



Summer 1 - 2025

Newsletter

An extremely warm welcome to the Summer Term 2025! All staff have continued to be impressed by our children who have continued to show such positive attitudes to their learning, along with wonderful levels of excitement and enthusiasm.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the summer term, and look forward to welcoming our whole community to our Colour Run, Sports Day and Summer Fete.

We will continue monitor attendance this term. Remember every day that your child misses impacts on their education. If you are keeping your child home, please contact us at the school office. Fixed Penalty Notices are now being issued for holidays absences over 10 days.

#MISS SCHOOL MISS OUT

Start and End Times

Foundation Phase

9.00 - 3.20

Nursery/ Reception - Collect from class

Foundation Phase - Collect from class

KS2

9.00 - 3.30

Junior Children - Collect from classes. Mr Chislett from back of school



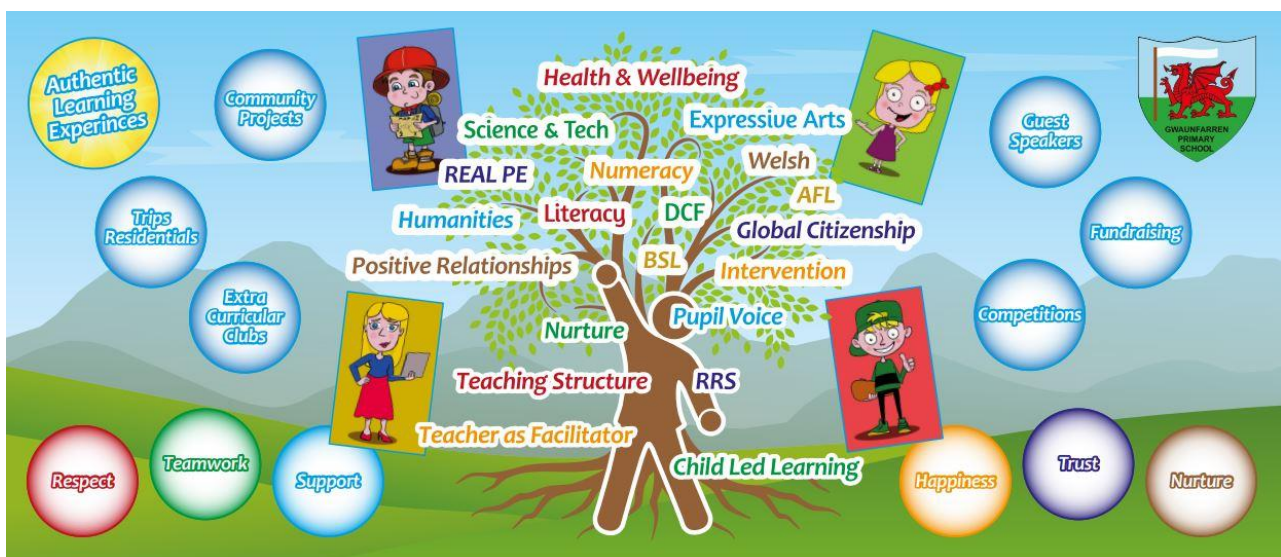
Important Email Addresses

School Office

office@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk

Mr Lewis

head@gwaunfarren.merthyr.sch.uk



Transition days

There will be various transition activities during this term. There will be days where the children will spend time in their new classes in readiness for September 2025. These will take place on the 25th and 26th June. There are also transition days for year 6 pupils going to their chosen comprehensive schools.

Term time holidays

Please note the school policy on Fixed Term Penalties has recently changed. If your holiday is over 10 days a FPN will automatically be issued. Only those who work for the armed forces are exempt (Welsh Government Guidance). FPNs can be issued termly.



Lateness

The number of children arriving late seems to be increasing. When a child arrives late to school they may have missed important lessons/ activities which creates difficulty for them and the staff. Please make every effort to ensure your child arrives at school on time. Children should be in school for a 9:00am start.

School Uniform



A number of children are coming to school without the correct school uniform. We greatly appreciate your support with this matter. We are seeing a growing number of pupils wearing false nails and make up - these are not permitted as they are dangerous to all pupils.

The only jewellery permitted in school are stud earrings and a watch. If your child is wearing other jewellery your child will be asked to remove them, and they will be kept safely by staff until the end of the day.

As we move into the warmer summer months, we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children come to school dressed appropriately for the weather while still keeping safety and comfort in mind.

Please make sure your child wears enclosed shoes each day—Crocs, flip flops, or any open-toe footwear are not suitable for school activities. Shoulders should also be covered, so we ask that strappy tops or dresses not be worn.

To help protect your child from the sun, please apply sunscreen at home before the school day begins, as staff are unable to apply it during the day.

Summer Term Trips

We're excited to let you know that staff are currently busy planning a range of summer trips for the children to enjoy. Once venues, dates, and costs have been confirmed, we will share all the details with you.



Trip information will then be added to ParentPay for payments and permissions.

