



## YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

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Annwyl Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the term we've had this week! The children have settled into their new classes beautifully and have thoroughly enjoyed reconnecting with their friends and teachers. We're especially delighted to welcome our new pupils to GS School — it's been wonderful to see them making new friends and learning the routines of the school day with such enthusiasm. I've seen so many smiles, so much energy, and a genuine joy in being back at school. It's been a privilege to spend time with the children during the mornings and at lunchtime, and I'm particularly impressed by how brave our Nursery children have been and how well our Reception children are managing full days — even if they're a little tired by the end of the week! They've been brilliant, especially during lunchtime as they learn this new part of their school experience.

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the families who attended our *Meet the Team* sessions this week. It was lovely to see so many of you and to share more about the exciting year ahead. If you were unable to join us, please don't worry — key information about your child's year group, including PE and Forest School days and the structure of the school day, is available on our website. We encourage you to take a look to stay informed and feel connected to your child's school experience.

<https://www.georgestreetprimary.co.uk/> - Click the Parent Zone, then Meet the Team September 2025.

### **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>

### **HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS**

Children from Reception to Year 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 any foods in which contain nuts (this also applies to lunch times).





**ClassDojo**

We would like to inform you that the school will no longer be using Year Group accounts on **X** to share your child's experiences. Instead, we are moving to the **Class Dojo** app.

Before the summer break, you should have received a letter about downloading the app. This letter also included a QR code to help you access your child's account. The permission form you need to complete has been sent via text. Please complete the form asap.

If you are new to the school or have misplaced the letter, please speak to a member of staff who will be happy to provide you with the necessary information.

If you experience any difficulties, please don't hesitate to contact us or speak to a teacher at the beginning or end of the school day — we're here to help.

Mrs PW, who teaches PE across the school, will still be using her X account, celebrating sporting achievements. You can find her on [@GeorgeStSport](#)

You can also follow the school account on [@Georgestreetpri](#)

### **AFTER SCHOOLS CLUBS**

After-school clubs will begin during the week commencing Monday 22nd September (some sporting clubs will begin before this date – text have been sent already). Clubs will run throughout the year on specific weeks.

Next week, more information will be shared about the available clubs and the dates they will run. At that point, children will be invited to express their interest in the clubs they'd like to join.

Once interests have been gathered, staff will send out invites to confirm places.

### **THE GS VLOG IS BACK!**

We're excited to announce that the GS VLOG will return this academic year, with the first episode launching on Friday, 12th September!

If you have a question about school life or would like to see something specific featured in the VLOG, please feel free to email us on [GSVlogSquad@Gmail.com](mailto:GSVlogSquad@Gmail.com). If your suggestion is appropriate and we're able to include it, we'll do our best to feature it in an upcoming episode.

Please note:

- The Vlog Squad will decide which episode your question or suggestion appears in.
- This email address is only for VLOG-related content. For all other day-to-day enquiries, please contact the school via the main telephone number or main school email.

We can't wait to share what's coming up—stay tuned!

### **JEWELLERY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

Please ensure your child adheres to the school's jewellery policy before coming to school. For safety and safeguarding reasons:

- **Bracelets, necklaces, and smartwatches** (those capable of texting or taking photos) are **not permitted**.
- **Earrings must be studs only**—no hoops, dangly earrings, or other types are allowed.

We kindly ask that you check your child's jewellery each morning. If a child arrives wearing prohibited items, a phone call home may be made, and the items may be confiscated until collected by an adult.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school safe and focused on learning.

## DYDDIADUR

<b>September 2024</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Individual/sibling class photos
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 application to Secondary school now open
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Year 6 visit to Pontypool Library

<b>October 2024</b>	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Inset Day – school closed to children
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Poppy/Tulip visit to Pontypool Library
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Fire Service visit to Year 2 and Year 5
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Aberfan Memorial Day Parent Consultations – PHONE CALLS
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Flu immunisation day Parent Consultations – PHONE CALLS
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery parent event – more information to follow
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> October	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

## COMMUNITY LINKS

### Gwent Carers Hub

 **September Events - To book onto any of the activities, please contact the Gwent Carers Hub on 01495 367564**

#### Cuppa and a Chat

Date: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September | Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

An informal drop-in session for carers to enjoy refreshments and connect.

#### Bingo Bonanza

Date: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September | Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

A light-hearted morning of bingo, prizes, and social interaction.

#### Postcard Competition

Date: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September | Time: 10:00am – 2:00pm

A creative activity encouraging carers to design and share their own postcards.

#### St David's Cardiff Shopping Trip

Date: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September

A group outing offering carers a chance to unwind and enjoy some retail therapy

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*Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts*