CANTREF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 3

19th September 2025

School Clubs

Please find the timetable for School Clubs at the end of this newsletter 😊

What's been happening

Year 6 House Captains and Vice House Captains

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for their brilliant 'House Captain' speeches. All the speeches were delivered with confidence, enthusiasm and humour and we are very proud of you all! 😊 Following our pupil vote, we are pleased to announce that the House Captains and Vice Captains this year are as follows:

Skirrid:

- Captains: Ivy & Sam
- Vice-Captains: Elise & Isabella, Noah & Jaxson

Sugarloaf:

- Captains: Fleur & Dikshant
- Vice-Captain: Delphi & Isla, Michael & Toby

Blorenge:

- Captains: Sascha & Alfie
- Vice-Captain: Lucia & Awstin

What's coming up

Parent/Carer Consultation Forms

Teachers will be holding their parent/carer consultations the week commencing Monday 6th October 2024. Parents/carers have been sent an email with a link to a form to complete which will let your child's teacher know your preferred dates/times. Please select all the dates and times that work best for you to make it easier for our teachers to accommodate you. Please complete the form by Thursday 25th September.

Year 5 parent/carer consultation dates/times have not been confirmed yet. A link to the form will be shared as soon as possible. Sorry for any inconvenience.

If you have children in more than one class, please ensure you complete a form for each child using the link which corresponds with the correct year group. Teachers will review these responses and be in touch with your time slot.



Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

Please see dates for the rest of the Autumn term below.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Week 4

Mon 22nd Sep	**Read, Write Inc workshop for reception parents and carers at 3.30pm**

OCTOBER 2025

Week 5

Tue 30th Sept	The Bumbles of Honeywood for Year 2
Thu 2nd Oct	National Poetry Day
Thu 2nd Oct	**School photographer – individual photographs**
Fri 3rd Oct	**Times Table Rockstars – Non-School Uniform Day**

Week 6

Mon 6th Oct	**PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS WEEK**
Mon 6th Oct	Visit from Dinomania for Year 3
Wed 7th Oct	**Year 6 Trip to The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum, Brecon**
Thu 9th Oct	Event at KHS 3-19 school with Author Cressida Cowell - Year 4
Thu 9th Oct	**Non-School Uniform Day for Abergavenny Foodbank**
Fri 10th Oct	**INSET DAY 2**

Week 7

Fri 17th Oct	**Non School Uniform Day - Wear Red – Show Racism the red card**

Week 8

Mon 20th Oct	**Harvest Festival Celebrations at Christchurch at 10am – Whole School**
Tue 21st Oct	**Spooky Disco**
	(Lower Phase Disco: 3:45pm – 4:45pm & Upper Phase Disco: 5pm – 6pm)

~~~ HALF TERM: Monday 27th October 2025 ~ Friday 31st October 2025 ~~~

NOVEMBER 2025

Week 10

Mon 10th Nov	**ANTI BULLYING WEEK**
Tue 11th Nov	Remembrance Day – Whole School
Fri 14th Nov	**Non-School Uniform Day - Children in Need**

Week 11

Mon 17th Nov	**ROAD SAFETY WEEK ~ Theme is safe Roads for all**
Wed 19th Nov	**Whole School Flu Immunisation**
Thu 20th Nov	**Governors Meeting - 4pm Finance 4:30pm Full Governors**
Fri 21st Nov	**Non-School Uniform Day for Cantref Christmas Fair**
Fri 21st Nov	Carers Rights Day

Week 12

Fri 28th Nov	**Cantref Christmas Fair**

DECEMBER 2025

Week 13

Mon 1st Dec	Christingle Practice at St Mary's Church 9.30am (Year 5 & 6)
Tue 2nd Dec	Christingle Service - 6pm St Mary's Church Whole School & parents/carers
Wed 3rd Dec	**Christmas Lunch**
Fri 5th Dec	School choir Singing in Abergavenny Town

Week 14

Mon 8th Dec	**School Elf Day & Fun Run – Non-School Uniform Day**
Wed 10th Dec	**Year 3/4 Christmas Production at 1.45pm**
Thu 11th Dec	**Year 3/4 Christmas Production at 9.30am**
Thu 11th Dec	**Christmas Jumper Day – Non-School Uniform Day**
Fri 12th Dec	**Elf Takeover Day**

Week 15

Wed 17th Dec	**Infant Nativity for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers at 1.45pm**
Thu 18th Dec	**Infant Nativity for Nursery and Reception parents/carers at 9.45am**
Fri 19th Dec	**Autumn Term Ends – School Finishes at 2pm**

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th Jan	**INSET Day 3**
Tuesday 6th Jan	First day back for pupils

Schools Complaints Process

The school has a complaints policy which has been recommended by the Local Authority and adopted by school governors. A copy of the School's Complaints Policy is available either from the school office or from the school website: www.cantref.monmouthshire.sch.uk

If you have any concerns regarding your child/children whilst they are at Cantref Primary School, please do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or Head Teacher at your earliest convenience. We take all concerns very seriously and will act on them promptly. We pride ourselves on being a strong family-based school with an 'open door' approach.

If, however, after speaking with your child's class teacher and Head Teacher you still have concerns, then you have the right to contact the Chair of Governors, Mr. Nigel Patterson and request a copy of the School Complaints Procedure. We would, of course, hope to resolve all concerns to your satisfaction, at your earliest convenience.



School Development Plan

Please find attached to this email an overview of the School Development Plan for 2025-2026. Please contact the school if you would like any further information on our priorities.



Cantref Primary School Vision and Aims 2025 ~ 2026

Recently, pupils, staff and governors revisited the vision and aims of the school in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the four purposes of the Curriculum for Wales (CfW). We discussed how we deliver these aims through the curriculum that we offer.

Please find the new Vision and School Aims below. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss these further and/or make any suggestions. Thank you.

VISION STATEMENT AND AIMS

Cyd Dyfu Cyd Ddysgu ~ Growing Together Learning Together

- Growing in its widest sense physically (Nursery – Reception), but growing socially, intellectually, emotionally, spiritually, independently.
- To realise the 4 purposes of the CfW
- To achieve their hopes dreams and ambitions and foster a love of learning.

The Governors and staff aim to:

1. Encourage our children to become ambitious, capable, resilient learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.

2. Develop our children to be enterprising, creative contributors, ready to play a full part in life and work within Wales and the world.

3. Support our children to become ethical, informed citizens of Wales and the world with a sense of responsibility, mutual respect and caring for self and others.

4. Promote healthy, confident individuals, with strong physical and mental wellbeing, ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of society.

5. Enable our children to achieve their true potential, through a broad, balanced, purposeful, and enriched curriculum, where learners enjoy and overcome challenges, take pride in their achievements, while respecting the achievement and talents of others.

6. Provide a friendly, welcoming, safe environment in which everyone feels valued and appreciated, free from harm and secure in the knowledge that their opinions are valued.

7. Build strong collaborative partnerships with families, the local community, within Wales and the world.

8. Encourage our children to appreciate the Welsh heritage, culture and language, and explore, respect and appreciate the cultural differences of others.

Cantref Primary School is a Rights Respecting School. Children and adults work together to recognise and act upon the rights of the child within our school, our local community, and the wider world. We believe that by understanding their own rights children learn to respect and value the rights of others.

Could you help the PTFA keep running?

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Cantref Primary School,

Welcome to the new school year!

Our PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) has spent many wonderful years of hard work bringing extra joy and opportunities to our children - from Summer and Christmas Fetes to Elf Takeover Day, school pantomimes and subsidised trips. We've also been proud to fund essential equipment and improvements, including Google tablets, outdoor play equipment and upgrades to the outdoor classroom, helping to enrich learning, well-being and play for every child.

After many years of brilliant service, our current core committee is now stepping down. We're hugely grateful for everything they've built.

To continue as a registered charity - and to keep these much-loved extras going, we must have a new core team of three roles:

- **Chair** – coordinates meetings and plans
- **Treasurer** – looks after the accounts and spending
- **Secretary** – handles meeting notes and communications

You won't be doing it alone. Alongside the core team, we also need a friendly group of helpers for events, stalls, ticket sales, raffles and set-up/pack-down. Even an hour here and there makes a real difference.

What's at stake?
If we can't form a new core PTFA, we won't be able to run key events like the Summer and Christmas Fetes, or fund the Elf Takeover Day, pantomimes and subsidised trips that make school life extra special. We know how much the children look forward to these.

Could you help - big or small?
Being part of the PTFA is a great way to meet people, shape the extras that make school special, and advocate for our children. If you're interested in a core role or willing to be on the helpers list, please contact the school office and let us know which role or type of help you could offer.

With your support, we can keep the PTFA thriving for the next generation of Cantref families.

With thanks and hope,
Claire Collins (Chair), Victoria Deakin (Treasurer), Gemma Murphy (Secretary)

FRIENDS OF CANTREF ASSOCIATION

Reminder: Message from the School Nursing Team

The School Nursing Service will be visiting the school to offer Reception – Year 6 pupils a nasal flu spray vaccine on Wednesday 19th November. A consent form needs to be completed for children to receive their vaccine.

The consent form can be found here:

2025/26 Childhood Influenza School Vaccination Programme Consent Form

If you wish to decline consent and/or make comments, please complete this form to page 3.

Please submit one form per child no later than 48 hours before the above date. Any consent forms submitted after this time may result in your child not receiving their vaccine on the day. Should you have any difficulties accessing the above link, please contact 01633 431685 for further support.

For information about flu vaccination please visit: About the vaccine - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)

If you have any further queries, please contact the School Nursing Team on 01633 431685



Information from Gwent Music

Gwent Music has a choir that meets monthly and the Children from your school choir along with others who love to sing are invited!

Join others from across the county in a monthly-two-hour Rehearsal,
Learn new songs,
Sing in concerts,
Make new friends who like to sing,
Learn to read and understand music to a higher level.

For just £20 a term (3 Rehearsals per term) they can join the **Gwent Youth Choir** and try something a little different.

Once a Month - Thursdays 4.45pm-6.45pm - Gwent Music HQ, Malpas Court Primary School grounds, Whittle Drive, Malpas, Newport NP20 6QS.

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CANTREF PRIMARY SCHOOL

CALENDAR 2025-2026

Autumn Term 2025	INSET DAYS	Duration
Monday 1st September – Friday 24th October	Monday 1st September Friday 10th October	8 weeks
Half term holidays: Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October		
Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December		7 weeks
End of term holidays: Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January		
Spring Term 2026	**INSET DAYS**	**Duration**
Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February	Monday 5th January	6 weeks
Half term holidays: Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February		
Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March	Monday 23rd February	5 weeks
End of term holidays: Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April		
Summer Term 2026	**INSET DAYS**	**Duration**
Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May		6 weeks
Half term holidays: Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May		
Monday 1st June – Friday 20th July	Monday 1st June Monday 20th July	7 weeks
End of Summer Term		

Other dates to note:

Good Friday:	Friday 3rd April
Easter Monday:	Monday 6th April
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 4th May
Spring Bank Holiday:	Monday 25th May

CANTREF SCHOOL CLUBS TIMETABLE

MONDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	Netball – Year 5 & 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Mrs B Watkins & Mrs B Morgan **Football – Years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.30pm – 4.30pm** Miss A Schwank **Gardening Club* – Year 5 – 3.30 - 4.30pm** Miss C Baulch & Mrs M Stephens ***This club is on a rota which is shared by Miss B**
TUESDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	Glee Club – Years 3, 4, 5, 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Mr J Jones, Mrs C Collins & Mrs K Williams
WEDNESDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
Board Games Club – Year 2 Mrs H Woodhouse	
THURSDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	Forest School – Year 2 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Mrs C Price **Homework Club – Year 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm** Miss A Schwank
FRIDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**