



## YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Dydd Gwener 06 Chwefror 2026

Annwyl Parents/Carers

### GEORGE STREET GEARS UP FOR TORFAEN'S GOT TO DANCE 2026!

Dance fever has well and truly arrived at George Street! We are very excited to announce that the annual Torfaen's Got to Dance competition will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March at Pontypool Active Living Centre. The children have been practicing during lesson times and in their own time in preparation for our auditions. It is important to us that everyone that would like to, can try out. We are permitted to enter 2 solo dances, 2 duets and 2 group dances to represent our school. Auditions did not disappoint! We have so many talented children who chose their music and created their own dance routines. We were proud of everyone who gave it a go! There will be an announcement shortly but, in the meantime, look at our X account @GeorgeStSport for a few videos to keep you entertained. Well done everyone!

The dances will also be performed later in the spring at The Congress Theatre as part of the Torfaen Festival of Dance. A great opportunity for the dancers to experience performing in front of a sell-out audience. We will let you know when tickets go on sale.

### YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAMME – YEAR 6 CELEBRATION



Our Year 6 pupils who have taken part in the Young Scholars Programme have shown exceptional dedication, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout their learning journey. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

The Young Scholars Programme is designed to inspire high-attaining pupils by giving them opportunities to explore new subjects, develop their academic thinking, and experience university-style learning. Over several weeks, pupils take part in enrichment sessions, independent projects, and challenging activities that help nurture confidence, ambition, and a love of learning.

Yesterday, the group visited the University of Bath with Mr Taylor to celebrate their graduation from the programme. It was wonderful to share the experience alongside Young Scholars from our cluster schools, Penygarn Primary and Griffithstown Primary, making the day even more special. The pupils especially enjoyed touring the university campus and gaining a glimpse of what future study could look like. Our Year 6 children represented the school brilliantly, and their hard work has truly shone through. We are immensely proud of each one of them and look forward to seeing their continued success.



## TRY SOMETHING NEW EVENT

Twelve of our Year 5 pupils took part in the *Try Something New* event at Cwmbran Stadium, where they had the chance to experience a range of exciting sporting activities. These included climbing walls, free running, table tennis, fitness sessions, yoga and Taekwondo.

It was wonderful to see the children pushing themselves, embracing new challenges and shining in every activity—all with big smiles on their faces! We are incredibly proud of each one of them. Well done, Year 5!

If any child is interested in joining a club outside of school, please get in touch and we will happily provide the relevant contact details.

## HEADTEACHER CERTIFICATE

My certificate this week goes to Blake in Year 1. He makes me smile every time I see him! He has a brilliant personality and a wonderful sense of humour that brings joy to everyone around him. His positivity always brightens our day, and we are so lucky to have him as part of our school.



## PARKING AND TRAFFIC SAFETY REMINDER

We are once again noticing unsafe traffic behaviour at the front of the school, which is creating dangerous situations for our children. We kindly remind all parents and carers that it is *your responsibility* to always drive and park safely and appropriately. Please be more mindful of the safety of all children when dropping off or collecting. Whenever possible, we encourage families to park a little further away from the school and walk the remainder of the journey. Recently, we have seen an increasing number of cars stopping anywhere outside the school gates for children to jump out, and this is not considered safe or acceptable. Your support is essential—please help us keep everyone safe!

Thank you for your continued cooperation and for working with us to create a safer start and end to each school day. Together, we can make a real difference for our children.



## CLASS DOJO REMINDER



**ClassDojo**

We would like to remind parents and carers that Class Dojo is used by staff to share and celebrate the learning experiences happening in school. It is not a communication platform between home and school. If you need to pass on a message to staff or would like to speak with someone, please contact the school office, where a message can be taken and forwarded appropriately. Thank you for helping us keep communication organised and effective.

