



YSGOL GYNRADD A MEITHRIN STRYD SIORS GEORGE STREET PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Annwyl Parents/Carers,

It has been such a joy to welcome everyone back and see our school full of happy, smiling faces once again. The children have settled into their new classes so well and it has been wonderful to see them reconnecting with friends, getting to know their teachers and embracing the excitement of a new school year.

A special welcome goes to all our new pupils and families. Starting a new school can be a big step, and I have been so proud to see our newest children settling in, making friends and quickly becoming part of the George Street family.

One of the best parts of my week has been spending time with the children in the mornings, around school and at lunchtime. Everywhere I have looked, I have seen enthusiasm, confidence and a genuine happiness to be back together again. It is moments like these that remind me what a special community we have here.

I have been particularly impressed with our youngest learners. Our Nursery children have been incredibly brave as they begin their school journey, and our Reception children have done amazingly well with their first full days in school. While they may be a little tired by Friday, they have approached every new experience with such positivity and determination, especially at lunchtime as they learn new routines and grow in independence.

Thank you to all our families for your support in helping the children settle so smoothly. We are incredibly proud of them all and are looking forward to a wonderful term ahead, filled with learning, laughter and memorable experiences.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

At George Street School, we know that children thrive when they are in school every day. Regular attendance helps children build confidence, develop friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. Each day brings new experiences, important lessons and special moments that cannot always be repeated, so being in school as often as possible gives children the best chance to succeed and reach their full potential. We understand that there will be times when children are genuinely unable to attend, but by working together to promote good attendance, we can help every child enjoy a happy and successful school experience.

If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to telephone the school office to report their absence. We kindly ask that you provide a little more detail than simply saying your child is "unwell". For example, letting us know whether they have a sickness bug, a high

Attendance Ladder



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temperature, a persistent cough or another specific illness helps us to keep accurate records and support our safeguarding responsibilities. We really appreciate your cooperation with this. Together, we can ensure that every child receives the support they need while maintaining a safe and caring environment for all.

As we often say at George Street School, **Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts.** ☀️

PLEASE LABEL CLOTHING AND BELONGINGS

We've had a wonderful first few days back at school, but we already have quite a collection of lost property! Many of the jumpers, cardigans and coats that have been handed in don't have names in them, which makes it very difficult for us to return them to the right child.

We would be very grateful if all clothing and personal belongings could be clearly labelled with your child's name. While we always do our best to reunite lost items with their owners, unfortunately we cannot guarantee this if items are unnamed.

We would also encourage our older pupils in Years 3 to 6 to take responsibility for looking after their own belongings and checking that they have everything with them before leaving the classroom or playground.

A quick name label can save a lot of time, money and worry, and helps us return lost items to their owners much more quickly. Thank you for your support. 😊

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Our after-school clubs will begin during the week commencing Monday 5th October.

Further information about the range of clubs available, along with the dates they will run, will be shared over the coming weeks. Children will then have the opportunity to express an interest in the clubs they would like to attend.

Once we have gathered pupil preferences, places will be allocated and confirmation texts will be sent. We look forward to offering a wide variety of exciting opportunities for our children to learn new skills, develop interests and have fun beyond the school day.



ClassDojo

We use Class Dojo to celebrate and share the wonderful learning taking place in school by posting updates, photos and examples of the fantastic experiences the children enjoy throughout the week. We hope you enjoy following your child's learning journey and sharing in these special school moments.

If you are new to George Street School, you will shortly receive a letter containing a QR code and instructions explaining how to access your child's Class Dojo account. If you have any questions about setting up or using the app, please feel free to speak with your child's teacher during next week's Meet the Team sessions.

Please remember that Class Dojo is **not** a messaging service. Staff have been advised that they are not expected to read or respond to messages sent through the app. If you need to speak to your child's

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teacher, please contact the school office by telephone and leave a message with a member of the office team. Your message will be passed on and a member of staff will contact you as soon as they are able.

