

Gwenfo News

Welcome
BACK to
SCHOOL



August 2026

Autumn Term

SEPTEMBER

- 01 **INSET DAY - NO SCHOOL**
- 02 **BACK TO SCHOOL**
- 09 Share our learning & meet our teachers. 2:45pm (not including Nursery)

OCTOBER

- 09 World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)
- 23 Year 3 Class Worship 9am
- 23 End of Half Term

October 26th- 30th HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

- 02 Back to School
- 10/11/12 Share our Learning Sessions 9-9.45am (not N)
- 11 Year 6 War Memorial 11am
- 13 Children in Need Non-Uniform
- 18 Pupil Progress Meetings 4-6.30pm
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DECEMBER

- 10 Christmas Jumper Day
- 10 Christmas Dinner Day
- 7-16 Christmas Concerts To be confirmed
- 14-18 Fun Afternoons - TBC
- 17 Whole School Trip - Beauty & The Beast
- 16 Christingle Service (Rec Parents)
- 18 End of Term

December 21st - January 4th
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Happy New Year!

We hope that everyone has had a lovely summer.

We can't wait to welcome you all back on Wednesday!

Please take a look over this "Back to School" newsletter which we hope will answer any queries you may have.

If you do have any queries please pop over an email. We are not back in school now until Tuesday but the Admin team will work through any emails and get back to you as soon as possible.

9th September

Share our Learning & Meet our Teachers
Reception - Year 6
2.45-3.15pm

We would like to welcome families into school to visit children in class. You will have an opportunity to look around and join in an activity with your child.

Classrooms will also be open after school until 4.15pm so you can look around or chat to staff.

Pre-loved Uniform Sale

10.30-11.30am

Tuesday 1st September
Come to the office

RETURN TO SCHOOL ARRANGEMENTS

Most children will come back to school on
Wednesday 2nd September.

School starts promptly at 8.50am - please be on
time. The gates close at 8.55am and late pupils
will need to sign in via the office.

Nursery/Reception pupils have details of their
staggered start dates.

Due to classroom swaps Reception will enter
school via the corner door on the back
playground and Y1 will enter via the gated garden
area. Please don't worry staff will be on the
playground to direct you.

Dismissing classes always takes a little longer at the
start of term as staff get used to new faces. Please
give staff a wave at drop off/collection!

Please look over the uniform rules - we have seen
jewellery, nail varnish and non- uniform items
creep into school They are not acceptable.
Please do support us in upholding the rules.

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Uniform does not have to have a badge, but it does need to keep to our guidelines.

Hair longer than collar length needs to be tied up. Stud earrings only please and no other jewellery allowed.

Nail varnish, gel or acrylic nails are not permitted.



We often have sales of pre-loved uniform. Just ask or watch out for dates of sales on the newsletter!



PE Kit is worn into school on PE days.

Children are allocated a house colour and we expect them to wear this colour t-shirt and navy shorts. In colder weather they are able to wear navy jogging bottoms and their school jumper or cardigan.



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

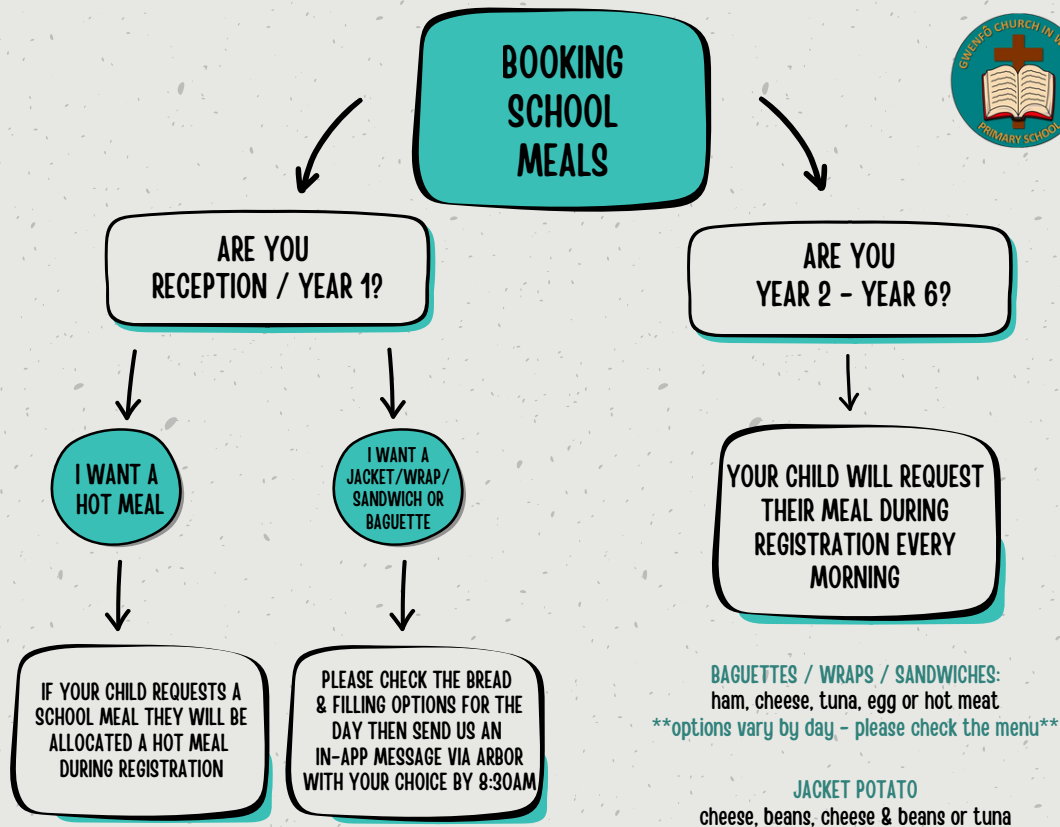
LISTEN TO OTHERS AND EXPECT TO BE LISTENED TO
LOOK AFTER OUR BUILDING, OUTDOOR AREAS, EQUIPMENT AND DISPLAYS
REPRESENT GWENFO - BOTH IN AND OUT OF SCHOOL



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

SCHOOL DINNERS



We are no longer using ParentPay so please do not try to pre-order food on the ParentPay App.

