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Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 6BX

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Annwyl Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the spring term, it's a great opportunity to reflect on what a busy and productive few months it has been for our pupils. A huge thank you to all the families who attended last week's parent consultations — we hope you found the conversations about your child's progress valuable.

With the hope of warmer weather on the way, children are welcome to begin wearing their summer uniform to help them stay cool and comfortable. However, we would like to remind families that short Lycra shorts and Crocs are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain our high standards.

A reminder for all Year 6 families:

After Easter, all Year 6 pupils will need to bring their PE kits to school and change into them for their PE lessons. This helps promote independence and prepares the children for the routines they will follow in comprehensive school. Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled.

RUGBY SKILLS SESSION AT WEST MON SCHOOL



Last week, a group of our pupils enjoyed an exciting rugby skills session at West Mon School, led by Mr Vivian, the rugby development officer. The children took part in a range of fun, engaging activities designed to build their confidence, deepen their understanding of the game, and develop key rugby skills.

We are very grateful to Mr Vivian for his enthusiasm and support. We are hopeful that he will be able to visit our school during the summer term so even more children can get involved.

If your child is interested in joining a rugby team outside of school, please get in touch with Mrs PW—we would be more than happy to connect you with local coaches.

GOT TO DANCE SUCCESS!

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Torfaen Health, Sport and Fitness for hosting the wonderful 'Got to Dance' event last week. The children had a fantastic day and thoroughly enjoyed not only performing their own dances but also watching pupils from other schools showcase their amazing talents. It was a truly enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved. A massive well done to all our dancers!



Eira, Year 5 stated that it was “a lovely opportunity to take part in the dance competition. Coming second in the duet section was unexpected as there were lots of brilliant dances.”

Rosy, Year 5 added, “It was a fabulous day and performing our duet was the best part of it. I was nervous and shaky when I was dancing, but I was really happy when we came second.”



EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURES AT FOREST SCHOOL

After enjoying the story *We're Going on an Egg Hunt*, afternoon Nursery children headed to Forest School for an egg hunt of their own! They excitedly searched for hidden eggs, counted how many they found, and practised recognising the numbers on each one. It was an egg-cellent adventure for everyone! But the fun didn't stop there.



A MUSICAL JOURNEY: YEAR 3'S UKULELE FIRST EXPERIENCE

Over the past term, Year 3 has taken part in Gwent Music's First Experience programme. During this 10-week programme, the children have learned three songs on the ukulele. To showcase their learning, they participated in the First Experience performance at Pontypool Leisure Centre last week, alongside schools from across Pontypool and Cwmbran. They also performed in an assembly this week for Years 2 – 6.

Throughout the programme, the children have worked extremely hard and thoroughly enjoyed the experience, revealing some wonderful hidden musical talents. We would like to extend a huge thank you to Miss Miller for teaching and supporting the pupils over the past 10 weeks. If your child would like to continue their musical journey, please contact Gwent Music through the enrolment page on their website. <https://www.gwentmusic.co.uk/enrol-gwent-music/>



CONTACTING STAFF DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

Due to teachers having full teaching responsibilities during the school day, they cannot take phone calls from families while they are teaching. If you need to speak with a member of staff, please contact the school office and leave a message with our office team, who will ensure it is passed on promptly. It is important that you outline the reason for your call so that any issues can be investigated and dealt with as quickly as possible. Teachers will need to know the purpose of your call before returning it, so they can ensure they provide the right support and information. Thank you for your understanding.



BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL DAY

We pride ourselves on the excellent behaviour of our pupils and the positive way they represent our school. Unfortunately, we have recently received several complaints regarding the behaviour of some pupils outside of the school day. We kindly ask that you remind your child or children about the importance of using appropriate behaviour and language when out in public. Please also note that, although we always aim to support our families, we are unable to address incidents that occur outside of school hours.

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March 2026	
Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	EASTER HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
April 2026	
Monday 13 th April	INSET DAY – SCHOOL IS CLOSED TO CHILDREN
Tuesday 14 th April	Pontypool Schools Rugby Festival at Pontypool Park
Wednesday 15 th April	Years 5 and 6 – Anti-Racism workshops
Thursday 16 th April	Harlech (Mrs Williams) Coastal School trip
Tuesday 21 st April	Mrs Jones and Eco Quiz Team – evening quiz. More info to follow from Mrs Jones
Thursday 23 rd April	Dental team to visit school
Monday 27 th April	Hearing screening for Reception children

COMMUNITY LINKS

Tuesday Sandwich Bar
The Salvation Army
Pontypool, Town Bridge

Every Tuesday

All Welcome

11am - 1pm

Suggested Donation
£2.50

The Salvation Army Church & Charity, Wales 214779

AFTERNOON TEA WITH EASTER BUNNY

ST JOHN'S CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE
MARFELIN PONTYPOOL NP445ET

THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
2PM - 4PM

Easter hunt, Easter craft, Easter bunny, photo opportunity, lots of yummy food and more!

£5 Each

COLD BARN FARM

EASTER FUN DAY

JOIN THE HUNT. HOP INTO FUN

SUNDAY 29TH MARCH
10AM TO 3PM
FREE ENTRY

STALLS
GAMES
FOOD

Children can join our easter trail and bonnet parade for just £1.50
Pre-Booking essential!

Includes:
Easter Egg, Gift, Prize for all bonnet entries,
ticket to play a game and a free hot dog

Secure a time slot for your child
Book Now!
SCAN HERE

On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish you a happy Easter and enjoyable holiday period.



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