

Gwenfo News



September 4th 2026

 WELCOME
BACK
— TO —
SCHOOL

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 8TH September
Y2 - Introduction to new
topic (more info in
Newsletter & via
seesaw)

**Wednesday 9TH
September**
Share our learning &
meet our teachers (not
including Nursery)

Friday 11TH September
9am in the Cabin
PTFA Meeting

This week in Gwenfo

Our value this half term is
Generosity

‘GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER’
2 Corinthians 9:7

It has been wonderful to welcome nearly
all of our children to school this week.
Just a few new Reception children to
start next week and then we are all in!

It has been wonderful to see how ready,
respectful and responsible your children
have been this week. They have loved
exploring their new classrooms, getting
to know their class staff and getting
back into routine!

Thank you to everyone for really trying
to be on time, wearing the correct
uniform and following our school rules.

It really is so lovely to have you all back!



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

YEAR 2

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Year 2 will be introducing their new topic 'People who changed the world' on Tuesday. Your child is invited to come to school dressed as one of the following inspirational people:

Explorer, Scientist, Artist, King or Queen

Mrs Winter will be sending out further information via seesaw

PE DAYS



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NURSERY AM & PM	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 1	RECEPTION
YEAR 3	YEAR 5	YEAR 2	YEAR 6	YEAR 2
YEAR 4		YEAR 3		YEAR 5
		YEAR 4		YEAR 6

Seesaw

All families have access to seesaw where each week you will find a range of snapshots of school life. Please note these are just glimpses of life in school and will range in quantity from week to week.

If you are yet to sign up please let us know and we can send out a joining code.

For new pupils codes will be sent home within the first 2 weeks.

Would you be interested in becoming a Local Authority Governor?



Vacancies for Local Authority (LA) Governors – Autumn Term 2026

Applications are invited from those wishing to be considered for current Local Authority (LA) school governor vacancies. The LA Governor Appointments Panel will consider on the basis of the contribution applicants can bring to a school in terms of their skills and experience.

Factors for consideration include: -

- Experience as an effective school governor measured in terms of possession of relevant skills, knowledge and experience including skills that match the challenges of the individual school.
- The contribution made during a term of office and regular attendance.
- A genuine desire to help improve standards of education within the school in partnership with the headteacher and the rest of the governing body.
- A knowledge of and an interest in the community in which the school is situated.
- A knowledge of modern education issues.
- A commitment to regular attendance at full governing body meetings as well as meetings of any committees of the governing body to which they are elected.
- A commitment to attend governor training courses to update their skills and knowledge to enhance their ability and effectiveness as a governor.

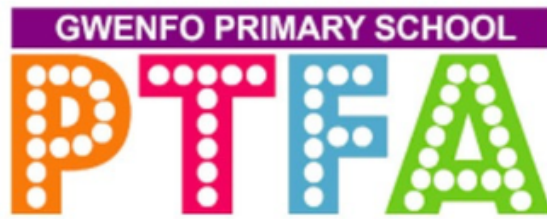
Currently there are vacancies at the following Schools:

1	Cadoxton Primary School	13	St Helen's Catholic Primary School
2	Dinas Powys Primary School	14	St Illtyd Primary School
3	Gwenfo C/W Primary School	15	St Nicholas C/W Primary School (2)
4	High Street Primary School	16	Sully Primary School
5	Holton Road Primary School	17	Y Bont Faen Primary School (2)
6	Jenner Park Primary School (2)	18	Ysgol Dewi Sant
7	Llantwit Major High School (2)	19	Ysgol Gwaun Y Nant (2)
8	Palmerston Primary School	20	Ysgol Iolo Morganwg (2)
9	Peterston-S-Ely C/W Primary School	21	Ysgol Sant Baruc
10	Rhws Primary School (2)	22	Ysgol Sant Curig (2)
11	St Athan Primary School (2)	23	Ysgol Y Deri
12	St Cyres Comprehensive School		

Please note that the meetings of Welsh Medium Schools are not all conducted in Welsh, and that where they are, simultaneous translation facilities are provided. If you feel that you can fulfil the above criteria and are interested in being considered as an LA governor please contact the Governor Support Unit via email at governors@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk or on 01446 709125 (direct line) for an application pack. Closing date for the receipt of completed application packs is no later than **midday on Friday 18th September 2026**

Application form: [Vale of Glamorgan Council - LA Governor Application Form – Fill in form](#)

Skills Register: [Vale of Glamorgan - LA Governor Skills Register – Fill in form](#)



NEXT MEETING
FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER
9AM IN THE CABIN - ALL WELCOME!

We had an amazing year fundraising last year from our summer fair to discos, film nights and Christmas fair. Thank you to families for your support of these events.