MENU - WEEK 1



Wednesday Main meal: BBQ Chicken topped with Cheese or BBQ Quorn Fillet topped with Cheese served with Chips, Sweetcorn, Broccoli & Salad Alternative: Assorted Filled Breads or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad Pudding: Fruit Jelly and Fruit Slices

Thursday Main Meal: Roast Beef or Quorn Fillet served with New & Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Cauliflower, Broccoli & Gravy Alternative: Assorted Filled Breads or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad Pudding: Ice Cream & Peach Slices

Friday Main meal: Fish Fingers or Fishless Fingers served with Potato Smiles, Baked Beans, Peas or Side Salad Alternative: Assorted Filled Breads or Filled Jacket Potato served with a Side Salad Pudding: Chocolate Crispy Cake with Fruit Slices





THANK YOU!

Over the summer the school has been busy! Due to flooring issues the flooring in the link corridor between Y4 and Y5&6 has been replaced. Final works will be completed over the October half term.

Mr. Andy has worked tirelessly on a long list of jobs - including building lots of new equipment for our youngest pupils.

Staff (and lots of their families) have all spent time in school over the holidays transforming spaces, organising resources as well as decorating areas.

Archie's Nan has worked tirelessly on the garden areas - we are sure you'll notice as you walk into school how beautiful they look.

Miri's Mum has been in sorting PTFA equipment and organising the new shed!

Mr. Hazelton has been in putting up shelves and display boards as well as many odd jobs too!

Mrs. Ford and the chicken rota families have ensured our feathered friends have had a happy and healthy summer

THANK YOU ALL!

Sadly over the summer we have discovered that our Timber Trail needs some work to ensure it remains safe for everyone. Please help us by keeping children off it (and the field) before and after school. Thank you!

Year 1 pupils please can you all bring in a pair of labelled wellies. Thank you!



CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for the following items....

Gravel
Overhead Projector
Decorators Drop Cloth
Fish Tank
Wicker/Seagrass Baskets
Oilcloth Tablecloth
Mini Oven
Bread Maker
Electric Hob
Hats - any shape or size!
Old Pots, Pans, Colanders etc

If you know anyone having a clear out please let us know!

ATTENDANCE

Please read the information below about absences. It is really important that you let us know if your child will be absent as soon as possible.

All holidays will be unauthorised.

During the year attendance will be monitored and you may be contacted if staff have concerns over your child's attendance.



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.



- 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.
- Please check medical and dietary sections on Arbor, some conditions may need to be added/ updated/ removed.

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.

Thank You!

Anyone that has permission to collect your child regularly from school should be added to your childs contact list via the app. Please make sure the can collect box is ticked.

« 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

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.

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

We are a NUT and KIWI FREE School!



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

CLUBS

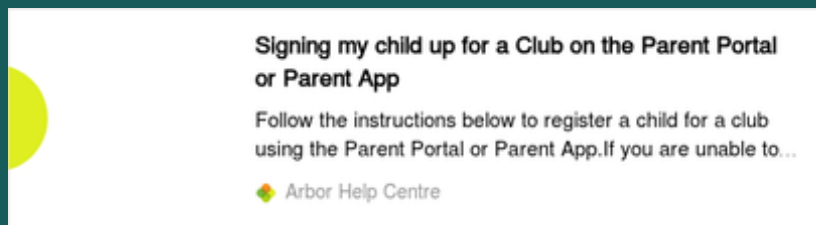
Autumn Term Clubs

Bookings for our Autumn Term clubs are now live until Friday 4th September 2026!

- These are paid clubs and prices can be found on the Arbor App.
- Start dates and which weeks clubs are running are listed in club description.
- Spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

We will do our best to not cancel or move any clubs but in the unfortunate event of a staff member being unwell the club will be cancelled and no refund or alternative date will be offered. This may be at short notice. We apologise in advance for this.

Please note - Membership is not confirmed until payment has been made.
Instructions on how to do so are in the link below.



ENTERPRISE

10 Sessions

Wednesday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Led by Miss Hurrell and
Miss Williams

Year 3,4,5 and 6
5 spaces left

CODING

10 Sessions

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm
Led by Miss Morgan

Year 4, 5 & 6
9 spaces left

BOOK & CRAFT

10 Sessions

Thursday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Led by Mrs Winter and
Mrs Baker

Year 2 and 3
6 spaces left

RUGBY

10 Sessions

Monday 3.30 - 4.30pm
Led by Mr Bean

Year 5 and 6
9 spaces left



FOOTBALL

10 Sessions

(including training and matches)

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm
Led by CCFC

Year 5 and 6
1 space left



Welcome to the...



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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.