



Glan Llyn Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Glan Llyn

Autumn Newsletter - October 2025

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Autumn Term 2025

It has been lovely to open our doors to so many new families this term. Staff report that most children are now settled and working positively in their new classes. The school has grown again and we now have 484 children on roll with only a handful on places available in the Y5/6.

All other year groups are now full with waiting lists.

School Prospectus 2025

A text message with a link to the prospectus was sent in early September. Paper copies are available from the office. It is important that parents/carers read this carefully (and share with anyone who attends the school), as it gives a snapshot of our policies, procedures and school rules which are important for our day-to-day safe operation.

Open Doors (R-Y6)

Tuesday 11th November (3:45-5:45)

As always, staff open their classrooms on a termly basis for children to share their environments and learning with their parents and carers. This is a child-led session and opportunities to discuss progress will then follow the week after with dedicated parent-teacher reflection meetings. Links to book a slot will be sent after half-term. *(Please note - Nursery and LRB classes will arrange sessions directly with parents)*

Awareness Days

Across the year, we mark many awareness days but try to carefully manage what we ask of parents in relation to these. We cannot mark them all, but try to mark as many as we can, but specifically awareness days that are pertinent to our own school community.

Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 17th October, all children are invited to wear red to school. No uniform needed for children Nursery to Year 5. *As Year 6 are on a trip, please can they wear full school uniform and add something red.*

Children will engage in a range of learning experiences focussing on showing racism the red card.

Staff Absences

As with any other large organisation, it must be expected that at times, staff members may be absent from work for a variety of reasons. As a school, we always ensure class teachers are covered with supply staff to ensure teaching continues seamlessly and these temporary staff are always supported by other teachers and senior leaders to ensure continuity of learning. Naturally, we understand that this can cause anxieties for some children and parents but please trust that your child's wellbeing and progress is always being monitored to minimise disruption. We will always notify individual classes if it becomes apparent that the absence is likely to be prolonged but for confidentiality reasons, we are unable to disclose details in relation to an employee's absence.

Safeguarding

The school is bound by the processes as laid out by the All-Wales Child Protection Procedures. All school staff have the Duty to Report any concerns they have in relation to the welfare of children. Occasionally, school will have to report concerns directly to Social Services without the consent of parents and we understand that this can be distressing for families but we have no choice in this matter. The school's Designated Senior Person (DSP) is the Headteacher who can discuss any concerns you may have. A reminder also that "safeguarding is everyone's business" and if you have any concerns about a child in the community, you should report directly to social services at Newport CC following the link on their website.

Operation Encompass

The school participates in the Operation Encompass scheme, which enables key adults in the school, local authority and police to communicate and work together to support children affected by incidents of domestic abuse.

Diary Dates – Autumn 2025

Friday 10 th October	Colorfoto Individual Photos
Friday 17 th October	Show Racism the Red Card (Non-uniform/wear red)
Thursday 23 rd October 10am	Year 3 Strings Coffee Morning
Friday 24 th October	INSET Day
Mon 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half-term holiday
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school
w/c 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good
Tuesday 11 th November (3:45-5:45)	Open Doors Sessions
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need
W/C 17 th November	Parent-Teacher Reflection Meetings
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christmas Dinner (TBC)
Thursday 4 th December	Elf Day
Friday 5 th December	2pm LRB Christmas Craft Session
Tuesday 9 th December 10am & 2pm	N/R Christmas Panto in School
Wednesday 10 th December	Reception Concerts
Thursday 11 th December 10am & 2pm	Y1-3 Trip to Pantomime
Friday 12 th December 10am & 2pm	Year 2 Concerts
Wednesday 17 th December 10am & 5pm	Year 1 Concerts
Thursday 18 th December 10am & 2pm	Y5/6 Carol Concerts
Friday 19 th December	Y3/4 Carol Concerts
Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	Last Day of Term – Christmas Jumpers/Non uniform
Monday 5 th January	School Holidays
	Return to school

Term Dates 2025/26

Term	Start	Half-term starts	Half-term ends	Term ends
Autumn 2025	1 st September	27 th October	31 st October	19 th December
Spring 2026	5 th January	16 th February	20 th February	27 th March
Summer 2026	13 th April	25 th May	29 th May	20 th July

Attendance

The school did not meet its target of 94.5% attendance last year and the Governing Body have agreed to keep the same target for this academic year and we are further tightening our processes to monitor attendance.

As mentioned in the letter sent last month, we are now being encouraged to make more use of Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised absences in term time and we are also exploring new ways of encouraging improved attendance across the school.

Road Safety

We continue to receive emails from concerned members of the community in relation to dangerous parking around the school site. We would encourage all families to try and leave their cars at home as much as possible and allow children to walk to and from school. If you do need to bring your car, please park legally and safely, avoiding pavements and grass verges. Please also ensure that you model to the children how to cross the road safely, looking left and right before they cross. Children on bikes and scooters should dismount before crossing the road carefully and slowly.

School Uniform

- Navy v-neck jumper/cardigan (with logo if possible)
- Navy trousers/shorts/dress/skirt
- Infant pupils (N-Y2) - white polo shirt (with logo if possible)
- Junior pupils (Y3-Y6) - white blouse/shirt with aqua blue school tie
- Navy or white socks
- Plain black shoes - smart, sturdy, trainer-type shoes are acceptable as long as they are all black with no coloured or white trims/soles.
- Navy gingham dress

PE Kit

- Navy shorts/joggers
- Jade or Sapphire t-shirt with logo (Available from AJP in a kit bag - your child will be allocated a house)
- Navy hooded jumper/zoodie (optional - please note this is for PE/Sport only)
- Trainers

All uniform with the school logo and the school tie is available from AJP Embroidery on the Queensway Meadows Industrial Estate:
Children will continue to wear PE kits to school on PE days.

Remaining INSET Days:

INSET 2: Friday 24th October 2025

INSET 3: Monday 2nd March 2026

INSET 4: TBC

INSET 5: TBC

INSET 6: Monday 20th July 2026

May Day: Monday 4th May 2026

Cofion cynnes / Kind regards,
Mrs Richards and staff