We kindly ask for your patience, as between 8:40am and 3:15pm teachers are responsible for teaching and caring for children and are unable to leave their classes to take or return phone calls. They will get back to you at the earliest appropriate opportunity.

Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us ensure that our staff can remain fully focused on providing the very best learning experiences for our children throughout the school day.

HEALTHY SNACKS

All children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to enjoy during the school day. Suitable snacks include items such as fruit, vegetables and a bottle of water.

To help keep all our children safe, please remember that we have several pupils with nut allergies. We kindly ask that no foods containing nuts are sent into school, either for snack time or as part of a packed lunch.

Thank you for your support in helping us promote healthy eating and ensure our school remains a safe environment for everyone. ☀️



SCHOOL LUNCHES



Please take a few moments to chat with your child about the school lunch options available each week. Discussing the menu together, either at the start of the week or each day, can help your child choose meals they will enjoy and look forward to.

The current school menu can be found on the Torfaen website:

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/EducationLearning/SchoolsColleges/Schoolcatering/School-Menus.aspx>
or

<https://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/Related-Documents/School-Meals/Primary-School-Menu.pdf>

Tip: Talking about lunch choices in advance can also help children feel more confident and independent when ordering their meal in school. 🍽️ 😊

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September 2026	
Wednesday 9 th September	Meet the Team sessions for Nursery to Year 5. 3:30pm and 4:00pm
Thursday 10 th September	Meet the Team sessions for Year 6. 3:30pm and 4:00pm
Thursday 17 th September	INSET DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Monday 21 st and Tuesday 22 nd September	Individual/Sibling photos. Please note that sibling photos are who children who attend George Street.

COMMUNITY LINKS





Weaning Groups

At Cwmbran Library (13:00 - 14:00)

18th August 2026
15th September 2026
12th November 2026
12th January 2027
12th March 2027

Our Public Health Dietetics team will present 60 minute sessions to new parents providing accurate and up-to-date information on weaning to give your little one the best start in life.

We understand that every child is unique and develops at different times. We will support you in recognizing the signs of choking and introducing allergens along with

When and how to start

Suitable first foods

How to proceed with textures





If you are interested in attending, please book using the QR code.

Phone: 01633 740144
Email: ABB.NSFLBooking@wales.nhs.uk







Little Bites Big beginnings

Our Public Health Dietetics team will deliver 60-minute sessions for parents and caregivers of children aged 1-4 years. These sessions will provide current information on healthy eating, strategies for managing fussy eating, and ideas for lunch box options.

Session 1
Healthy Eating
Introduction to the principles of a balanced diet.

Session 2
Fussy eating up-to-date tips to help manage fussy eating.

Session 3
Healthy lunch box and snack ideas.





Dates available in Cwmbran Library:

- 28th, 29th & 30th September 2026 (10 - 11)
- 8th 9th & 10th February 2027 (13:00 - 14:00)

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PLAYERS WANTED

for the
2026/2027 SEASON

SCHOOL YEAR 3

EVERY FRIDAY 6-7PM
at Pontypool United

TAG RUGBY

— FUN + FRIENDS + FITNESS —
EVERYONE WELCOME!

CONTACT MIKE ON **07805472923**
FOR MORE INFORMATION

WE ARE UNITED



Are you supporting a child with ND/ADHD and would like to join a peer support group?



Peer Support For Adult Parent/Carers of ND children.

Run By Volunteers With Lived Experience.

No Diagnosis Needed
Based In Gwent
Regular Face-To-Face Meetings
Friendly, Supportive And Non-Judgemental
Focus On ADHD Plus Other Neurodivergent Conditions
Such As Autism.

Our Current Groups (please check Facebook for updates and changes) TERM TIME ONLY:

First Wednesday 10am-12 USW Newport City Centre

Second Friday 10am-12 Thornhill Community Centre, Cwmbran

Third Thursday 10am-12 Serennu Centre Rogerstone

Fourth Monday 5:30pm-7:30pm Serennu Centre Rogerstone

New Abertaweili group coming soon!



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