

Gwenfo News



September 18th 2026

Upcoming Events

Tuesday 22nd September
Y5 visit to Logos Hope

Wednesday 23rd September
Y3 Rest Bay trip

Weds 30th September
Run together event.
Wear PE kit

Friday 9TH October
World Mental Health Day
(wear yellow) FREE

Wednesday 14th October
Tempest Individual Photos and
Family Photos

Thursday 15th October
Shwmae Day (Wear
red/White/green) FREE

Friday 16th October
Show Racism the Red Card
(wear red day) FREE

Friday 23RD October
Y3 Class Worship - 9am

Friday 23RD October
End of Term

HALF TERM
October 26th - 30th

This week in Gwenfo

Our value this half term is Generosity

What a super superhero day Y1 have had today celebrating their topic together with lots of fun activities. It was wonderful to see them all dressed up as their favourite superheroes!

At Gwenfo we aim to foster a love of reading in all of our children with daily reading, sharing our favourite books and stories and fortnightly visits to the library. It was lovely to visit the library this week and all choose a book to bring back to school to read. If you are not already a member of the library please do pop in and join. It's a wonderful and welcoming space in our village.

Vicar Lyndon joined us this week to talk to us about our value of generosity. He talked to us about learning to help ourselves as well as others. We thought about what we could do at home to help - lots of children mentioned keeping their bedrooms tidy!

JOIN ALOUD!

Want to improve your singing skills, perform in amazing places and make new friends?

Based in south east Wales, we run monthly choir rehearsals for boys and girls aged 7 - 18. No previous experience necessary.

★ Only Stars ALOUD

School Years 3-4 (Ages 7-9)

🎵 Only Kids ALOUD

School Years 5-7 (Ages 9-12)

🎵 Only Voices ALOUD

School Years 8-13 (Ages 12-18)

Rehearsing the first Sunday of each month.
Fitzalan High School, Cardiff.



Expert
Tuition



Develop
Vocally



Build
Confidence



Have
Fun

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO ALoud.CYMRU OR
CONTACT HELLO@THEALoudCHARITY.COM

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ALoud.CYMRU

www.aloud.cymru

The poster features a stylized illustration of a lighthouse on an island with a sailboat nearby. The text is bold and colorful, with 'Islanders' in a purple script font. The main heading 'RECRUITMENT JOIN THE ISLANDERS' is in large, blocky letters. Below it, 'GIRLS RUGBY' is in green and 'U10's' is in white. A cartoon girl is shown running with a rugby ball. The training schedule is listed as 'TRAINING TUESDAYS 5:30PM - 6:30PM'. Contact information for Mike and Alice is provided at the bottom. A small text box on the left says 'PLAY MAKE FRIENDS BE PART OF A TEAM' with a heart icon. Another text box on the right says 'GIRLS RUGBY IS FOR YOU!' with a heart icon.

Islanders

RECRUITMENT
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GIRLS
RUGBY
U10's

PLAY
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CONTACT
MIKE - 07880207417
ALICE - 07415228528

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RUN TOGETHER - 30TH SEPTEMBER

A cross Barry initiative has reached us in Gwenfo - encouraging all pupils to come out and run together. Led by pupils from Pencoedtre High School and Vale Healthy Living Officers we are planning a fun event for the whole school!

Children can hop, skip, jump, run or wheel their way around the circuit to their favourite songs! A totally free and fun celebration combining music and movement!



TRIPS

Y3 trip to Rest Bay - Please bring waterproofs and wellies.
Grab Bags available to order in class by Monday.
Please make payment and consent on Arbor as soon as possible.

Y5 trip to Logos Hope - we have been offered a fully funded trip to visit and attend a workshop.
Please wear your uniform for the trip.

Please consent on Arbor.



WHOLE SCHOOL - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST PANTOMIME

17 DEC 2026

12:45 - 16:45

We are excited to announce the Christmas trip for the whole school to attend together this year! The children will be visiting the New Theatre on Thursday 17th December 2026 to watch a pantomime - Beauty and the Beast. The cost of the trip is £22 per child to include their ticket and transport. The children will be leaving school after an early lunch at 12.45pm and returning at approximately 16.45pm. Normal school uniform should be worn. If you would like your child to go on this trip, please could you make payment and consent via the Arbor App or the Arbor Parent Portal.

The New Theatre has asked that we confirm our booking by 25th September. Please make sure you have done this by Thursday 24th September as after this date the booking facility will close and we can no longer adjust ticket numbers.

AUTUMN TERM

September 25th Macmillan Coffee Morning

November 13th Sparkle Silent Disco

Dec 2nd Christmas Fair

Design a Christmas Card

Christmas Raffle

SPRING TERM

January TBC Duck Race

February TBC Family Quiz Night

Easter Scavenger Hunt

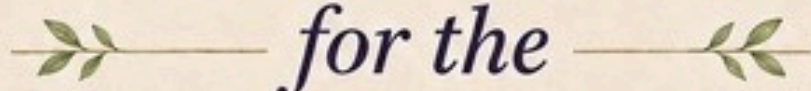
SUMMER TERM

June TBC Colour Run

July TBC Summer Fair



A Celebration *for the* Whole Village



Wenvoe
Community
Engagement Day

and

Wenvoe
Community
Library Hub
10th Anniversary



Saturday 3 October



11 am to 4 pm



Wenvoe Community Centre

BBQ • Refreshments • Entertainment



Anniversary cake cutting at 1:30 pm



PE DAYS

21-25TH SEPTEMBER

CCFC Coach Dan and Coach Alex are supporting us with our PE sessions each week. As we share these sessions around the school please note they do change each week!

