

# Gwenfo News



23rd January 2026

## Upcoming Events

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

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

## This week in Gwenfo

### Our value this half term is Perseverance

It has been wonderful to celebrate with families from Year 2 this week for their class worship on perseverance. The children were amazing and spoke and sang beautifully. Thank you to families for your support as ever. It was lovely to see you all!

This week children across the school have discussed having a voice and a dream. Older children have learnt about the legacy of Martin Luther King. School council children have been looking at ways to further improve playtimes. We have new equipment donated from the enterprise group and Reception have been loving their lunchtime dance sessions!

We always try to get outside whenever we can especially on PE days. Sometimes your children may get a little damp. You are welcome to pop a change of uniform in their school bag if you feel appropriate.

Our stock of spare socks and shoes is very low - if you have any you would like to donate to us please pop them in! Diolch!


Just a reminder that the bell rings at 8.50am - as soon as children enter school the register is taken along with dinner checks for the day. Daily collective worship starts at 9am. Even being a few minutes late can impact the whole class as staff need to complete registration for safeguarding reasons and therefore cannot start their day until this is completed.

Thank you to families for being on time it really does stay the day well.

School gates are open from 8.30am and staff are on the playground from 8.40am. Gates close at 8.55am and late children will need to be signed in at the office. Lates are recorded in your child's attendance record.

Please pop in to chat to us if you have any concerns over getting to school on time.

# Attendance

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| NURSERY AM | 96.25%   |
| NURSERY PM | 90%  |
| RECEPTION  | 92.5%  |
| YEAR 1     | 86.67%   |
| YEAR 2     | 94.14%   |
| YEAR 3     | 92.07%   |
| YEAR 4     | 98.21%  |
| YEAR 5     | 93.33%   |
| YEAR 6     | 94%  |



# 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 GWENFÔ - 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

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!



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!



## CRIW CYMRAEG

Calling All Welsh Speakers and Learners!

We are looking for Welsh speakers or Welsh learners who would be willing to come into school and chat with our children.

If you have a few moments to spare and would like to get involved, we'd love to hear from you. Please pop into the school office to have a chat and find out more.

Diolch am eich helpu - thanks for your help!

## TO DO



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<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4 | YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6           | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4   | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6        |
| W/c 12.01 | NURSERY AM & PM<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4 | YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6           | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4   | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6        |
| W/c 19.01 | NURSERY AM & PM<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4 | YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6           | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4   | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6        |
| W/c 26.01 | YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4                    | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6 | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | NURSERY AM & PM<br>RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6 | YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4 |
| W/c 02.02 | YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4                    | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6 | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | NURSERY AM & PM<br>RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6 | YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4 |
| W/c 09.02 | YEAR 3<br>YEAR 4                    | YEAR 1<br>YEAR 5<br>YEAR 6 | RECEPTION<br>YEAR 1<br>YEAR 2<br>YEAR 5 | NURSERY AM & PM<br>RECEPTION<br>YEAR 6 | YEAR 2<br>YEAR 3<br>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.

**Don't forget there is a change to PE from next week as we swap CCFC timetables.**



## WATERPROOFS

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!



## LITTER PICKING

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?

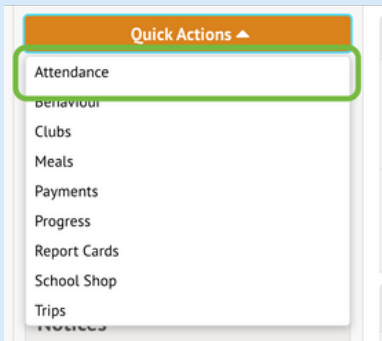
**We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School.**



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

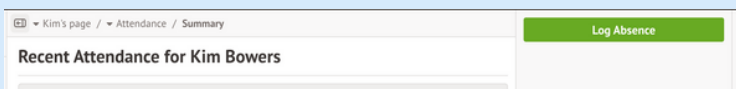


You can now log a same day absence on your Parent Portal or Arbor App.



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.



# HAPPIER JANUARY

Happier January 2026

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

SUNDAY



1 Find three things to look forward to this year

2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself

3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day

4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths

6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe

7 Learn something new and share it with others

8 Say positive things to the people you meet today

9 Get moving. Do something active (ideally outdoors)

10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why

11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime

12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat

13 Take a different route today and see what you notice

14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today

15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful

16 Contribute positively to your local community

17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

18 Get back in contact with an old friend

19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough

20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge

21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone

22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you

23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment

24 Take a small step towards an important goal

25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down

26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today

27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside

28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better

30 See how many people you can smile at today

31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



As we enter the final week of January we still have the chance to look back on some of the January challenges and reflect on the first month of a brand new year. Today is about taking time for a digital detox...why not give it a go this weekend?





# THE **BIG** VOLUNTEERING FAYRE *2026*



**WEDNESDAY  
28 JANUARY**

**10 AM - 2 PM  
MEMO ARTS CENTRE  
BARRY CF62 8NA**



Meet inspiring organisations  
and start your  
volunteer journey!



Glamorgan Voluntary Services (GVS) 01446 741706  
volunteering@gvs.wales www.gvs.wales @GVolServices  
Registered Charity No. 1163193 Company No. 9517850

Scan the QR code or  
visit [www.gvs.wales](http://www.gvs.wales)  
to find out more!





# Welcome to the...

**CWMPAWD  
TEULU BRO**

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**VALE FAMILY  
COMPASS**

FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

**What is the  
Vale Family  
Compass?**

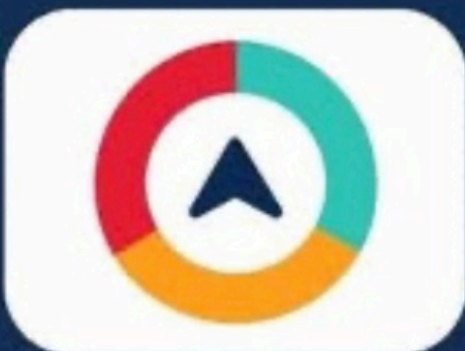


**One front door  
to access support  
for families**



**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.





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Llywodraeth y DU

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**ND**  
COMMUNITY  
CONNECTORS  
CIC



# **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, 23<sup>rd</sup> January  
Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> May  
Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June



<https://ndcommunityconnectorscic.org>

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