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Annwyl Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school for the start of the summer term. We've been lucky to enjoy some glorious weather, which has lifted everyone's spirits. As the warm temperatures continue, we kindly ask that sun lotion is applied to your child before the start of the school day. To help keep them comfortable and safe in the sun, please also ensure they bring a labelled water bottle and wear a sun hat to school. Thank you for your continued support.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new families joining us at George Street. We are confident that your child will enjoy being part of our caring and supportive school community. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our school office — we're always here to help.

It has been a pleasure working alongside our new Site Manager, Mr Roque, this week. He has quickly settled in and already drawn up a list of exciting projects he'll be leading around the school. We're especially pleased to see him getting started on building new benches for our Forest School area — a fantastic addition the children are sure to enjoy!

We are also delighted to welcome Miss Edwards as the newest member of our Early Years team. Many of you may recognise her from her time with us as a student, and we're thrilled that she has now joined us as a Teaching Assistant for the summer term. We look forward to the valuable contribution she will make to our school community.

CHICK UPDATE

Our chicks have been growing beautifully over the Easter break and have now started spending short periods of time outside in our Forest School area this week. The children have really enjoyed seeing them explore their new surroundings!



Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

BLUEBELL EXPLORE PONTYPOOL PARK



Bluebell enjoyed two sunny mornings down at Pontypool Park this week. The children were so amazing: they listened beautifully, walked through town with maturity, and were an absolute credit to the school. In addition to enjoying time in the playground and the maze, they also completed a number activity where we discussed litter and how to care for the park, as well as a senses discussion where we described what we could see, hear, smell, touch, and even taste! This visit will kick start all our work this summer term - it's going to be so much fun!



YEAR 6 VISIT THE COAST

On the last day of the Spring term, Caerffili visited Rest Bay. Harlech made their own visit to the Bay this Wednesday. Plenty of suncream was needed with such a scorcher of a day! Children spent time rock pooling, followed by some work on coastal erosion and

building our own seaside defences. The children were exemplary, giving their all in activities and impressing all staff with their fabulous behaviour. Long may the sunny days continue.





UNIFORM REMINDER

With the change in weather, I'd like to remind families that children are still expected to wear school



uniform. However, they are welcome to wear school-appropriate

shorts or summer dresses to help keep cool during the warmer days.

I have also noticed a growing number of older children wearing jewellery to school. Please ensure your child removes any jewellery before coming in. While stud earrings and watches are permitted, items such as hooped or dangly earrings, rings, necklaces, bracelets, and anklets are not part of our school uniform. Any jewellery worn to school outside of these guidelines will need to be removed. False/acrylic nails are not permitted.

Thank you for your understanding and support in maintaining our uniform standards.

GEORGE STREET GET TOGETHER

Our GS Get Together will continue to take place every Friday afternoon at 2:15pm. This friendly coffee afternoon is designed to bring families together to connect, chat, and enjoy a cuppa and a biscuit in a relaxed setting. It's a wonderful opportunity to meet others and build links within our school community. Everyone is welcome, so please feel free to join us.

If you have any questions about the session, please don't hesitate to call the school office for a chat.

COMMUNITY LINKS







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May 2025	
Monday 5 th May	May bank holiday – school closed
Wednesday 7 ^h	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
May	
Tuesday 13 th May	Year 5 coastal school trip
Wednesday 14 th	Year I Dental Epidemiology Programme
May	
Thursday 15 th	Year 5 meeting with West Mon staff at George Street (parents invited to attend straight
May	after school)
Friday 16 th May	Year 2 cultural event at school (children only)
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 coastal school trip
Wednesday 21 st	Year 6 to visit West Mon for West Mon Wednesday activities
May	
Thursday 22 nd	Year 5 parent event – afternoon. More info to follow from class teachers.
May	
Friday 23 rd May	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday 26 th May	HALF TERM (I week)

Newsletters will now be published fortnighly.

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