



## YSGOL GYNRADD AMEITHRIN STRYD SIORS

Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

Dydd Gwener 13 Mawrth 2026

Annwyl Parents/Carers

Last week was wonderfully busy here in school, filled with excitement and creativity as we celebrated two major events—World Book Day and our annual Eisteddfod. The children threw themselves into the activities with great enthusiasm, and it was fantastic to see their talents and imaginations shine. To capture the spirit of the week, I've included plenty of photos throughout this newsletter, so you can enjoy a glimpse of all the brilliant moments we shared.

### WORLD BOOK DAY



*Every Child Matters, Every Day Counts*

# GEORGE STREET EISTEDDFOD



A huge congratulations to this year's BARD, Sofia from Year 6. We are very proud of her!



## **POPPY AND TULIP VISIT THE AQUARIUM**

The children had a wonderful day visiting Bristol Aquarium this week, where their excitement grew with every new discovery. As they wandered through the colourful exhibits, they were amazed by the variety of sea life—from graceful rays gliding overhead to vibrant tropical fish darting through coral reefs. The dazzling underwater tunnels and interactive displays captured their imaginations, making the experience both educational and magical. By the end of the trip, the children were buzzing with stories about their favourite creatures and the fascinating ocean world they had explored.



## **SPORTING SUCCESS**

### **Welsh Athletics Programme Trial**

A group of Year 4 children were selected to support Welsh Athletics as they trial a brand-new programme being introduced to primary schools across Wales. The pupils shone throughout the session, demonstrating excellent skill, enthusiasm and teamwork.

They took part in a range of fun, fast-paced games focused on running, jumping and throwing, and their effort was outstanding. The thoughtful feedback they provided will play an important role in helping shape this new national programme. Well done, Year 4!

### **Tag Rugby at West Mon**

Our pupils also took part in an exciting Tag Rugby festival at West Mon – and wow, Torfaen really does have some talented players! We began with a fantastic win against Griffithstown before heading into what was possibly the closest game ever against New Inn, who just edged the victory.

The team gave everything they had, displaying tremendous skill and producing a brilliant showcase of running rugby. We wish New Inn the very best of luck in the final, and we'd like to extend our thanks to Torfaen Sport Development for organising such a great event.

## **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS – PONTYPOOL EISTEDDFOD**

What an unforgettable week we've had at this year's Pontypool Eisteddfod! Competing against six other schools – including three Welsh-medium schools – our pupils showed incredible heart, talent and unwavering team spirit throughout the event.

The Foundation Phase set a fantastic tone on Tuesday, securing a brilliant joint first place and filling us with pride from the very beginning. On Wednesday it was the turn of Key Stage 2, who approached every competition with determination, enthusiasm and smiles all round.

We were especially proud of the children's behaviour and the way they encouraged not only each other, but pupils from every school there. Their kindness, teamwork and sportsmanship truly shone.

It was an exceptionally tough contest, with outstanding performances from all schools involved. But after a year away, the shield is finally back home at George Street!

We are absolutely bursting with pride — and we would also like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Main, Mrs Lloyd, Miss Evens and our wonderful volunteers, Mr James, Mrs Powell and Mrs Price, for their time, energy and support throughout the weeks. We couldn't have done it without you!



## DYDDIADUR

<b>March 2026</b>	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Poppy/Tulip Book Launch at Pontypool Library. More info to follow from class teachers
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>MISS LARCOMBE'S CLASS ONLY</b> - Parent Consultations – Face to Face in School. Invites will be sent via text message at the beginning of March
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations – Face to Face in School. Invites have been sent via text message.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations – Face to Face in School. Invites have been sent via text message (excluding Miss Larcombe's class)
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
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception and Year 1 Easter Bonnet Parade. Families welcome. 2:30pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

<b>April 2026</b>	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 5 and 6 – Anti-Racism workshops
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Dental team to visit school

## COMMUNITY LINKS

**SAMANTHA HOSKINS**  
*Mother & Baby Group*

At Zion Hill Community Centre,  
Pontnewynydd, Pontypool, NP4 6SA.

Wednesdays 10-11:30am

- ✓ £2 per adult
- ✓ Drinks & snacks included
- ✓ Sensory play on offer
- ✓ Pregnant & Breastfeeding Mothers welcome

For more information contact Sam on:  
07876022316

**PANTEG PARK**

**BIG TENNIS WEEKEND!**

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL  
PANTEG PARK

9:30am - Mini Red (4-7 years)  
10:15am - Mini Orange/Green (8-12 years)  
11am - Junior Tennis (12-16 years)  
11:45am - Cardio Tennis (fitness session everyone welcome!)

**BOOK YOUR FREE SESSIONS NOW!!!**

For registration & details visit our website  
[www.janejonestennis.co.uk](http://www.janejonestennis.co.uk)

**primary** Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers

Spring 2026

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are nursery or primary school age (1-10 years old) in Torfaen.

Talks are targeted towards ALL parents - to help you best support your child's development & emotional well-being.

Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams and are delivered by NHS Psychologists.

with Dr Charlie Costan (Clinical Psychologist)

**27th February 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing

**NEW! 6th March 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's emotions

**13th of March 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's development

**20th March 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's relationship with screens & devices.

**27th March 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school

If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/W9hYFF9x2J>

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service

**FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP**

EASTER 2026

Tuesday 31st March  
Wednesday 1st April  
Thursday 2nd April  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Age 5 to 11 years

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

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George Street Primary School  
Wainfein Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Pre booking required

Please use the QR code to pre book  
For more information please contact: [torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk)

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**FARMER'S MARKET**

FREE event!

21/3/26 @ 11:00 - 13:00

Panteg House, Greenhill Road, Pontypool, NP4 5BE

Are you a provider of fresh produce, eggs, honey, meat, preserves, bread, cakes or plants? We want to hear from you!

Complete the form in the caption and we'll be in touch, or call by and support our first market!

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Click this link to book a place on the Wellbeing Camp:

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