CANTREF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7

17th October 2025

School Clubs

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

Please note, Glee Club and Busy Bumbles are cancelled on Tuesday 21st October due to the Spooky Disco and Rugby is cancelled on Thursday 23rd October due to the sporting fixtures earlier that day.

What's been happening

PTFA Annual General Meeting (AGM)

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outgoing PTFA members for their years of dedicated service and invaluable contributions to our school community. Your time, effort, and passion have made a lasting impact on our children, and we are truly grateful!

At the same time, we warmly welcome and congratulate our new committee members 😊

- Chair - Aimee Rivers
- Vice Chair - Tim Jones
- Treasurer - Simon Jenkins
- Secretary - William Beckinsale

We look forward to an exciting year ahead and the great things we will achieve together!



Cross Country Event at Bailey Park – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

On Wednesday, five girls and five boys were selected from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6, to take part in MonLife's Cross-Country event in Bailey Park. There were several schools attending and our children did us extremely proud! Every single one of them put in a fantastic effort and their behaviour was exemplary and a credit to the school 😊

Non-School Uniform Day – Show Racism the Red Card

Today is Show Racism the Red Card's annual Wear Red Day and we joined thousands of people across the UK by wearing red to show our support 😊

If you'd like to donate to Show Racism the Red Card, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity, please visit on the page below:

https://www.justgiving.com/theredcard

What's coming up

Harvest Festival – Monday 20th October

On Monday 20th October, Nursery to Year 6 will be walking to Christchurch on North Street to take part in the Harvest Festival Service.

The service starts at 10am so we will be leaving school to walk to the church at approximately 9:45am. The service will finish at approx. 11am. Unfortunately, we are not able to invite our parents or carers to this service, simply because of space in Christchurch. The children completely fill the church.

Thank you for your understanding 😊



Poppy Appeal 2025

Poppies and other merchandise (snap bands, reflector key rings, pencils, rulers etc.) will be available to purchase next week (w/c Monday 20th October).

Donations for items are:

- £1.50 for snap bands/wrist bands
- £1 for all other items
- Any donation for the paper poppies will be gratefully received.

Our Year 6 children will be visiting the classrooms daily from Monday 20th October to sell items. If your child wishes to buy any merchandise, please send in the correct change in with them in a named envelope.

Paper poppies will be available from the school office.



Spooky Disco – Tuesday 21st October

Our Year 6 children will be running the Spooky Disco on Tuesday 21st October with all proceeds going towards their fundraising for their trip to London in June 2026.

The disco will be split into the following two sessions:

- **SESSION 1 - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 (Lower Phase):** 3.45pm – 4.45pm
- **SESSION 2 - Year 3 - Year 6 (Upper Phase):** 5pm – 6pm

There will be a fun activity table alongside the disco and a prize for the best fancy dress costume 😊

Tickets cost £4 per child and include 2 snacks and a drink. Tickets are sold by the Year 6 children during school hours. Please send the correct money (if possible) into school with your child, in a labelled envelope if they wish to purchase tickets.

Please note that Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children will need an adult to accompany them. Younger non-school aged siblings are welcome to attend Session 1 but must be accompanied by an adult.



Lost Property – Thursday 23rd October

All the items in lost property will be displayed outside of the school office on Thursday 23rd October from 3pm onwards (weather permitting). Please look through the items to see if any of it belongs to your child.

Any items left over that do not have names on will go into our pre-loved uniform exchange, be used as spare clothes or be donated to charity for recycling.

Thank you in advance 😊



Friday 24th October – Last Day of Term

School finishes at the usual school finish times

Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

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

OCTOBER 2025

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)
Thu 23rd Oct	Football & Netball Fixtures vs Llantilio Pertholey Primary School at Home

~~~ 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

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



Reminder: Pre-loved Uniform

Using pre-loved uniform helps take a huge step in reducing the amount of clothing that goes to landfill, the carbon impact of uniform and what we spend on uniform.

If you need some items, then please send us an email and we will check our stock. Any available items will then be given to your child to bring home, in the same way that any new uniform delivered to school would be.

The uniform email is: cantrefuniform@gmail.com

Please note, we're not accepting any more uniform donations for now as we are running out of space to store it. We will be holding a 'pre-loved uniform exchange' soon, where we'll also reassess our needs for donations. Watch this space for updates! 😊



Reminder for Year 6 parents/carers: Secondary School Admissions

Just a reminder to say that secondary school admissions close in two weeks on **31st October at 4pm**. Further information regarding secondary school admissions can be found here:

Starting Secondary School - Monmouthshire



Welsh Phrase of the Month

"Dail yr hydref"

"Autumn leaves"



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 ***No Glee Club due to the Spooky Disco**
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 ~~**Rugby* – Years 4, 5, 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm**~~ Mr R Brunsdon & support ***No Rugby due to the sporting fixtures**
FRIDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**