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Annwyl Parents/Carers

I can hardly believe we've reached the end of another academic year—time has truly flown by! There have been so many fantastic experiences, events, and learning opportunities throughout the year that it would be impossible to mention them all in one newsletter. I hope I've managed to capture many of these special moments as the year has unfolded.

As you can imagine, school life is incredibly busy. With 427 children at George Street, no two days are ever the same—but each one is rewarding in its own way. As I walk around the school, listening to the buzz of learning and witnessing the wonderful interactions between children and staff, I feel incredibly privileged to lead such a fantastic school.

I am so proud of all our children. They are, on the whole, caring, polite, enthusiastic, and a true credit to their families. I am also deeply grateful to our dedicated staff, who consistently go above and beyond for the children of George Street. Their hard work and commitment are truly inspiring, and they thoroughly deserve a well-earned break.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to all our families for your continued support throughout the year. I'd like to extend my thanks to our Governing Body for their invaluable work, to our PTA for their fantastic fundraising efforts, and to our wonderful reading volunteers who give their time so generously. Congratulations to all our children and staff on a successful year. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

A gift from us to you – please click the link:

<https://youtu.be/HUd6Ne0yPUw>



We're excited to invite you to our *Meet the Team* sessions taking place during the first week of September. These events are a great opportunity to get to know the staff who will be working closely with your child this year.

As well as putting names to faces, you'll hear about daily routines, expectations, and how we can work together to support your child's learning and wellbeing. You'll also get a glimpse into what your child will be learning, how you can help at home, and have the chance to visit their classroom and ask any questions you may have.

Each year group will host two sessions to give families the flexibility to attend more than one if needed. If you're unable to join us in person, don't worry—key information will be available on our school website by the end of the day on **Friday 5th September**.

		Session 1	Session 2
Reception	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.20	3:50
Rec/Year 1 (Miss Bodger's class)	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.30	4:00
Year 1	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.30	4:00
Year 2	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.30	4:00
Year 3	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.30	4:00
Year 4	Thursday 4 th September	3.30	4:00
Year 5	Wednesday 3 rd September	3.30	4:00
Year 6	Thursday 4 th September	3.30	4:00

We hope that you can join us. Please use the usual gate/entrance and a member of staff will direct you to where the session is taking place.

CYMRAEG CAMPUS

We've been working incredibly hard towards achieving our Cymraeg Campus Silver Award, and the enthusiasm across the school has been fantastic! To boost the use of Welsh, we introduced a Dojo point system where children earn points for playing specific Welsh language games and using Cymraeg both in and out of the classroom. These points contribute to their colour house totals, with the winning house earning a '*parti pítsa*' on the school field! This fun and friendly competition has really raised the profile of Welsh across the school, with both staff and pupils getting involved – and showing their competitive sides!

Since the spring term, we've bagged nearly 2000 points as a collective.

Llongyfarchiadau enfawr i **Tŷ Coch**, who won the '*parti pítsa*' with 689 points!

Tŷ Gwyrdd came a close second with 686.

Tŷ Glas followed with 619.

Gwaith bendigedig pawb!



GAME, SET, MATCH!



Our Year 4 and Year 5 tennis teams had a fantastic time taking part in this year's tennis festivals at Pontypool Park, blessed with glorious sunshine throughout the day. It was wonderful to see all the children enjoying themselves while learning new skills and building on their techniques. There were smiles all around, with brilliant rallies, powerful serves, and some impressive forehand and backhand shots on display! If your child is interested in continuing their tennis journey, feel free to get in touch—we'd be happy to share details of local clubs in the area.

FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF WALES

We're thrilled to have been selected by FAW to receive a breath-taking mural in celebration of the Women's Euros taking place in Switzerland this year. A heartfelt thank you to County in the Community for inspiring our girls through this year's girls-only after-school football club.



SPORTS DAY SUCCESS

Sports Day was a truly memorable occasion, filled with excitement, determination, and joyful celebration. The day featured a wide range of events including sprints, sprint races, relays, obstacle courses, and field events like javelin and long jump. Each activity showcased the students' enthusiasm and sportsmanship, with every child giving their best effort and cheering on their teammates.