We have funded improvements across the school as well as donating to each class for additional resources during the year.

All are welcome - either on the committee, helping hands at events or one off commitments. Every little helps!

MEET THE TEACHER

We have arranged for each class from Reception - Y6 to welcome family members to come in and see their classrooms, join an activity and have a chance to meet the class team.

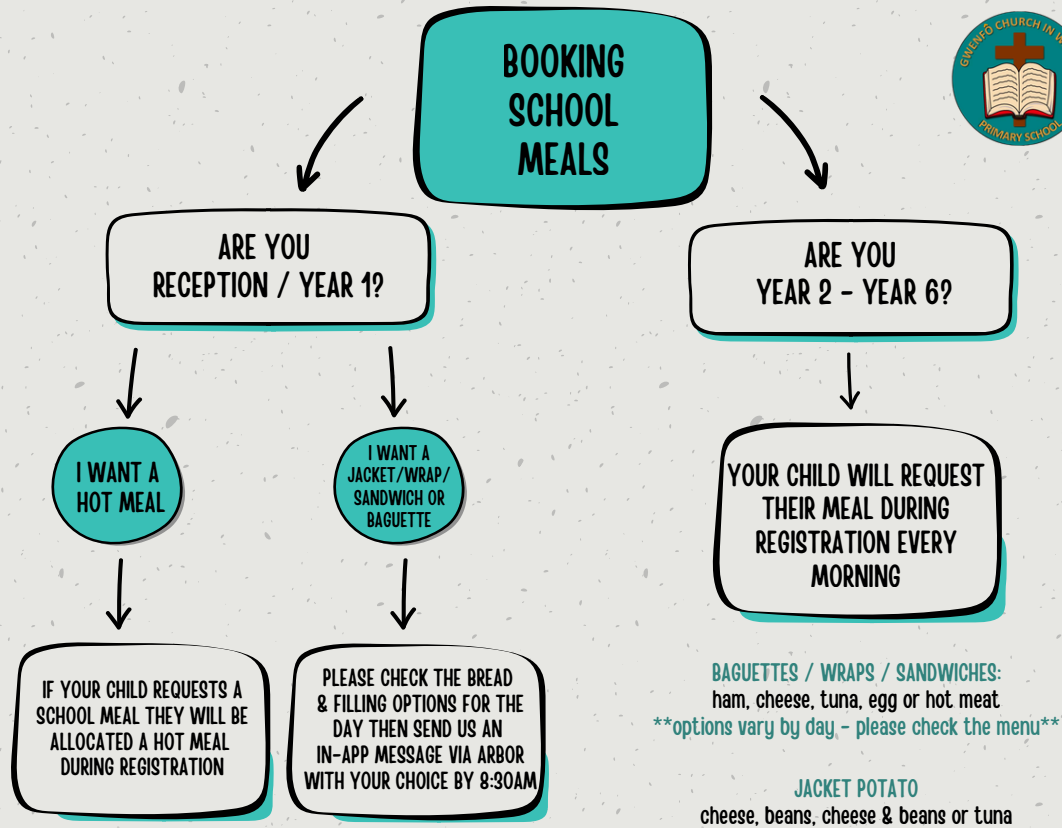
The gates will open at 2.45 and families are invited to walk round onto the back playground and enter classrooms. If you have more than one child you are free to pop into each class.

In order to dismiss safely we will ask all families to leave the building at 3.15pm while we complete our dismissal arrangements.

Doors will open at 3.30pm where we will dismiss children back into your care and you are welcome to come back in, wander around the school and have a look at the updated areas.

Nursery and the hall are not open to parents.

SCHOOL DINNERS



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



Cheese & Tomato Pizza



Beef Bolognese or Vegetarian Bolognese

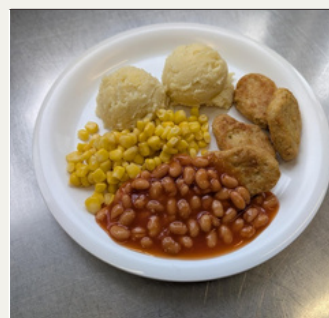


Homemade Chicken Curry or Vegetable & Lentil Curry

WEEK 2



Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage



Salmon Bites or Quorn Dippers

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.

ATTENDANCE

Just a little reminder the bell rings at 8.50am and once the class lead in teacher will be busy starting the morning. All late pupils who miss the bell will need to come via the office. Please be on time - children enjoy seeing their friends on the playground and lining up together.



NURSERY AM	70%
NURSERY PM	75.56%
RECEPTION	88.18%
YEAR 1	88.28%
YEAR 2	92.96%
YEAR 3	88%
YEAR 4	98.52%
YEAR 5	88.33%
YEAR 6	88.18%



- 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.

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!

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.