



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 06 September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to term we have had this week. Children are settling into their new classes and routines and have enjoyed catching up with their friends and teachers. We have had lots of smiles, enthusiasm and happiness at being back. We've even been lucky enough to enjoy the wonderful weather and make good use of our outdoor areas. I had the privilege of spending time with children this week during lunch times and I'm so impressed by how well Reception children have settled into the lunch time routine.



X/TWITTER

We are in the process of rolling forward our class X/Twitter feeds so that you can continue to follow your child's journey in school without losing any of their previous posts. As soon as these Twitter accounts are up and running, we will let you know. Twitter is a great way to share the experiences children take part in at school as well as to celebrate successes.

At present you can follow our whole school Twitter feed [@Georgestreetpri](#), sporting events [@GeorgeStSport](#) and forest school activities [@Jonestheforest2](#)

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

We are pleased that we can offer several clubs throughout this academic year. Below is an overview of the year; staff will send out more information about the autumn clubs next week. Each club will be no larger than 30 children.

	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Reception		Reception to Year 2	Reception to Year 2
Years 1 & 2	Story Telling and Lending Library – Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Forest Jones and Mrs Simons	Sing! – Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Williams	Drawing club – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mr Keir
	Film club – Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Davies and Mrs Fisher	Construction – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Woods and Miss Bodger	Games club – Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Larcombe
Year 3 & 4	Digital leaders – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mr Edwards	Dance Fitness – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Field and Miss Main	Welsh – Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Pearce
	Darts – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Preston-Thomas (Miss Carlie)	French – Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mr Taylor	Musical Theatre – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Thomas

	Sign Language – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Brooks		
	Choir – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Lloyd		
Year 5 & 6	Digital leaders – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mr Edwards	Dance Fitness – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Field and Miss Main	Musical Theatre – Mondays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Thomas
	Football – Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm Mrs PW	Rugby – Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm Mr Edwards	
	Netball – Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Davies	French – Thursdays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mr Taylor	
	Darts – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Miss Preston-Thomas (Miss Carlie)		
	Sign Language – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Brooks		
	Choir – Fridays 3:15 – 4:00pm Mrs Lloyd		

HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS

Children from Years 1 to 6 are invited to bring snack to school every day. If your child is bringing a snack into school, please ensure it is a healthy snack such as fruit, veg and water. We also have several children in school with nut allergies so please do not send in any foods which contain nuts (this also applies to lunch times).



SCHOOL LUNCH

Please ensure you are discussing the school lunch options with children either at the beginning of every week or daily, so children are selecting the meals they like. The 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>

PARENT CONSULTATIONS

The first round of this year's parent consultations will take place in the week beginning Monday 11th October. These will be **telephone conversations** to discuss how your child has settled into their new class and to share any concerns or issues that have arisen since the start of term. You will receive an invitation via text in the coming weeks so please ensure your details are up to date with the office.

NEWS FROM GEORGE STREET PTA

Welcome back! George Street PTA have an exciting potential new fundraising steam they would like your help with! Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen primary school. For every customer who chooses George Street, Asda will put £1 into our school's cash pot, and

another £50 when the school's first opted-in customer spends in-store or online! It's easy to do and you can help us in a few steps:

- 1.) Download the ASDA rewards app.
- 2.) Use the cash pot for school's link in the app to choose George Street Primary (make sure you choose George Street Pontypool - we are the second George Street, there is another George Street School on the app)
- 3.) Shop!
- 4.) We will keep you updated on our Facebook page (follow us!) and in future newsletters.

DIARY DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM (so far)

September 2024	
Wednesday 11 th September	Individual class photos
Thursday 12 th September	Sibling photos (for children who attend George Street)

October 2024	
Friday 4 th October	Harvest themed day (more info to follow)
WC 14 th October	Parent consultations (phone call)
Friday 18 th October	INSET DAY

December 2024	
Monday 2 nd December	Step into Christmas themed day (more info to follow)
Wednesday 4 th to Friday 6 th December	Year 6 - Manor Adventure (provisional dates)
Wednesday 11 th December	Christmas Community Experience – families are welcome 3:30pm – 5:30pm
Friday 13 th December	Early Years Christmas concert (more info to follow) – families welcome
Monday 16 th December	Year 1 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Years 3 to 6 Panto at Riverfront, Newport
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception to Year 2 Santa visit
Wednesday 18 th December	Year 2 Christmas Event – families welcome 2:15pm
Thursday 19 th December	Years 3 to 6 Christingle at church – families welcome 1:30pm
Friday 20 th December	INSET DAY

COMMUNITY LINKS





Term-time
Tuesdays
4:30 - 5:30pm
Ages 7 - 11
Sharon Church
96 Osborne Rd

Contact Thomasina on 07759159260 for more information





Term-time Fridays
9:30 - 11am
Sharon Church
96 Osborne Rd

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Term time
Tuesdays
3:30 - 4:30
Ages 3 - 6
Sharon Church
96 Osborne Rd

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Unlock Your Potential with the Torfaen Start-Up Programme!

**Are you a parent who has a business idea?
The time to turn your dreams into reality is now!**

We are thrilled to offer a **fully funded Business Start-Up Programme** designed to help you launch and grow your business.

Our expert-led programme will guide you every step of the way, providing the tools and knowledge you need to succeed. Whether you're just starting with an idea or looking to refine your business plan, our comprehensive sessions cover everything you need:

We can offer FREE* creche provision for your child to give you time to attend the course.
*subject to eligibility

1. Idea Generation
2. Branding & Marketing
3. Social Media Strategies & Website
4. Sales & Finance
5. Funding & Legal
6. Getting Organised
7. Business Model Canvas & Pitching 101
8. Big Pitch Finale

This 8-week course takes place every Thursday, 9:30-13:00, from 3rd October through to 28th November (with a break during half term week), at the Croesceiliog Community Education Centre, The Highway, Cwmbran NP44 2HF

Join us to gain the confidence, skills, and support you need to make your business dreams come true. Spaces are limited, so don't miss this opportunity to invest in your future!

Ready to get started?
Contact us today to learn more and secure your spot!
businessdirect@torfaen.gov.uk
Tel: 01633 648735





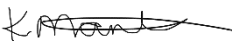

TERM DATES

2024/2025 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

Reminder: holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there is an exceptional circumstance.

Kind regards




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