



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

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year and welcome to 2025! I hope the year ahead brings joy, good health and many positive experiences. It has been wonderful to have the children back at school to start the spring term, and what better way to kick things off than with a little snowfall to add to the excitement!

The spring term is shaping up to be a busy and exciting one, with lots of events and activities to look forward to. We're thrilled to see so much energy and enthusiasm already in the air.

A warm welcome to all the families who are new to George Street. It's a pleasure to have your children with us, and we look forward to getting to know you all better in the coming months.

### **A NEW YEAR, A NEW VISION: OUR PROMISE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY**

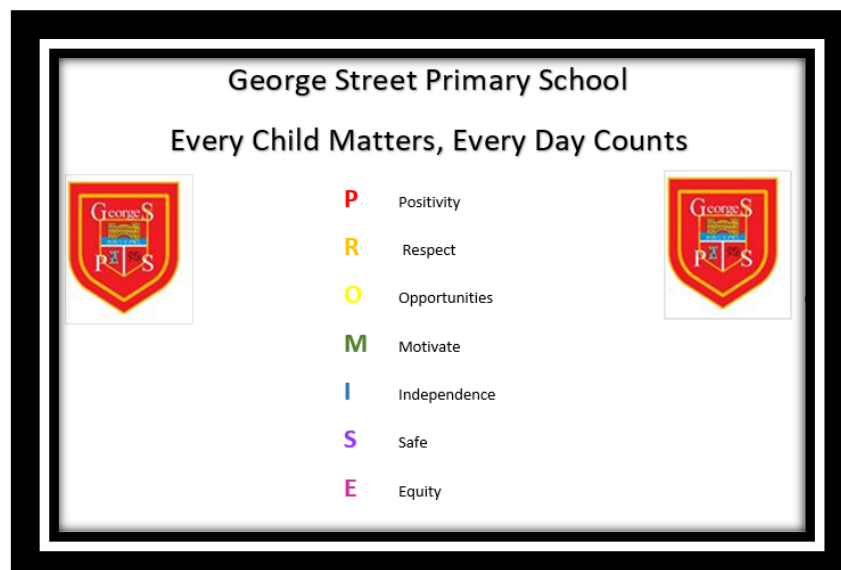
As we begin a new year, I am excited to share our refreshed vision for the future of our school. This vision is a promise—a commitment to every member of our school community.

A special thank you to all who have contributed to this vision, sharing insights, ideas, and aspirations. Together, we have crafted a vision that reflects our shared values and goals, a vision that will guide us toward continued growth and success.

Our school vision is built on the foundation of care, inclusion, and attendance. It is a vision that encourages every student to thrive, and every teacher to inspire.

As we move forward, let us carry this promise with pride and dedication, working together to create an environment where every individual feels valued, supported, and empowered.

Here's to a year of new possibilities, where our vision takes shape and leads us to new heights!



*Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts*

## MINDFUL PARKING

I must bring to your attention a concern regarding parking. Unfortunately, this week there have been incidents of cars blocking driveways and garage entrances on Wainfein Road. This has caused disruption to our community, which is simply unacceptable.

Please be reminded that parking in front of or within 1.5 meters of a driveway or garage entrance is in violation of the Traffic Management Act 2004. I have been told that police have been informed, and as a result, vehicles parked incorrectly may be subject to parking tickets or even towing.

I kindly ask that everyone be mindful of where you park to ensure the convenience and safety of all our neighbours. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

Congratulations to Ella James-George from Year 6 for receiving my certificate this week. She has received this certificate for always being very polite and friendly. Thank you, Ella!

## COMMUNITY WORK

As you may know, we work very closely with several local charities that support our school, enabling us to offer help and support families. We are pleased to share with you that we will continue our community support efforts throughout 2025.

**Monthly Food Parcels:** Food parcels will continue to be delivered to the school at the beginning of every month. A text message will be sent to families to notify you when the food parcels can be collected. These will be available free of charge to those who wish to receive them.

**Pre-Loved School Uniform:** We will continue to stock pre-loved school uniforms. Families are welcome to visit the school office to request any uniform items you may need (subject to availability). If you have any queries or need assistance, please don't hesitate to call the school and speak with Diana Mollaney, our Family Liaison Officer.

**Fresh Food Collection:** Fresh food items will continue to be collected every Friday morning for families to pick up on Friday afternoons. A text message will inform you about the available fresh food for that week, which is also free of charge. (This will begin next week).

**Help Yourself Friday Update:** There will be a slight change to the 'Help Yourself Friday' initiative that we ran in the autumn term. A letter outlining this change will be sent to families next week, so please look out for it.

We take great pride in our community work and are committed to supporting our families as much as possible. This initiative is very important to us, and we will continue to open our doors and provide assistance to the community in every way we can.

## COMMUNITY LINKS



**THE WARM HUB IS BACK**  
at Widdershins Centre, Sebastopol  
**Feel Warm, Feel Welcome**



Enjoy a safe warm space where you can meet other people and enjoy sausage, mash and a hot drink for FREE!  
**Every Monday 12-2.00**

Widdershins Centre  
East Avenue, Sebastopol  
Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 5AB

Email: [widdershins@ageconnectstorfaen.org](mailto:widdershins@ageconnectstorfaen.org)  
Website: [www.ageconnectstorfaen.org.uk](http://www.ageconnectstorfaen.org.uk)

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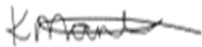
## DIARY

<b>January 2025</b>	
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Reception to Year 2 Disco – 2:30 – 3:15pm (pick up as normal) Years 3 to 6 Disco – 3:30 – 4:15pm (children to stay in school until 3:30pm)  There will be a cost for the disco - £1. Children can wear their own clothes to school.  This is an optional event – if children do not want to attend, please inform staff and pick your child up as normal.

<b>February 2025</b>	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 3 to begin Kerb Craft Project (pupil event only within school hours).
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Welsh Week – in preparation for Eisteddfod
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Family Forest School Session – afternoon More information to follow from class teachers
24 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM

<b>March 2025</b>	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – non-uniform day with more information to follow
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	PTA Book Sale – more information to follow
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	School Eisteddfod (pupil event only within school hours). Children are welcome to wear Welsh themed/Welsh coloured clothing.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-uniform day in exchange for a chocolate bar (in readiness for chocolate raffle)

Kind regards



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