## Newsletter Week Beginning 29.09.25

Dear Families,

September has been a fantastic start to the new academic year here at Gilwern School. The children have settled in brilliantly, and it's been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and engagement across all areas of learning. As we move into October, we're excited to explore our new school value of Responsibility, and to celebrate diversity and inclusion through Black History Month and Show Racism the Red Card. These important themes will help us continue to build a respectful, thoughtful, and inclusive school community.

Mrs Edwards

#### Harvest Festival & Abergavenny Rotary

Thank you for all your kind donations for our Harvest Festival. Everything will be donated to Abergavenny food bank. More generosity has been shared the schools way from Abergavenny Rotary club. They have given the school £1000 to spend on wet play equipment. Learners chose to invest in games that focus on communication, collaboration and fun! It has transformed our wet play provison.





## **Parking**

I want to kindly remind all parents and carers to park considerately and safely during school drop-off and pick-up times. Please avoid blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, or stopping in unsafe areas. The local police are actively monitoring the situation and will be issuing written warnings for any parking violations. Following this, fixed penalty notices will be given to repeat offenders. Let's work together to keep our children safe and our community respectful.







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#### **Celebrations**

Huge congratulation to our two football teams who competed in the Crickhowell Rotary competition last week. Not only did they show supportive values, outstanding behaviour and manners they managed to get a first and third place! llongyfarchiadau Blant







Two of our adventurous Year 6 children Tomos and Laurie took on the challenge of navigating a 17 mile hike and two night camp as part of Gwent Trek 25. As a school we are so proud of this amazing achievement and want to congratulate you on your 'can do' attitude and resilient mindset - bendigedig!





We are so lucky to have a wonderful army of volunteers. Here is Bronte the cockerpoo and Mrs James who come in and listen to learners read. Bronte puts a smile on everyones face and we are so thankful that both Bronte and Mrs James come to visit each week - Diolch yn Fawr!





### **Key Dates**

#### **October**

Monday 6th - Wednesday 8th - Parent Consultations - details to follow

Friday 10th - School Closed - Training Day

Sunday 12th - Brass & Beats workshop - see info below

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Trip to Wales Millennium Centre - War Horse - details on Parentpay

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Show Racism the Red Card Day - Wear red to school.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Disco - times TBC

Friday 24th - End of Autumn Term 1

#### **November**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Return to School

Friday 14th - Children in Need Fundraiser - Details to follow

Friday 21st - Non Uniform Day GAP - hamper donations - details to follow

#### **December**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 9th - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert 2pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 2pm & 5:30pm

Thursday 11th - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert 10am & 2pm

Friday 12th - Christmas Parties - details to follow

Tuesday 16th - Whole School Pantomime Trip - Sleeping Beauty - Details to follow



