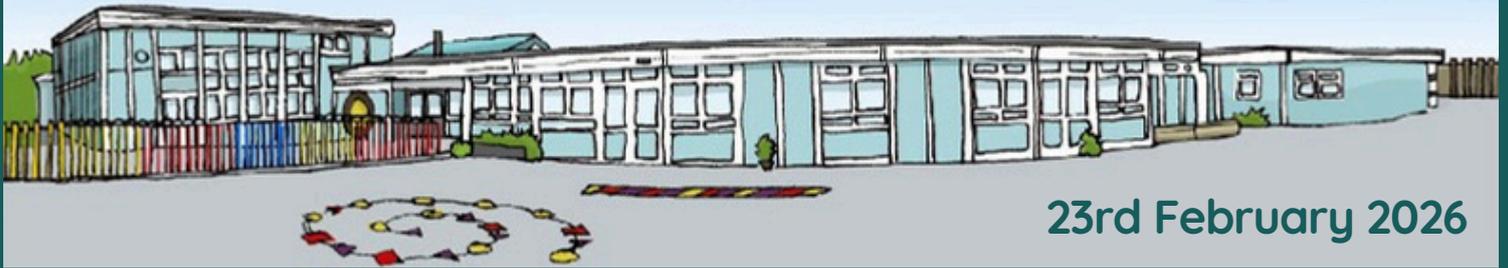


Gwenfo News



23rd February 2026

Upcoming Events

****DATE CHANGE****

Feb 25th - 2.45pm

Y1 Topic celebration
Grandparents'/Family Day

March 4th

Wear Red/National Dress or house
colours
Whole school Eisteddfod

March 5th - 11:30 am

Nursery Visit for prospective
parents

March 9th - 2.30pm

Eisteddfod Fach for parents/ carers
of Y1&Y3

March 10/11/12th

Share our learning 9.15-9.45am

March 18th

Pupil Progress Meetings

March 20th

Red Nose Day - Non-uniform £1

March 25th

Pupil Progress Meetings

March 27th

Year 1 Clsss Worship 9am all Y1
families welcome

Easter Bonnet Parade

AM Nursery 11am

PM Nursery and all other classes
3pm

Food Bank Collection

**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

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back
tomorrow and hope that you have all had a lovely half term.

Just a few reminders - Eisteddfod home tasks are due in on
Wednesday.

An updated PE timetable is on page 2 for this half term.

Y3 children will have forest school opportunities for the
remainder of the year so please watch out for groupings
and who needs to bring wellies to school.

A small group of Y5 pupils will also have forest school for
the remainder of this half term. Please see seesaw for
individual messages.

Share our Learning Bookings for March will open on Friday.
Please note this is for Y1 upwards and spaces need to be
booked in order to come to school to look at books with
your children. Please make sure you book according to the
first letter of your surname below.

Surnames Q-Z Tuesday 10th

Surnames A-H Wednesday 11th

Surnames I-P Thursday 12th

Towards the end of term we will be collecting items for the
Foodbank. Every items goes to help a family or individual in
need. Please consider adding a small item each week to
your shopping to donate at the end of term.

PARKING NEWS

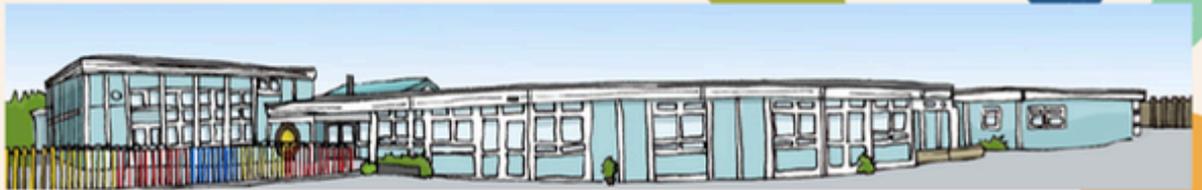
We have been contacted by the community council who have made us aware that the library carpark is now only permitted for use by those using the library and community centre. This means that this area is no longer to be used by families before and after school with immediate effect. Signage is due to be installed over coming weeks.

Please ensure that you park with care around the village and that you leave enough time to find alternative places to park if you typically have used the library/community centre carpark.

OLD PORT ROAD - ROADWORKS

Welsh water are intending to complete commissions along old port road between the 4th February and 4th March. This may include road closures. Please check their website for further details.

PE DAYS



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
W/C 24.02	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 4 YEAR 5
W/C 02.03	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 4 YEAR 5
W/C 09.03	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 4 YEAR 5
W/C 16.03	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 4 YEAR 5
W/C 23.03	NURSERY AM & PM YEAR 4	YEAR 1 YEAR 2 YEAR 3	RECEPTION YEAR 1 YEAR 5 YEAR 6	YEAR 2 YEAR 3 YEAR 6	RECEPTION YEAR 4 YEAR 5



Eisteddfod Home Task 2026

This year for the home/ school task, we would like you to decorate a wooden spoon.

Year 6 - St David

Year 5 - Welsh Landmark

Year 4 - Traditional Welsh Lady/Man

Year 3 - Love Spoon

Year 2 - Sheep

Year 1 - Daffodil

Nursery and Reception - Dragon

All entries need to be in by the 25th February ready for judging. Every entry gains points for your house. We look forward to seeing your finished wooden spoons.

