

YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Dydd Gwener 21 Tachwedd 2025

Annwyl Parents/Carers

It's been a busy few weeks filled with exciting learning opportunities and experiences for your children to enjoy. After last week's storm, we've been fortunate to have better weather, and the children have made the most of their time outdoors—even in the chilly conditions! As the cold weather looks set to stay, please ensure your child comes to school with a warm coat, and don't forget to label it.

You may have heard your child mention the Estyn Inspection team visiting our school this week. The children had the chance to share their thoughts about their learning and what it means to be part of our school community. I am incredibly proud of how well they behaved and how polite they were to our visitors—they can always be relied upon to model these important qualities. The findings of the inspection will be published on **22nd January 2026**.

YEAR 2 DRAMA WORKSHOP WITH NAOMI NORMAN

This week, our Year 2 children had a fantastic visit from local theatre actor Naomi Norman! The class took part in an exciting drama workshop where they learned all about stage expressions, the importance of timing when delivering lines, and many other key performance skills.

Working together, the children put their new talents into action by performing their very own version of The Wizard of Oz. The room was filled with laughter, creativity, and lots of enthusiasm as everyone stepped into character and brought the story to life! Naomi is currently directing a production of The Wizard of Oz, which will be performed at Llanyrafon Methodist Church - what an inspiring connection for our budding actors!

A huge thank you to Naomi for sharing her expertise and making this such a memorable experience for Year 2.



PLEASE ARRIVE PROMPTLY

We kindly ask all parents to ensure children arrive on time each morning. The school gates will close at 9:05am so that staff can begin their classes and support learning without delay. Thank you for helping us keep the day running smoothly and ensuring every child gets the best start to their learning.

A REMINDER ABOUT CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is a fantastic way for us to share the wonderful experiences your child has in school. However, please note that it is not a platform for leaving messages for staff about your child. We cannot guarantee that these messages will be seen promptly. If you need to pass on information, please speak directly to a member of staff or call the school office, where your message will be relayed to the appropriate person. Thank you for your understanding and support.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



Thank you to everyone who
donated money!

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE – CELEBRATING JONAH!

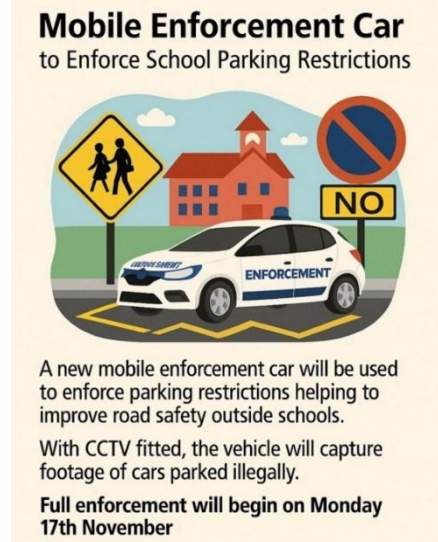
This week, my certificate goes to someone who has shown incredible qualities that truly stand out. Jonah from Year 3 has impressed me with his supportive nature, helpful attitude, patience, and dedication. These wonderful traits make him a fantastic member of our school, and I am so proud to recognise Jonah for being so very supportive. Well done, Jonah!

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December 2025	
Monday 1 st December	Step Into Christmas. Children are invited to wear festive clothing to school. Families will be invited to school to be part of this very exciting day – a separate letter will be sent home.
Wednesday 3 rd December – Friday	Year 6 Manor Adventure residential trip
Monday 8 th December	Year 3 visit to Pontypool Library
Tuesday 9 th December and Wednesday 10 th December	Year 4 Christmas Market. Families invited. More info to follow from class teachers.
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.
Monday 15 th December	Poppy and Tulip 'The Busy Nativity'. Families are welcome to one of the sessions: either 10:00am or 2:30pm. More info to follow from class teachers.
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert. Families invited. More info to follow from class teachers.
Wednesday 17 th December	Snowdrop and Sunflower Christmas Nativity. Families welcome. 10am. More info to follow from class teachers.
NEW DATE Thursday 18 th December	Year 3 to 6 Christingle at Crane Street Church at 1:30pm. The church can accommodate one adult per family.
Friday 19 th December	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

COMMUNITY LINKS



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