.

If you remain concerned following an incident or discussion with staff - you can of course escalate it via school staff and ultimately to the Governing Body.

Our first and foremost job is to keep our community safe and where things may go wrong we try to fix them quickly. We have a team of specialists supporting us behind the scenes and policies and training that support decisions.

We believe school should be a safe and happy space for your children. That comes first before even learning...if you have any worries, wobbles, concerns, moans or complaints do come and talk to us. Often we can clear things up with a simple conversation or explanation.

Working together in partnership we want for your children to leave our school loving learning, understanding the difference they can make to people's lives and knowing how if they put their mind to it they can achieve their dreams.



**Course name :
Fizzy Fun**

School: Gwenfo Primary School

**Starts: Monday
5th January 1pm**

For parents/carers of children in Year 4, 5 and 6

**Come along to
find out more**

COURSE DETAILS

Join the fun and unlock the secrets to boosting your child's education right from your living room!

Dive into a whirlwind of STEM-tastic activities that promise to be a blast-literally! Get ready for some explosive fun as you and your children embark on thrilling adventures together!

You become a student and gain a certificate!



Contact us
families@cavc.ac.uk



We have an exciting new course for families with children in Year 4,5 & 6 starting after Christmas. This is a 10 week course run by Cardiff and Vale College in our Cabin on Monday afternoons - starting Monday January 5th at 1pm Just turn up!



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Cadog's Corner

ND Support Coffee Mornings

For parents/carers of children on the Neurodevelopmental Service waiting list or with a diagnosis.

Topics include:

Introduction to ND, Services and support available whilst waiting or post diagnosis, Education, Finance, Wellbeing.

Location: Victoria Park Community Centre,
24 Church Road, Barry, CF63 1JX

Time: 9:15am till 10:45am

Dates: Friday, 9th January 2026

Friday, 23rd January

Friday, 6th February

Friday 6th March

Friday, 20th March

Friday, 17th April

Friday, 1st May

Friday, 15th May

Friday, 12th June

Friday, 26th June



<https://ndcommunityconnectorscic.org>

Vale of Glamorgan Community Connectors
Coffee Mornings at Cadoxton Primary School.
All welcome.