## DYDDIADUR

<b>February 2026</b>	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Choir to perform at Pontypool market
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Dydd Miwsig Cymru Festival – pupil event only
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 trip for Crucial Crew (morning trip)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Welsh Gymnastics Competition for selected pupils. More info to follow from Mrs PW

<b>March 2026</b>	
CHANGE OF DATE Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	West Mon Cluster Netball Competition
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	School Eisteddfod (pupils only). Children are invited to wear Welsh coloured/themed clothing.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppy/Tulip trip to Bristol Aquarium
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 trip to We The Curious in Bristol
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Non uniform day in exchange for a chocolate bar (PTA event)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppy/Tulip Book Launch at Pontypool Library. More info to follow from class teachers
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations – Face to Face in School. Invites will be sent via text message at the beginning of March
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations – Face to Face in School. Invites will be sent via text message at the beginning of March
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Torfaen Got to Dance Competition
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Raffle. More info to follow from PTA
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

## COMMUNITY LINKS



**T10 FC**  
**PONTYPOOL**  
 FUN FOOTBALL CAMP  
**February Half Term**

**WEST MON SCHOOL**  
 February 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>  
 09:00 – 14:00

New? sibling discount

- ✓ Boys + Girls 5-12 years
- ✓ All Abilities Welcome
- ✓ Learn New Skills

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You Are Invited  
 To come celebrate  
 Wales with us at our

**DEWI SAINT  
 SPRING EVENT**

**12 - 3PM**   
**1ST MARCH 2026**

This is a celebration.  
 This is Wales.

**STALLS / ACTIVITIES/  
 MUSIC/REFRESHMENTS**

**LINDEN SINGERS WILL  
 BE PERFORMING AND  
 LOUISE HALL SCHOOL OF  
 MUSIC**

**ST JOHNS CHURCH AND  
 COMMUNITY CENTRE  
 WAINFELIN PONTYPOOL  
 NP46DY**

**FREE ENTRY  
 PRIZES FOR BEST WELSH  
 DRESSED**



**FREE  
 SPORTS**

**DATE: WEDNESDAYS**

**TIME: 5 - 6PM**

**AGE: 9 - 16**

**VENUE: Cwmbran 3G**  
 Woodland Rd, NP44 2DZ

**MORE INFO:**  
 abigail.powell@torfaen.gov.uk

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# SPARKLE STAY & PLAY

Torfaen Community Venues

## WHO ARE SPARKLE?

Sparkle supports children and young people with disabilities and developmental difficulties across Gwent.

Offering specialist leisure activities, play clubs and support to local children and their families to ensure every child gets access the same opportunities and experiences.



## WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

A relaxed, welcoming space for parents, carers and children

Meet the Sparkle team and learn about our support for children and families

Stay and play activities, including arts, crafts, toys and games

Complimentary tea and coffee

**COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL STAY & PLAY SESSION**



SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - BLAENAVON ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 9AW)  
 SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY - PONTYPOOL ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 8AT)  
 SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - GARNDIFFAITH MILLENNIUM HALL (NP4 7LT)  
 SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH - BLAENAVON ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 9AW)



07507 330 206

## Parent/CarerLine

SMS Text Service for parents/carers of children aged 5-16



### New NHS Text Service for Parents and Carers!

The School Nursing Service at Aneurin Bevan University Health Board are excited to launch Parent/CarerLine, a new SMS text service for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 16!

Parents and carers can text (SMS) our school nurses on 07507 330206 for expert advice and support with a child's health and wellbeing. Did you know, we also have a confidential text service for young people aged 11 – 19?

For more information on both services and to find out how our school nurses can support your child, visit: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/hospitals/childrens-healthcare-services/school-nursing/>

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*K. M. Jones*



Naomi Norman Presents

## Drama With Heart

February Half-Term  
**Drama Workshops**  
 Shining Stars Academy, Blaenavon

February 18 + 12 - 3pm + Ages 6 - 10  
 February 20 + 12 - 3pm + Ages 11 - 16

£15 per child

Fun, inclusive afternoon exploring theatre, storytelling, movement, and stage work culminating in an informal showcase at parent pick up.

Scan to reserve your place

