

# GWYROSYDD NEWS

October 2025

Annwyl Parents & Carers,

## What a wonderful end to the first half term!



What a bountiful way to round off the Autumn half term!

Our Junior classes made their way to St Albans Church for a joyful Harvest Service, where the 'CALON' was bursting with pride at their songs, readings, and reflections of gratitude.

Back at school, our Infants held their own heart-warming Harvest celebration, packed with happy faces, bright voices, and plenty of autumn cheer, as well as delightful art, dancing, and poems. Look out for the STF Video on Dojo School Story – it's a real treat!



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# Curriculum Corner

It's been a busy and exciting start to the year, full of fun, learning, and memorable experiences for everyone!

## Pod Berlau Mân (Nursery/Reception/Year 1)

It's been a magical week in Pod Berlau mân! Our little wizards brewed up spooky pumpkin potions from glittery goo to mysterious mixtures in our very own classroom cauldron.

Then we swapped pumpkins for Diwali, the dazzling Festival of Lights! The children created colourful mehndi patterns, shared the story of Rama and Sita, and lit up the room with smiles as bright as diva lamps

## Pod Lili Dlos (Year 2)

Pod Lily Dlos have had a *busy and bright* week! They've been learning all about the Harvest, discovering where our food comes from and why sharing is so important. From wheat to apples, their curiosity has been growing faster than a field of corn!



Pod Aur y Byd (Year 3/4) enjoyed a fantastic visit to *Plantasia* and are continuing to explore their *Rainforest* topic. Mrs Edwards has been blown away by the fascinating facts the children have been discovering and sharing with her – well done, everyone!

Pod Llawn Dioni (Year 5/6) Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have had an amazingly creative month and their imaginations have truly been shining! They've been busy crafting blackout poems for our Harvest Festival, transforming ordinary pages of text into extraordinary works of art. Who knew a marker pen and a bit of creativity could reveal such powerful words?



Pod Calon Hapus (STF) It's been all go in STF this month and what a fantastic time we've had! Our pupils have been busy learning all about the life cycle of a pumpkin - From seed to sprout, the excitement has been growing faster than the pumpkins themselves!

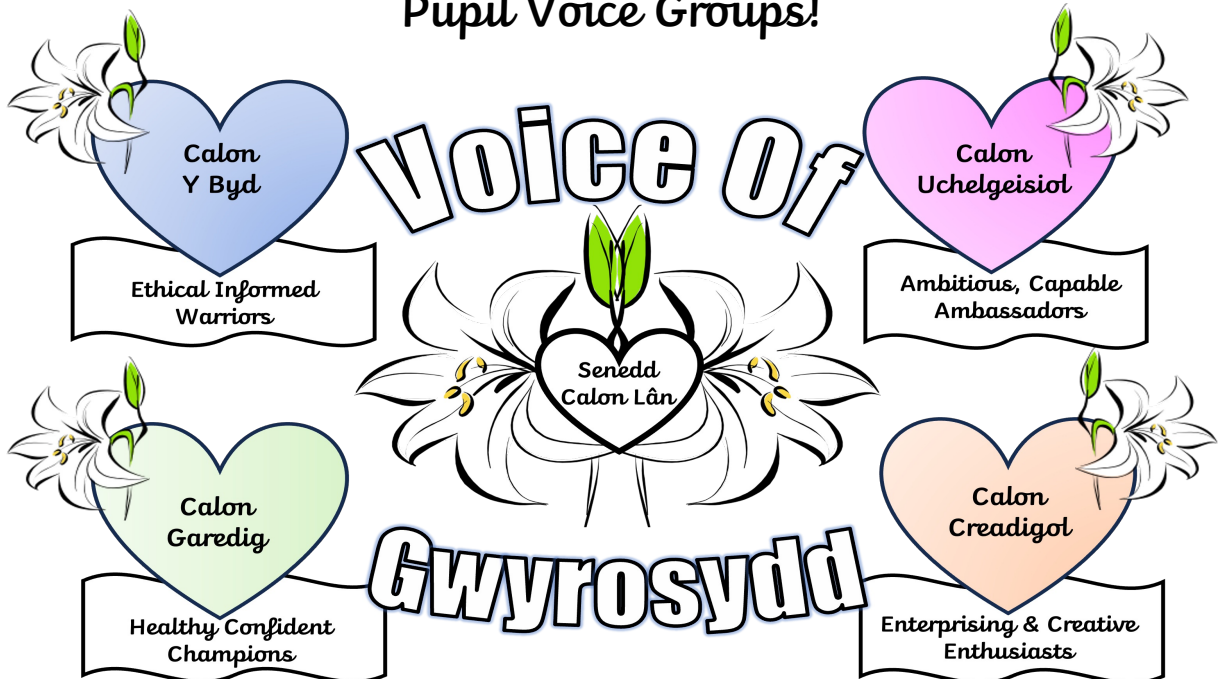
And if you thought pumpkins were the highlight - think again! Our budding musicians have been perfecting their saucepan percussion for the Harvest video. Oh, and don't miss the broad beans having a cosy nap in their blanket bed!



