



GWAUNFARREN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back to School – September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed some quality time with family and friends. We are delighted to welcome you and your children back to school for the new academic year.

First Day Back

School will reopen to pupils on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**. We look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready to learn.

Drop Off and Pick Ups

- **Drop Off:** The school gates will open at 8.45am. Children in nursery and reception can be brought to their classroom doors, whilst all other children will be met at the school gate by a member of staff and move onto the yard to join their peers. All children should be onsite and ready to learn for 9am.
- **Pick Up:** The school day finishes at 3.20pm, for the children in Mrs Morgan, Mrs Cross, Miss Evans and Mrs Butlers classes. All other classes will finish at 3.30pm. The table below shows pick up and drop off information for each class.
- If someone different will be collecting your child, please inform the school office or your child's class teacher in advance.

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Mrs Morgan	8.55 – Classroom Door	3.20 – Classroom Door
Mrs Cross	8.55 – Classroom Door	3.20 – Classroom Door
Miss Evans	8.45 – School Gate	3.20 – Classroom Door
Mrs Butler	8.45 – School Gate	3.20 – Under the canopy
Mr Chislett	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Hall door– back of school
Mrs Stephens	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Classroom Door
Mrs Bibby	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Classroom Door
Miss Hope	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Classroom Door
Mr MCarthy	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Classroom Door
Miss Warren	8.45 – School Gate	3.30 – Classroom Door

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club will resume on **Wednesday 3rd September**. The club runs from 8am, until the start of the school day. Places have now been allocated – if any spaces become available, we will inform you ASAP. We are still working with our catering department regarding

School Uniform

We kindly ask that all children return in the correct school uniform in September. This includes:

- Grey trousers or skirt
- Red or white polo shirts
- Red jumper, sweatshirt, or cardigan (these do not need to have the school logo)

Please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name.

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Jewellery

For safety reasons, the only jewellery children may wear in school is:

- A watch (no smart watches, please)
- Small stud earrings

Meet the Teacher

We warmly invite you to attend our Meet the Teacher sessions, where you will have the opportunity to visit your child's classroom, hear about the year ahead, and ask any questions. These will take place during the first two weeks back.

Thursday 4th September Mrs Bibby – 9am Mr Chislett – 3pm	Friday 5th September Miss Warren – 9am Miss Evans – 3pm	
Monday 8th September Mr McCarthy – 9am Mrs Cross – 3pm	Tuesday 9th September Mrs Stephens - 9am Mrs Butler/ Mrs Herridge – 3pm	Wednesday 10th Miss Hope - 9am

INSET Days 2025–2026

Our planned INSET (staff training) days for the next academic year are as follows:

INSET Day Number	Date
1	Monday 1st September 2025
2	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
3	Monday 3 rd November 2025
4	Friday 12th December 2025
5	Monday 5 th January 2026
6	Monday 20th July 2026

Please note that school will be closed to pupils on these dates.

Communication – Moving to Class Dojo

From September, we will be moving from Teachers2Parents to Class Dojo as our main line of communication with parents. It is essential that all parents sign up to Class Dojo to ensure you receive important messages, updates and reminders. Instructions on how to join will be sent out before the start of term.

We are excited to start another fantastic year of learning, growth, and discovery with your children.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,



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