



Gwryrosydd News

Annwyl Parents & Carers,

November 2025



November News: Learning, Laughter & Community Spirit at Gwryrosydd

Christmas concert rehearsals are now in full festive swing - quite literally! From joyful jingles echoing down the corridors to enthusiastic dance steps in the hall, the school is positively buzzing with sparkle and song. It's shaping up to be a show you won't want to miss, so make sure you've secured your tickets. If you haven't yet, don't delay - our hardworking office elves (also known as the school office staff!) are ready to help you get yours before they disappear faster than mince pies in the staff room.



Wednesday 10th December £2.00 per ticket



1:30pm — KS2 Primary School Christmas Musical



5:00pm — FP "Knock, Knock! The Nativity"



Thursday 11th December £2.00 per ticket



1:30pm — FP "Knock, Knock! The Nativity"



5:00pm — KS2 Primary School Christmas Musical

Tickets are selling fast!



Curriculum Corner

November's Been Busy, Bright, and Brimming with Brilliant Moments!

Pod Llawn Dioni

Year 5/6 have well and truly stepped back in time this week as they headed off to the Gwili Railway dressed as wartime evacuees—complete with handmade suitcases, gas-mask boxes, and some impressively serious 1940s faces! As the steam train pulled away, you could almost hear a chorus of “*We’ll Meet Again*” floating through the carriages. Back in school, they’ve swapped their ration books for rhythm as they’ve become budding songwriters and composers. And trust us... once you hear their Christmas song, you’ll agree it’s destined to be this year’s festive number one!



Pod Aur y Byd

Year 3/4 have been bursting with creativity over the past couple of weeks, designing and building their very own rainforest themed multiplication board games - think pythons, parrots and plenty of number-crunching adventure! The classrooms have practically transformed into mini jungles of imagination, with pupils eagerly testing each other’s games and discovering that maths is *much* more exciting when a jaguar is chasing your counters. They’ve also been loving their Friday missions and Pod Carousel, where they rotate through a vibrant mix of music, art-skills sessions, drama, and STEM activities. Fridays have quickly become the highlight of the week - full of curiosity, creativity, and a whole lot of smiles.



Excited to unwrap all the joys and surprises the rest of the term holds!

Curriculum Corner - School-Wide Fun Keeps Rolling!

Pod Lili Dlos

Year 2 have been *hopping, flapping and fluttering* their way through learning about the lifecycles of frogs, chickens, birds and butterflies! Using their Talk for Writing “say it with actions” strategy, the children have been proudly wriggling like tadpoles, pecking like chicks and spreading imaginary wings to master their explanation writing. When they’re not transforming into miniature wildlife experts, they’re diving into their tuff tray and tackling provision challenges with the enthusiasm of a caterpillar at a leaf buffet. It’s been a lively, action-packed couple of weeks in Year 2!



Farm Animals



Pod Berlau Mân (Nursery/Reception/Year 1) Our little pearls have been busily transforming into tiny teachers this week as they explored explanation writing discovering exactly how a potato becomes a crunchy crisp! They even designed their very own *super potatoes*, complete with capes, powers and plenty of superhero swagger. In maths, the children have been learning all about money, eagerly sorting coins and notes like little shopkeepers in training. It’s been a week of super spuds, crispy facts and lots of hands-on fun! The trip to the farm was brilliant too!



Pod Calon Hapus (STF) Pod Calon Hapus have had an action-packed couple of weeks full of imagination and creativity! They’ve explored the Gruffalo Trail, gone on a thrilling Bear Hunt, and even sequenced the events of the stories they love. But the fun didn’t stop at storytelling - they’ve been busy building cosy beds out of sticks and fabric, experimenting with all kinds of textures. Their creativity soared even higher as they made unique teddy bears, each one quirky and full of personality. From soft, fluffy fur to rough, crinkly fabrics, no two bears are the same! The children have laughed, crafted, explored, and brought stories to life in the most inventive ways, proving that learning can be an adventure in itself.

Imagination Unleashed: Fun Across Every Corner!

Snapshots of us in The Community!

Our pupils have been busy getting involved in our community, spreading our CALON values across Treboeth and Penlan in meaningful ways. We visited the local food bank to deliver your kind donations, where they were warmly welcomed and learned how the food bank is set up and operates - an experience that taught them the importance of giving and supporting those in need.