We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings!

# Pupil Voice 2025 Elections

Do you see yourself as an Enterprising, Enthusiastic, Ambitious Ambassador, a Healthy and Confident Champion, or an Ethical Warrior? Here's your chance to put yourself forward to be part of one of the Pupil Voice Groups!



## Your Task:

1. Create a poster, a short power-point, speech or even just one sentence explaining why you want to be part of a Pupil Voice Group.
2. Highlight your Values, key strengths and the qualities that make you the right person for the job.
3. Be prepared to present to your class

on Friday 7th November.

Your class will then vote in class elections to choose their representatives for the 4 pupil voice groups above. You will need to be creative, clear, and convincing – this is your chance for your CALON to shine!

# Snapshots of Year 5/6 Residential 2025!

What a Month! Y5/6 Residential Adventures at Llangrannog & Borfa were a great success for our Year 5 and 6 pupils!

Between our action-packed residentials to Llangrannog and Borfa, the children have had the time of their lives.

There's been surfing and horse riding, climbing and skiing, and just about every adventure you can imagine — all fuelled by laughter, courage, and maybe a few biscuits along the way!

Their behaviour was nothing short of amazing – respectful, enthusiastic, and full of team spirit. Staff couldn't stop smiling (and maybe cheering a little louder than they should have during the surf sessions!).

From conquering fears to trying something totally new, every child made us proud. It's been a month bursting with confidence, friendship, and unforgettable memories.

Here's to our incredible adventurers - they've set the bar high for fun, bravery, and muddy socks everywhere!



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# Online Safety – Coffee & Catch up!

Join us at Gwyrosydd Primary School for a Coffee and Catch-Up with our School Liaison Police Officer, PC Laura Anthony and myself, headteacher on:

**Tuesday 19th November at 2:30pm**

in the Community Hall (Infant Hall). This is a valuable opportunity to learn about online safety and discover practical ways to help keep our children safe in today's digital world.

PC Laura will be available to answer your questions and share tips on safeguarding your children online.

A booking form will be shared shortly so we can gauge numbers - don't miss this chance to stay informed and proactive about your child's online safety!



## Using Class Dojo to Stay Connected

ClassDojo is a fantastic way to communicate with teachers and stay updated on your child's learning. We encourage parents to use the platform to share positivity and celebrate achievements, helping to build a supportive and encouraging school community.

If you have any concerns, or questions, please speak to your child's class teacher in person first. Teachers are always happy to discuss any issues and are available at the classroom doors at the start of each day for a quick chat. You can also contact them through the school office by email or telephone, rather than messaging teachers directly on Dojo.



**Why not take this opportunity to send a positive message to a teacher this term?** A few kind words can go a long way in showing appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

We'd like to thank you for the positive messages we do receive - they really make a difference and help families and school to work together. Your kind words not only boost staff morale but also show our pupils that their efforts are noticed and celebrated. Sharing positivity helps create a supportive, happy environment where children can thrive, feel proud of their achievements, and see the whole school community working together and sharing our CALON Values.



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# Dates for the Diary

School term and holiday dates 2025 / 2026

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Terms ends
Autumn 2025	Monday 1 September 2025	Monday 27 October 2025	Friday 31 October 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Spring 2026	Monday 5 January 2026	Monday 16 February 2026	Friday 20 February 2026	Friday 27 March 2026
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	Monday 20 July 2026

**INSET DAYS**  
 01/09/25  
 15/9/25  
 23/2/26  
 1/5/26  
 5/5/26  
 20/7/26

## Reminder to apply for school places Nursery & Y6 pupils

A reminder to all Nursery and Year 6 parents: it's time to apply for your child's next school place. Parents of Nursery children must apply for a place in Reception, and Year 6 pupils must apply for a place in their school of choice for Year 7. Applications are made via the Swansea Council online portal, which is now open. Please make sure you submit your application by the closing date, **Friday 28th November**, to secure your child's place.

Dates for the Diary	
OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY	
3/11/25	Pupils return to school after half term break
W/B 10/11/25	Parent Teacher Interviews – Booking opens Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November on i-pay.
19/11/25	2:30pm Lower school Hall - Internet safety talk with local police – an opportunity for parents to ask questions and learn about keeping children safe online.
8 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Concert and trips fortnight - dates and times TBC.
19/12/25	Last Day for pupils before Christmas Holiday
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	

As we approach the festive season, we want to express our heartfelt thanks to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Your enthusiasm, involvement, and positivity play a huge role in making our school community so warm and welcoming. With exciting Christmas events on the horizon, we can't wait to celebrate together and enjoy another term full of learning, growth, and achievements.

Best Wishes  
**Mrs A. Edwards**  
 Headteacher



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