A huge thank you goes to Mrs PW, whose dedication and tireless work behind the scenes made the day run smoothly. She worked extensively with the children in the lead-up to the event and ensured every race and activity was well-organised and inclusive. Her commitment is deeply appreciated by staff, students, and families alike.

We were thrilled to welcome so many family members who came to support and encourage the children. Your presence added warmth and energy to the day, making it even more special for everyone involved. Congratulations to all the houses for their fantastic performances:

- 🏆 Blue House – 489 points
- 🥈 Green House – 475 points
- 🥉 Red House – 455 points

A BIG THANK YOU TO DRAMA QUEENS!

We were thrilled to welcome Drama Queens to our school, where they brought energy and excitement to Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 as well as our younger children in Reception with some fantastic dance workshops. The children had an amazing time learning new moves, and the joy and enthusiasm were felt all around. Thank you for such a fun and memorable experience!



DROS Y BYD – AROUND THE WORLD



Year 3 were thrilled to have a very special guest join us all the way from Australia! Miss Smith's brother, Owen, kindly gave up his time to meet with us over Teams and share his knowledge about life in Australia. He taught the children (and staff) some words in an Aboriginal language and answered all their brilliant questions. It was a fascinating and fun way to end the topic *Dros y Byd – Around the World*. Thank you so much, Owen, for making the day so memorable – diolch!

SCHOOLCYCLED - PLASTIC BOTTLE TOP COLLECTION – KEEP IT GOING!

We're still going strong with our plastic bottle top collection! Thanks to your fantastic support, we've had a very successful year and were able to exchange the tops for recycled tables and chairs for our school.

We'd love to keep this momentum going, so please continue collecting clean plastic bottle tops and sending them in with your child. Every top makes a difference!

Thank you once again for your continued support.



IT'S TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

As we reach the end of the academic year, it's time to say goodbye to some cherished members of our GS family.

Firstly, a huge thank you to Miss Davies for everything she has done during her time at our school. From September, Miss Davies will begin an exciting new chapter, teaching at a school not too far away - Cwmbran. We wish you all the very best of luck in your new role – you will be missed!

We also say goodbye and thank you to Miss Burn, who has also been a valued part of our team. Miss Burn is hoping to pursue her teaching qualification, and we wish her every success on this journey. Thank you for all your contributions!

Lastly, we must say a heartfelt thank you and goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children and their families. It has been a pleasure having you as part of our school community, and you will most definitely be missed. Enjoy every moment of what lies ahead—we can't wait to hear about all your future achievements.

A huge thank you as well to the families who have supported our school over the years. Your support has truly meant so much to us!

COMMUNITY LINKS

SUMMER CAMPS

JULY
21st - 24th
28th - 31st

AUGUST
4th - 7th
11th - 14th

John Frost High School
Lighthouse Rd, Gullys, NP23 6TG

Croesyceiliog Comprehensive School
Woodland Rd, Croesyceiliog, NP24 2TB

10am - 3pm

Mixed
Ages 5-11

Girls Only
Ages 6-16

£25 per session
Ask us about our sibling deal!

Buy a 4 day week of sessions, for the price of 3!

QR CODE

COMMUNITY

Joy of moving Programme

Keep active over the summer holidays by playing fun games with your children at home or in the park!

Scan the QR code, or visit
<https://www.joyofmovingresourcehub.co.uk/>

THE READING AGENCY

Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- 95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

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NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR TERM DATES

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 01.09.25	Monday 27.10.25	Friday 31.10.25	Friday 19.12.25
Spring	Monday 05.01.26	Monday 16.02.26	Friday 20.02.26	Friday 27.03.26
Summer	Monday 13.04.26	Monday 25.05.26	Friday 29.05.26	Monday 20.07.26

INSET DATES

Monday 1st September

Friday 3rd October

Friday 19th December

Monday 13th April

Friday 22nd May

Monday 20th July

Wishing you a wonderful summer break!

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