We were also proud to be part of a historic moment when a Daniel James window, just like ours, was unveiled in The Kings Head pub. Our pupils performed their own version of *Calon Lân* for members of the community, and it was met with delight by all, especially the Lord Lieutenant, a very special visitor on the day. She praised how wonderfully we have blended the old with the new, bringing the community closer together in such a purposeful and meaningful way. It was a day that truly showcased the heart, talent, and spirit of our pupils and their role in making our community stronger and more connected.



Our 'e-Safety and Cuppa with a Coppa' event was a fantastic success!

It was lovely to sit and chat with parents in a relaxed, informal setting—sharing ideas, celebrating all the wonderful things happening here at Gwrosydd, and talking about how we can keep ourselves and our children safe both online and out in the community.

The freebies were an added bonus and brought plenty of smiles! We're excited to host more events like this in the new year, so keep an eye out and come along to enjoy the conversation, connection and community spirit.



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Follow us on Instagram!

We're on Instagram! Want a sneak peek into the everyday magic at Gwrosydd Primary? In addition to Dojo we now have an Instagram page showcasing curious classroom moments and brilliant artwork to sports, trips, and everything that we have on offer. Follow us for snapshots of learning, laughter, and little victories as they happen. Don't miss out! Join our online adventure and see school life through our lens!

We're also busy creating our brand-new school website, ready to go live in the New Year – watch this space for exciting updates



School Attendance

At Gwrosydd Primary, we want every child to enjoy school, feel confident, and reach their full potential. Regular attendance is key - pupils in Wales are expected to attend at least 95% of the school year. Missing school means missing lessons, routines, and time with friends. Even a few days can make it harder for your child to keep up.

To help your child make the most of their learning, we ask parents to support good attendance by encouraging them to arrive on time each day - school doors open at **8:40**, and pupils should be in class ready to learn by **8:50**. Whenever possible, please book appointments outside of school hours, let us know promptly if your child is unwell by contacting the school on the first day of absence, and avoid taking holidays during term time. Your support helps us ensure every child has the best chance to succeed and enjoy school.

%	Num. days absent	Sessions absent	Approx wks absent
95%	9 ½ days	19	2 wks
92%	15 days	30	3 wks
90%	19 days	38	4 wks
85%	28 ½ days	57	6 wks
80%	38 days	76	8 wks
75%	47 ½ days	95	9 ½ wks

Why School Attendance Matters for your child:

- Helps children keep up with their learning
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Supports emotional wellbeing and social skills
- Encourages positive routines and habits
- Prepares children for future success

Why Punctuality Matters for Your Child:

- They won't miss important lessons or instructions at the start of the day
- Helps them feel confident and ready to learn
- Makes it easier to join in activities with friends
- Reduces stress and worry about catching up
- Builds good habits for school and later life

Mins late per day for the school year	Num. of days learning lost in a school year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
25 mins	20.7 days



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Dates for the Diary

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends	INSET DAYS	
					Date	Event
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 September 2025	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025	01/09/25	Whole School
					15/09/25	Whole School
					15/12/25	STF ONLY – Rest of school open for mainstream pupils.
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026	23/02/26	MAINSTREAM ONLY – STF Will be open for STF pupils
					1/05/26	Whole School
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	Monday 20 July 2026	5/05/26	Whole School
					20/07/26	Whole School

Dates for the Diary

26/11/25	Annual Governor report to parents (Via Dojo) copies available on request via school office.
3/12/25	Christmas Discos (Infants with Parents: Lower Hall 3:30 – 4:20 & Juniors: Main hall 3:30 – 4:30) All junior children must be collected by an adult.
10/12/25	1:30pm – Juniors Christmas Musical (Tickets £2 from Office)
	5:00pm – Infants Knock, Knock! The Nativity (Tickets £2 from Office)
11/12/25	1:30pm – Infants Knock, Knock! The Nativity (Tickets £2 from Office)
	5:00pm – Juniors Christmas Musical (Tickets £2 from Office)
11/12/25	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day
15/12/25	STF - Pod Calon Hapus INSET DAY (STF closed to STF pupils - Rest of school open for mainstream pupils.)
17/12/25	3pm Christmas sing-a-long and a mince pie – Everyone welcome.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	
5/02/25	Pupils return to school

As we come to the last couple of weeks of an exciting term, we want to share our sincere appreciation with all our parents and carers. Your constant encouragement, kindness, and partnership make such a positive difference to our school. With a wonderful range of seasonal activities ahead, we're looking forward to spending this special time together and celebrating everything our pupils have accomplished. Thank you for helping us create a community where everyone feels supported, valued, and excited for what's to come.

Best Wishes
Mrs A. Edwards
Headteacher



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