



YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Dydd Gwener 23 Ionawr 2026

Annwyl Parents/Carers



Although the weather has been wet and gloomy recently, there has been lots of exciting and purposeful learning taking place across the school.

I am extremely proud of how all children and staff responded calmly and sensibly to the lockdown drill this week. Practising these drills is an important part of keeping everyone safe, as it helps ensure that routines are familiar and can be followed confidently in the unlikely event of an emergency. To make the drill as realistic as possible, staff and children are not notified in advance; however, it is always made clear as soon as the drill has finished that it was a practice.

INSPECTION REPORT

You will have received a link via text yesterday directing you to the Estyn summary following our recent inspection. The full report is available on the Estyn website as well as on our own school website. As with most inspection reports, the school has been given recommendations to support continued improvement. Our work addressing these recommendations has already begun, and we are committed to building on our strengths to ensure the best possible outcomes for all our learners.

Parents and carers can play a vital role in supporting the school's ongoing improvement by continuing to work closely with us. One of the most important ways to help is by reading to and with your child regularly at home, talking about books, and encouraging a love of reading from an early age. For our younger children, spending time talking, exploring, singing, playing, and sharing everyday experiences helps to build language, confidence, and curiosity. We also encourage families to support children in developing independence wherever possible—for example, helping them to become confident with routines such as dressing themselves or using the toilet independently. These everyday experiences at home make a significant difference to children's learning and readiness for school, and we are grateful for your continued support.

TULIP AND POPPY LITTER PICK

Tulip and Poppy classes have been busy making a positive difference in our community, taking part in a litter pick around our school grounds and the local area. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork as they helped to keep our environment clean and tidy. We are incredibly grateful for the fantastic fundraising efforts from our families; thanks to your generosity, we have raised enough to cover the full cost of their exciting upcoming trip to the Aquarium. Your support means so much and helps create wonderful opportunities for our pupils.



Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts

GYMNASTICS GLORY

A huge congratulations to all the children who competed in the Tumble and Vault Under 11 gymnastics competition this week. Every child involved performed incredibly well and returned to school full of smiles, filling my office with excited chatter as they proudly showed off their medals. A massive shout-out to Holly H (Year 4) and James J (Year 5), who are the East Wales Champions! We are also delighted to share that we now have two teams through to the Welsh Finals. Well done to everyone involved—what a fantastic achievement!

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January 2026	
Tuesday 27 th January	Try Something New event. More info to follow from Mrs PW.

February 2026	
Friday 13 th February	Dydd Miwsig Cymru Festival – pupil event only.
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Thursday 26 th February	West Mon Cluster Netball Competition. More info to follow from Mrs Brooks.
Friday 27 th February	Welsh Gymnastics Competition for selected pupils. More info to follow from Mrs PW.

COMMUNITY LINKS



PONTYPOOL
FUN FOOTBALL CAMP
February Half Term

WEST MON SCHOOL
February 17th 18th 19th
09:00 – 14:00

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Your Wellbeing Matters

Join Torfaen's Wellbeing Day!
Boost your Financial, Mental and Physical Health

Pontypool Active Living Centre
Trosnant Street, Pontypool, NP4 8AT

Thursday 29th January 2026
Time: 10am until 4pm

Meet the organisations involved!
Visit our website or scan the QR code:
www.learninganddevelopment.torfaen.gov.uk/your-wellbeing-matters

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