Y Criw Cymraeg

NURSERY/RECEPTION/Y1 AND Y2

Please label your spoons with your name, class and your house

YEAR 3 UP

You can choose a pen name to conceal your identity for all of your Eisteddfod work. Whatever name you choose you need to ensure all your school based tasks have the same name.

Label your spoon with your pen name, class and your house.

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!

Gwenfô Eisteddfod Fach 2026

The Criw Cymraeg would like to invite parents and carers of Year 1 and Year 3 to a Mini Eisteddfod on Monday 9th March at 2.30pm.

Come and join us for some singing, music, dancing and an exclusive peek at our 2026 Eisteddfod!

The Gwenfo 2026 Bardd will also read their winning poem.

Look out for a google form to confirm attendance. We look forward to seeing you there!

Y Criw Cymraeg

LENT 2026

Holy Week & Easter 2026

Palm Sunday, 29th March

9:30am – Eucharist and Palm Procession – Church yard, **Wenvoe**

11am – Eucharist and Palm Procession – Church yard, **Sully**

The Holy Journey through the Cross to the Resurrection begins with the Palm Procession recalling Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.

Holy Week Daily Eucharist

6pm – **Monday** in Holy Week, 30th March – St Bleiddian's, **St Lythans**

6pm – **Tuesday** in Holy Week, 31st March – St John's, **Sully**

10am – **Wednesday** in Holy Week, 1st April – St Mary's, **Wenvoe**

*Holy Week & Easter continues with the Triduum,
which consists of the greatest three days of the Christian year.
(please see over)*



Easter Services at Sully, Wenvoe and St Lythans

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

7pm at **Wenvoe Church Hall**

Agape Supper incorporating the Holy Eucharist

concluding with a Watch Service in the church.

This is the day we remember the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and we recall our vocation to serve through the recollection of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. This is a profound opportunity to reflect on our call to love one another as Christ mandated.

Good Friday, 3rd April

11am – St John the Baptist, **Sully**

– Solemn Liturgy of Penitence and Commemoration

2pm – Walking the Way of the Cross

– All are invited to gather at St Bleiddian's, **St Lythans** to walk down the hill to Wenvoe Church QR to gather at St Mary the Virgin, **Wenvoe** for a reading of the Way of the Cross concurrently while awaiting the arrival of the pilgrims from St Lythans at about 3pm for the conclusion of the Way of the Cross and Solemn Liturgy of Penitence

This is the day that we remember the crucifixion of Christ; we acknowledge brokenness in the world; and we confess our part in that brokenness. While this day is a solemn recognition of darkness, our profound hope in the Resurrection underlies our observance of Good Friday.

Easter Sunday – Day of Resurrection, 5th April

7am – St Bleiddian's, **St Lythans** – Sunrise Lighting of the Easter Fire

& Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

9:30am – St Mary's, **Wenvoe** – Lighting of the Easter Candle

& Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

11am – St John's, **Sully** – Lighting of the Easter Candle

& Holy Eucharist with Renewal of Baptismal Vows

This is the biggest Sunday of the year! In the earliest days, Easter was the only Christian festival: an annual celebration, in one act, of Christ's life, death, resurrection, ascension, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. The celebration began on Easter day and lasted fifty days in one continuous festival of joy and thanksgiving, ending on the Feast of Pentecost. Our celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Easter Day, then, is marked by joy with the lighting of the Holy Fire and Paschal Candle followed by the Renewal of Baptismal Vows. There is an absence of all things penitential so that the Great Fifty Days of Easter outweigh the Forty Days of Lent. We celebrate that we are a Resurrection People filled with the New Life of Christ!



EASTIER BONNET PARADE!

We traditionally hold an Easter Bonnet parade on the last day of term. We invite children to decorate a hat, cap or bonnet to take part in our parade. Families are welcome to join us for our parade and a few songs!

11am AM Nursery on the Nursery Playground
3pm PM Nursery and all other classes on the
back playground

Friday 27th March



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

We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School!



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

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 can anyone who has not brought in a Birth Certificate for your child also bring that into the office so we can add it to you childs Arbor.

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

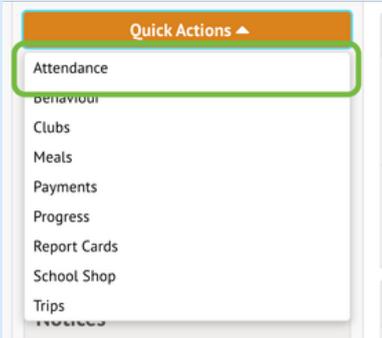
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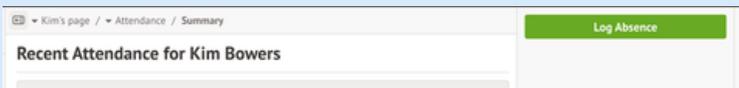
Gwenfo Church in Wales Primary School Absence Form

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.



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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LISTENING Lunch



Come along to our online support group for parent and carers of children experiencing emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.



**Every fourth Wednesday
of the month, 12pm to 1pm**

For more information about this service, email CharlotteW@familylives.org.uk or scan the QR code to sign 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