Sports Day

Please see the events list below for dates. However, we are issuing our usual warning, that dates as always are reliant upon good weather conditions. Should there be adverse weather conditions we will rearrange for another date.



Learn with me...

We would like to invite you to our upcoming 'Learn with Me' sessions in school. These special sessions are a wonderful opportunity for you to join your child in the classroom, see how they learn, and take part in fun, engaging activities together.

'Learn with Me' sessions not only support your child's learning, but also help us understand how we can better work with you to support learning at home. It's a two-way partnership that makes a real difference.

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend—your involvement is so valuable, and the children absolutely love having you there!

Literacy Learn with Me



	Tuesday 6 th May	Wednesday 7 th May
9.15	Mrs Bibby	Miss Warren
2.30	Mrs Butler	Mr Chislett

	Tuesday 13 th May	Wednesday 14 th May	Thursday 15 th May
9.15	Miss Evans	Miss Hope	Mrs Stephens
2.30	Mr McArthy		MRs Cross

Summer Term Topic - 'Survival of the Fittest'

'Survival of the Fittest' is designed to give pupils a thorough understanding of the interconnectedness of living things and their mutual dependence for survival. Through this topic, pupils will be given the opportunity to explore these intricate relationships in their locality, Wales, and the wider world, while also gaining important insights into their own impact on the environment. By focusing on living things, ecosystems, and health and disease, pupils will develop a broad understanding of biology across the continuum, whilst gaining essential scientific knowledge and skills:

Living Things explores the growth and survival of humans, plants and minibeasts, fostering an early appreciation of biodiversity, sustaining life and the impact of human action.

Ecosystems unearths the interdependence of living things and their environments, including animal survival strategies and understanding how they adapt to their environments, building on existing knowledge of the delicate balance between natural systems and the impact of human activities.



Health and Disease uncovers the importance of nutrition in maintaining health and the significance of preventative measures such as vaccination, enhancing pupils' knowledge acquisition of living things, interdependence and the role of human activities on survival. This topic is particularly relevant in the context of historical and contemporary disease outbreaks, providing real-world applications of biological science.

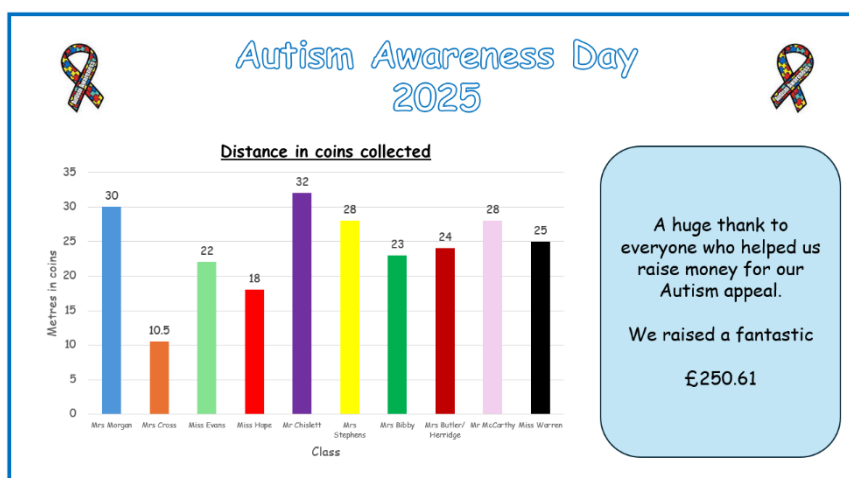
Further incorporating Expressive Arts through music, allows pupils to creatively interpret adaptation and survival, reinforcing learning, fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and a deeper connection to the natural world. This interdisciplinary approach makes learning meaningful and impactful.

Parents evening at the end of term - Tuesday July 15th - 3.30 - 4.30

Please note that the final parent's evening is for pupils to share their work. The children's work will be on display in the classroom. Please bring your child along for them to discuss their learning with you.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by parents / carers at the start and end of the school day. Please refrain from parking on any double yellow lines and refrain blocking access to any private property around the school.



Please keep up to date with our social media posts...

Twitter - @GwaunfarrenSch

Facebook - Gwaunfarren Primary School

Parent Pay - Please download the Parent Pay app - you will need to book your child's lunch on this even if they are Free School Meals

Website - <https://www.gwaunfarrenprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Text Messages - Please ensure we have your correct contact details at the office, as we send regular messages

SUMMER TERM DATES

28th April - Children return to School

28th April - Reception - Year 6
Class Photos

6th and 7th May - Learn with me
(more info to follow)

13th - 15th May - Learn with me (more
info to follow)

1st May - Year 5 & 6 Literacy Festival

13th June - Colour Run

19th June - Sports Day

SUMMER TERM DATES

25th June - Nursery Class Photo's -
9.15am

25th/ 26th June - In school transition

9th July - Nursery Graduation
Assembly

11th July - Summer Fete

15th July - Open Parent Meetings