

YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Dydd Gwener 09 Ionawr 2026

Annwyl Parents/Carers

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful festive period with your families. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school, and what better way to start the Spring Term than with a magical dusting of snow to spark excitement!

Temperatures are very cold at the moment, so please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, including a warm coat. To help us keep belongings safe, all clothing should be clearly labelled.

We're looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, filled with exciting learning opportunities and events. Please keep an eye on upcoming dates in our school diary so you don't miss anything important!



Please speak to your child about water safety!

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REMINDER

Our After-School Clubs will resume next week. Below is a reminder of the clubs available. If your child has been selected for a new club, a member of staff will have contacted you directly. Unfortunately, due to high demand, we are unable to accommodate all children who wish to join.

Spring term WC 12.01.26 – 23.03.26			
Club	Year Groups	Day	Staff
Spanish	Reception to year 2	Tuesday	Mr Roque Miss Bodger
Stay Fit	Reception to year 2	Tuesday	Miss Woods Mrs Aryes
Pound Fit	Years 3 to 6	Monday	Mrs Field Miss Main
French	Years 3 to 6	Tuesday	Mr Taylor Mrs Willaims
Choir	Years 3 to 6	Friday	Mrs Lloyd

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PE DAYS UPDATE

Due to organisational requirements, some PE days will change starting next week. Please see the updated schedule below to ensure your child is prepared:

Monday – Year 4
Tuesday – Poppy and Tulip
Wednesday – Sunflower and Year 3
Thursday – Year 2 and Year 5
Friday – Year 6

On their PE day, children should come to school wearing suitable clothing and footwear for physical activity.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we make these adjustments.

HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

I'm absolutely thrilled to award Lowri and Elise from Year 6 the Headteacher's Certificate! They've been working together on Hwb (at home), creating fun Welsh lesson plans and then giving up their lunch breaks to teach younger children. How fantastic is that? I'm so proud of them both – I just know they're going to make brilliant teachers one day!



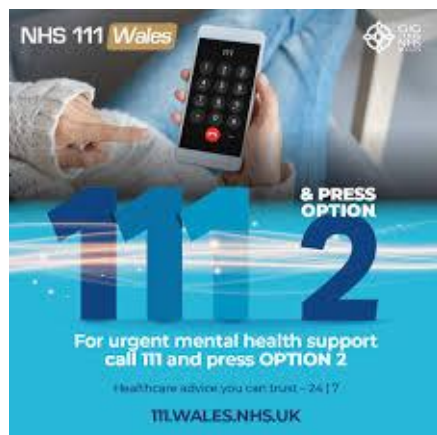
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January 2026	
Wednesday 14 th January	West Mon Cluster Rugby Competition. More info to follow from Mrs PW.
Monday 19 th January	Kerbcraft begins for year 3 pupils (road safety programme for 1 week).
Tuesday 20 th January	Under 11s Tumble and Vault Competition. More info to follow from Mrs PW.
Tuesday 27 th January	Try Something New event. More info to follow from Mrs PW.

February 2026	
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED

COMMUNITY LINKS

A message from Aneurin Bevan:



The Christmas period isn't always a joyful time, and we want local residents to know what urgent support services are available to them when they're struggling with their mental health.

Free, urgent mental health help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by calling 111 and pressing option 2. Whether it's day or night, the 111 (press option 2) service will have specially trained local mental well-being practitioners on the other end of the phone when someone needs urgent help, but it's not life-threatening. Available to adults and children of any age, the service offers bespoke one-to-one advice, support and care to meet the needs of everyone.

For more general mental health support, the Melo website offers free information, advice and self-help resources to help people look after their mental health and wellbeing: Melo - Mental Health & Wellbeing Resources, Courses & Support

Samaritans also has a free-to-call support service that operates 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Anyone wanting to talk to someone in confidence can call them on 116 123.

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Anyone in Gwent who is in need of mental health support and is unsure of where to go for help can find advice and signposting on the Gwent Health Guide, which is available on our website: I am struggling with my mental health, or I am lonely, or I want to improve my wellbeing - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board.



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