PE DAYS

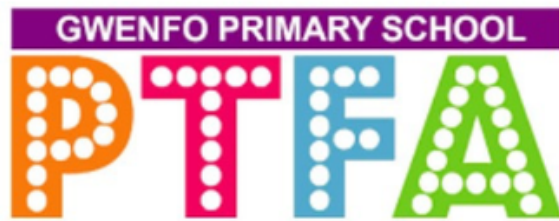


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
NURSERY AM & PM	RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 1	RECEPTION
YEAR 3		YEAR 2	YEAR 4	YEAR 2
		YEAR 3	YEAR 5	YEAR 5
		YEAR 4	YEAR 6	YEAR 6

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.

All Qr codes have now been sent home.
If you are having problems signing up please let us know.



COFFEE MORNING

CATCH UP, MEET NEW PARENTS & RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITY

FRI 25TH SEPT

9 - 10AM



CRAGGS CABIN

ALL WELCOME

£3 CUPPA & A COOKIE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT



BOOKING SCHOOL MEALS

ARE YOU
RECEPTION / YEAR 1?

I WANT A
HOT MEAL

IF YOUR CHILD REQUESTS A
SCHOOL MEAL THEY WILL BE
ALLOCATED A HOT MEAL
DURING REGISTRATION

I WANT A
JACKET / WRAP /
SANDWICH OR
BAGUETTE

PLEASE CHECK THE BREAD
& FILLING OPTIONS FOR THE
DAY THEN SEND US AN
IN-APP MESSAGE VIA ARBOR
WITH YOUR CHOICE BY 8:30AM

ARE YOU
YEAR 2 - YEAR 6?

YOUR CHILD WILL REQUEST
THEIR MEAL DURING
REGISTRATION EVERY
MORNING

BAGUETTES / WRAPS / SANDWICHES:
ham, cheese, tuna, egg or hot meat
options vary by day - please check the menu

JACKET POTATO
cheese, beans, cheese & beans or tuna

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



Neopolitan Pasta Bake



Beef burger or Veggie Burger
Chips, Sweetcorn, Salad and
Coleslaw



Beef Bolognese with Pasta,
Broccoli, Salad



Roast Chicken Dinner



Birds Eye Fish or
Quorn Dippers

****Served with
Birdseye Waffle**



CHANGES TO SCHOOL MEALS FROM OCTOBER 2026



CHANGE TO LUNCH OFFER

To help encourage uptake of hot meals, especially as we move into the Autumn/Winter season, **BAGUETTES, SANDWICHES AND WRAPS** will be removed from the lunch offer.

Big Fresh have created a new 2 week menu which pupils will be able to choose from. This will be shared as soon as we have a copy.

For children attending school trips a grab bag option can be ordered.

Decisions made by Big Fresh are to ensure they are compliant with new Welsh Government legislation.

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	98% 
NURSERY PM	86.15%
RECEPTION	91.2%
YEAR 1	96.25%
YEAR 2	89.93%
YEAR 3	82.96%
YEAR 4	92.52%
YEAR 5	95.93%
YEAR 6	89.31%



Quick Actions

- Attendance
- Behaviour
- Clubs
- Meals
- Payments
- Progress
- Report Cards
- School Shop
- Trips

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

Kim's page / Attendance / Summary

Recent Attendance for Kim Bowers

Log Absence

Log Absence

This form lets you notify that Kim will be absent today, Tue 02 Jul 2024. If you need to record an absence for a future date, you will need to contact the school.

Student: Kim Bowers

Date: Tue 02 Jul 2024

Absence start: 09:00

Absence end: 15:45

Reason: Please provide a reason for the absence

Cancel Log Absence

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.

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.



- 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 child's Arbor.

Thank You!

Anyone that has permission to collect your child regularly from school should be added to your child's 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!

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!



CAN YOU HELP?



We are looking for the following items....

Top Trumps/Uno Cards

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

Blankets

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



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

Welcome to the...



**CWMPAWD
TEULU BRO**
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**VALE FAMILY
COMPASS**
FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

**What is the
Vale Family
Compass?**



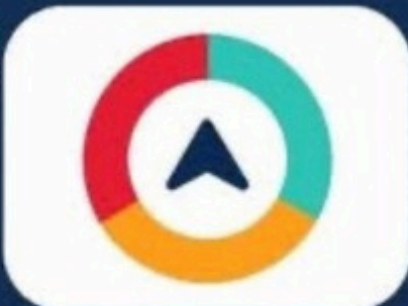
**One front door
to access support
for families**



**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.