



Gwryrosydd News

May 2025

Annwyl Parents & Carers,

What a fantastic first couple of weeks it has been as the new Headteacher at Gwryrosydd! From the moment I arrived, I've been overwhelmed by the warmth and welcome of the entire school community. It's been a true pleasure to meet our passionate pupils, dedicated staff, and supportive parents and carers. What stands out most is the genuine care, enthusiasm, and shared commitment across the school to be the very best we can be. There is a real sense of pride in everything we do, and it's clear that Gwryrosydd is a place where children are not only encouraged to succeed but are nurtured to thrive.

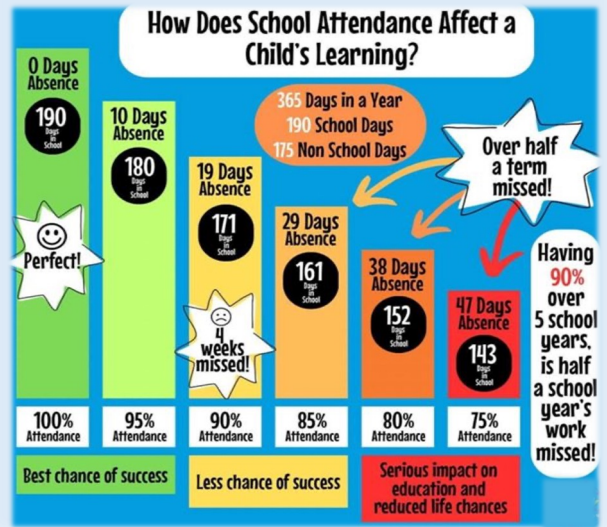
Farewell Mrs. Roberts

Our wonderful Deputy Headteacher, Mrs. Ceri Roberts, will be leaving Gwryrosydd on Friday 23rd May to take up an exciting new role as Headteacher at Glais Primary School. Mrs. Roberts has shown incredible dedication, care, and leadership during her time at Gwryrosydd, both as Deputy Head and while serving as Acting Headteacher. She has made a lasting impact on our school community, and she will be greatly missed by pupils, staff, governors and families alike. We would like to wish Mrs Roberts all the very best in her new adventure.

Curriculum Corner

Our classes have made a fantastic start to their summer term topics, diving into learning with creativity and enthusiasm. This term, we're exploring Diversity and our exciting whole-school theme: Islands. It's been wonderful to see pupils immersing themselves in their new topics in such imaginative ways. From exploring new cultures to becoming mini movie-makers, there's been no shortage of excitement! Budding filmmakers across the school have been showcasing their storytelling and technical skills - **Steven Spielberg, watch out!** Meanwhile, Year 2 have taken their learning to new heights - quite literally - as they travelled "through passport control" to Hawaii, discovering the customs, culture, and geography of island life. Year 1 had an unforgettable trip to Oxwich, combining fun and learning as they explored the beach, searched for seaside treasures, and connected their experiences to classroom topics. **The creativity continues!** STFD have been busy measuring beanstalks and making music, while STFF have been getting hands-on with spiders and designing beautiful suncatchers.

School Attendance Matters



It's shaping up to be a vibrant and enriching term of learning for everyone involved!

VE DAY Celebrations

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, we came together as a school community to celebrate this important moment in history. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn about the significance of Victory in Europe Day, and to reflect on the bravery, sacrifice, and resilience shown during World War II. Our celebrations ended in true 1940s style with a fantastic street party on the yard, where pupils and staff enjoyed music, dancing, and traditional party treats. It was a joyful afternoon filled with smiles, laughter, and a real sense of togetherness.



Safeguarding Reminder

At Gwyrosydd, safeguarding is paramount. The safety and well-being of our pupils, staff, and school community is our highest priority. For this reason, we kindly remind all parents and carers that **under no circumstances should vehicles be brought onto the school grounds**, unless prior authorisation has been given. Additionally, **You will only be allowed inside the school building if you have a pre-arranged appointment at the school**. You will be asked to sign in as a registered visitor, and a member of staff will meet you on arrival. **When dropping off or collecting children for appointments etc, we kindly ask that parents and carers wait outside the school building**. A member of staff will ensure your child is safely taken to their class or handed over to you. These procedures are in place to keep everyone safe and to protect you as visitors, and we thank you for your continued support and cooperation in maintaining a secure environment for all. If you wish to make an appointment or have a message for the school office/member of staff, please do this using the school Dojo system or by telephoning the school office.

Thank You for Your Feedback

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent questionnaire – your views are incredibly important to us and help shape the future of our school. We were pleased to see many positive comments highlighting the strengths of Gwyrosydd, including our warm, family feel, the caring and supportive environment, exciting trips and enrichment days, and the open and honest communication between staff and parents. You also shared some helpful suggestions for improvement, and we want to let you know what actions are being taken in response to feedback about:

•Improved Behaviour Policy

Our Pupil Voice groups will be working next half term to review playground games/enhancements and to develop a behaviour policy that ensures fairness and consistency across the school.

•Upgrading the School Environment

This is a top priority for us. We are actively searching for funding opportunities. If you are aware of any grants or match funding schemes, please contact the school office.

•Better Afterschool Clubs

A wide range of clubs are now up and running, offering something for everyone - from sports to creative activities.

•Improved Communication

Class Dojo remains our main communication platform and was highlighted by nearly all parents as a preferred method for receiving updates. There will be an opportunity for parent/teacher consultations every term – if you wish to address any concerns in the meantime, please make an appointment with the class teacher via Dojo or the school office.

Thank you once again for your valuable input and ongoing support - it truly makes a difference.

Dates for the Diary

26/5/25 – 30/5/25	Half Term Holiday	
2/6/25	Pupils return to school	
9/6/25 – 20/6/25	Personalised Assessment fortnight – All pupils in Years 2 to 6 take part in Welsh Government personalised assessments in reading and numeracy procedural/reasoning each year. These online assessments help teachers understand each child's strengths and next steps in learning, allowing us to tailor support more effectively. There's nothing for pupils or parents to worry about - the assessments are low-stress, adaptive, and designed to support learning. You will be notified when results are available for you to review your child's progress. When notified, you will be able to access results via your child's HWB platform.	
9/6/25	Year 6G to Crucial Crew Event	
10/6/25	Year 6J to crucial Crew Event	
26/6/25 Parents welcome	Sports' Day 9:15 – Y3B & Y3O 9:45 – Y4H, Y5D, Y4/5D 10:30 – Year 1 and Year2	11:00 – Year 6 13:00 – Reception 13:30 – STF
1/7/25 & 2/7/25	Nursery Sports' day – Further information will follow on Dojo.	
10/7/25	School Fete 2pm (Parents can collect pupils at this time to visit the fete)	
11/7/25	Class Transition day Reports out to parents	
14/7/25	Y6 Leavers trip - Heatherton	
15/7/25	Y6 Leavers trip - BUZZ	
16/7/25	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 14:00 – 15:00 Y2 Trip to Oxwich	
18/7/25	INSET DAY – School Closed for ALL pupils	
21/7/25	INSET DAY – School Closed for ALL pupils	

As we come to the end of a busy and exciting half term, we'd like to wish all our pupils, families, and staff a safe, restful, and enjoyable break. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in school life. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Monday 2nd June** for what promises to be another busy and vibrant second half of the summer term, filled with more learning, laughter, and memorable moments.

Best Wishes

Mrs A. Edwards
Headteacher



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