



## Weekly Newsletter week ending 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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### Dates for the Diary

#### Autumn Term 2025-2026

**Autumn term (1) Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September - Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> October**

Cwmtawe Skills Day and Open Evening for Year 6 on September 29<sup>th</sup>. On Skills Day our Year 6s will spend the day at Cwmtawe Finesse Photography – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October (note change of day)

Show Racism the red card (wear red) - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Half-term holiday: Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> October - Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Autumn Term (2) Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November - Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas holiday: Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December - Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

#### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 'Meet the Teacher'

At the start of every term parents are invited to attend a quick 'Meet the teacher' session where parents have the opportunity to visit their child's class and listen to the teacher as they go through the class topic, routines and expectations for the upcoming term. Check the Godre'r Graig Class structure table at the bottom of the page for your child's class.

The sessions will be on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September starting after school at 15:30. Please make every effort to attend!

**Our amazing PTA will also be supplying teas, coffees and a chance to have a natter, so please try and tag along**

### BUSES

As the Watkins bus is now collecting all our pupils, we have found that the timings aren't right to get out pupils into school on time. It is therefore necessary to adjust the timings for each stop by 10 mins, so the first stop at the New Swan will now be at 8:30 rather than 8:40. These changes will begin on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Attendance

This week's winner of the F.A. Cup

(Full Attendance Cup)

**Nurs/Rec/Yr1 – 84.92%**

**Year 4/5 – 96.58%**

**Year 5/6 – 96.71%**

**Year 2/3 – 88.36%**

**Whole school – 92.80%**

(we are all striving for 95% and above)

(Well done, Yrs/6 winners)



### Keeping everybody safe

At the start of the school year, school requests parents to return our safeguarding and consent forms and information, so we can update our registers and safeguarding information. These will include medical forms and updated contacts (including who is collecting your child along with the appropriate telephone numbers). If for any reason you or your additional contact cannot collect your child, any changes need to be reported to the school office. If the designated person is not available to collect your child and/or if a different person collects your child that the school has not been made aware of, your child will be kept in school for their safety.

### After School Clubs

It's KS2 Super Sports with Mr Cole - **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** and

FP Super Sports (Mrs Jenkins) - **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

As usual, clubs will run twice a week and on a three week cycle.

Hope to see you all there!

**Please Note – clubs start at 3.30 and finish at 4.20**

### This week back at Godre'r Graig

This week Year 5/6 had a workshop with St Fagans exploring the evolution of toys, they made links to the Austin Pedal Car and Corgi toy cars which were manufactured in Wales. This led to discussion around how play is important and children have a right to play. The class created posters considering visual appeal a clear message to inform others of their rights. In Maths, the class applied their place value understanding to reasoning, collaboratively they made use of resources to share thinking before progressing to comparing numbers. They played rock, paper, scissors and wrote a plan to write instructions of the game using vocabulary choices that are detailed and informative. This week year 4/5 have been exploring different ways in which we could make our writing more interesting. Year 4/5 have been searching for different WOW words they can use to describe the 7 wonders of the world and identifying the difference between similes and metaphors. In maths, year 4/5 have been looking at place value. They have focused on writing numbers in words and showing an understanding of the value of each digit through different games within our Challenges. Year 4/5 have been working in groups to prepare a presentation of their favourite wonder of the world, ready to share their new knowledge with the rest of the class.

The highlight in Yr2/3 came on Monday, when something magical arrived in class - a mysterious globe and letter from explorer Tilly Trotter! Tilly shared that she travels the world discovering amazing places, meeting wonderful people, and learning about fascinating traditions. She introduced the children's big question for the term: "What makes our world wonderful, and how do people live differently across it?" Before revealing the two countries they would explore, Tilly challenged the children to solve a riddle filled with clues. Working together, they made thoughtful predictions and came up with fantastic suggestions. Then came the exciting reveal—Wales and India! She reminded them to look closely at the people, clothing, celebrations, and homes in each country, noticing what's unique and what's shared. Every place, she said, is special in its own way. Inspired by Tilly's challenge, the children have started planning their learning journey. They discussed activities and how they could explore the wonders of Wales and India to answer their big question.

This week, pupils had a shock to see a magical space world appear... it led to conversations about learning and the new topic 'Wonderful World'. Pupils worked together to share their ideas about 'Wonderful World' and the learning that could take place. Pupils have continued to explore number within provision in the classroom, identifying different ways to represent.

The Catering Department has requested for expressions of interest for the following posts at Godre'r Graig Primary:

Dining Room Assistant (lunchtimes) and Breakfast Club Assistant. For further information, please contact Jayne Dennis on 07768761107

**Please see top of letter head for new school email - [office@godrergrraigprimary.npt.school](mailto:office@godrergrraigprimary.npt.school)**

### Everyday counts... in large amounts



### Godre'r Graig Class Structure 2025-2026

Class	Teacher	Support Staff
Nursery	Mrs. L Davies (ALNCO)	Miss C Evans, Miss M Finnan
Reception/Year 1		
Year 2/3	Mrs. H Jenkins	Miss CA John, Miss M Finnan
Year 4/5	Miss M Jones	Miss L Powell
Year 5/6	Mrs. H Kent (Deputy Headteacher)	

