



Gwryrosydd News

September 2025

Annwyl Parents & Carers,


What a Successful Start to the New School Year!

We're delighted to share that it's been a wonderful and successful start to the new school year. All our pupils have settled brilliantly into their new pods and classes, and it's been lovely to see so many happy, smiling faces across the school. We've received lots of positive feedback from both pupils and parents about how well everyone has adjusted. We are also delighted to welcome our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Stones, who joined us in September.

Our dedicated staff have been working incredibly hard to develop vibrant and inspiring classroom environments that support exciting, creative, and engaging learning. Each space has been carefully designed to reflect 21st-century teaching and learning - providing our pupils with the best possible opportunities to thrive


Our values are more than words – They are the heart of our school.

Our Values



We care for each other, include everyone and show empathy whilst we work together to make our school a happy and safe place.

Community



We believe in ourselves, aim high and work hard to achieve our goals

Aspiration




We are loyal to our values. We are honest, kind, respectful and always do what is right.

Loyalty



We take responsibility for our actions, our learning and our choices. We are proud of our work and try to improve everyday.

Ownership



We are resilient; we keep trying, even when things are hard. We learn from mistakes and always aim to be the best that we can be.

Never Give Up

Our school values are now an embedded feature of daily life at Gwryrosydd and are central to everything we do. They are reflected in all of our lessons, activities, and interactions, guiding how we learn, work, and treat one another.

Our values are not only for our pupils but for our whole Gwryrosydd community, and we carry them with us everywhere we go. We wear our CALON Values on our hearts with pride.

Each week, we celebrate a different value as part of our Celebration Assembly, where pupils have the opportunity to learn about, talk about, and reflect on what our values mean to them in their daily lives. We truly appreciate your continued support in helping to instil these values at home and in the wider community.

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) have been having lots of fun exploring their new topic, *Down on the Farm!* The children have been busy learning all about animals, and we've loved seeing their enthusiasm shine.

Pod Lili Dlos (Year 2) have been getting creative with their *Animal Antics* topic. We can't wait to see the amazing conker animals that will soon appear in our outdoor play area! The children had an unforgettable experience when the *Animal Cwtsh* came to visit, bringing some extra special guests. The brave children who held the snake were especially impressive – it was definitely an event loved by all! Don't forget – keep collecting conkers for our pod!



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) have been stepping back in time, becoming evacuees to inspire their writing. Their work has been full of emotion and imagination – *we'll meet again* has certainly been the theme of the week!

All our **junior classes** are busily working on their *enterprise projects*, creating exciting products and ideas to help raise funds to develop and enhance their classrooms. It'



s wonderful to see their teamwork, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit in action.

Pod Calon Hapus (STF) Our STF Ford class have been *splish-splashing* their way through *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and have also been enjoying some fantastic dinosaur stories. Meanwhile, STF Kitchen have been out and about shopping in Tesco before returning to make *scrambled "snake" on toast!* Their *Scrambled Snake* sensory play was a big hit and brought lots of smiles.

What an amazing few weeks it's been — full of curiosity, courage, and creativity.



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

Our Young Writers are Ready for 500 Words 2025!

Exciting news! Our pupils have been busy putting pen to paper, crafting imaginative stories for this year's BBC's **500 Words** competition. There are **prizes to be won**, including **bundles of books** and **500 books for the school library!**

The official **celebrity judges** include Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, and Frank Cottrell-Boyce.

Fingers crossed and good luck to all our pupils who have entered!

Harvest Celebrations 2025



HARVEST FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Gwrysydd Primary School
are running a harvest food
bank collection for the
Penlan Foodbank.

We would love as many people as possible (families, staff and members of the community) to donate items please.

Items that don't perish quickly include: long life milk and fruit juices, squash, tinned fruit and vegetables, baked beans/spaghetti, tinned soups, tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned puddings, cereals, pasta, rice, cooking sauces, tea bags, coffee, flour, jams and spreads and snacks such as biscuits and crisps.

Toiletries such as deodorants, toothpaste, toothbrushes, toilet rolls, shower gel, shampoo, baby wipes and nappies are all much needed as well please.

Any donations are massively appreciated and can be brought into school the week commencing 6th October. These can either be brought to the main office or brought into school by the older children. Our School Senedd (council) children will then deliver them to the foodbank.

Thank you!

We are delighted to invite our Year 3-6 parents/carers to join us for our **Harvest services:**

- Pod Aur y Byd Y3/4:** Thursday 23rd October, 11:00am
- Pod Llawn Dioni Y5/6:** Friday 24th October, 11:00am

The children will be singing songs and taking part in class items, and it's wonderful to be able to work together with our community. A big thank you to our local church – St Albans for hosting these celebrations.

Our STF and younger pods will be enjoying a small in-school celebration. Parents will not be able to attend this but there will be other events throughout the year for parents.

This year, we will be collecting donations for the **Penlan Food Bank** – thank you for helping us support local families in need.

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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

10/10/25	Colorfoto Portraits (Individual/Siblings Portraits)
13/10/25	Y5 Borfa Residential
15/10/25	Shwmae Day – Pupils can wear red, white or green if they wish.
15/10/25	Y6 Llangrannog Residential
21/10/25	Autumn Disco (Fancy dress welcomed) Info to follow on Dojo.
22/10/25	Fire Safety Talks Y2&Y5
23/10/25	Y3/4 Harvest Service St Albans Church 11am
24/10/25	Y5/6 Harvest Service St Albans Church 11am
OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY	
3/11/25	Pupils return to school after half term break
W/B 10/11/25	Parent Teacher Interviews – Further detail and booking arrangements will be out soon.
19/12/25	Last Day for pupils before Christmas Holiday
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their continued support. Your encouragement, involvement, and positivity make such a difference and help create the strong sense of community we're so proud of at Gwyrosydd Together, we look forward to another fantastic term of learning, growth, and achievement.

Best Wishes
Mrs A. Edwards
Headteacher

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