



Gowerton School



From the Headteacher's Desk

November is always a busy month and Remembrance is an important event at Gowerton School. Each year group has an assembly in the week leading to the Annual Service of Remembrance, on the Friday before 11th November. Gowertonians and Guests are invited to join our Year 11 and Year 13 in remembering Gowertonians that fought and gave their lives in both World Wars. This year, as well as remembering the fallen there was a particular focus on Gowertonian Idwal 'Glan' Evans. Pupils heard his remarkable story of resilience, capture and walk to freedom in World War 2.

November 2025 Newsletter

Remembrance Service

The Annual Service of Remembrance is an important event for Gowerton School as Year 11, 6th form and our invited guests remember Gowertonians that lost their lives in both World Wars. Remembrance week is important as all year groups have an assembly in which they hear about Gowertonians and The Last Post is played. Year 7 are also encouraged to paint poppies on tiles or stones to be placed in our Remembrance Garden.

The culmination of these events is the Annual Service of Remembrance on the Friday before Remembrance Sunday. This year part of the service focussed on the story of a Gowertonian, Idwal James Evans, that fought in World War II. He spent two and half years as a Prisoner of War and survived. The story of Idwal Evans, known as 'Glan', is a 2 part documentary on S4C at the moment. We were honoured to have Glan's two sons at the event.

The service started with the entry of our prestigious guests including the Deputy Lord Lieutenant and the Lord Mayor, sixty in total walked into the hall where 250 students stood in silence. The poignant sound of the bagpipes was then heard performed by Mr Richard Goodwin.

The Headteacher, Senior Deputy Headteacher and the Senior Prefect Team led the service explaining about the importance of Remembrance and telling the remarkable story of 'Glan'. Attached is a summary of Glan's story with some of his photos, kindly shared by his family.

During the section of the service where Miss Lawlor and Mr McGinley read some of the names of the fallen Thomas Year 11 accompanied beautifully on the acoustic guitar playing 'Tears in Heaven'. After a minute's silence Evie Yr 10 played 'The Last Post' with clarity and emotion. The bagpipes then performed a lament.

Another emotional moment was the reading of the poem 'The Man We Never Knew' read by Warrant Officer Dawn Brown. Following this there was a moment of reflection during which a vocal ensemble performed starting with a solo from John year 8 and harmonised by Tom and Grace year 13 and Tilly Year 11.

All our visitors commented on the outstanding respect shown by our pupils and the beautiful, emotional service held.





Children in Need



Our Sixth Form students proudly supported Children in Need by taking part in a fun dress-up day and organising a hugely successful cake sale. Thanks to their enthusiasm—and the generous contributions from our school community—we raised £206.11 for this fantastic cause. A big well done to all involved for their effort, creativity, and community spirit!

World Children's Day

On November 18th members of the Year 8, 9 and 10 School Councils attended the World Children's Day event in the Collaboration Station in Swansea. The event offered us an opportunity to hear about the work that Swansea Council have been doing with regards to improving the rights of children in our city.



At the start of the day, pupils heard from local councillors who talked to us about their accomplishments over the past year and what they have achieved in terms of their targets from previous events. They told pupils about the changes Swansea Council have made with regards to the environment, technology, safety in schools and mental health. Rodri Jones then spoke with pupils about how the council is working on listening to pupil's voices and reflecting our opinions in official policy. Some of our members were so inspired that they signed up for the UK Youth Parliament to represent Swansea!

Year 11 go Global!

Our brilliant Y11 Spanish students have been exploring the Spanish-speaking world... without even leaving the classroom!

As part of their assessed oracy work, pupils researched a país hispanohablante of their choice and produced some incredibly impressive visual displays to showcase what they discovered.

They presented to the class in Spanish, sharing:

- The country's geography
- Its most famous festivals
- Iconic dishes and culinary traditions
- What the country is known for
- The history and symbolism of the flag
- And whether they would like to visit one day — with plenty of persuasive reasons!

But they didn't stop there...

To further develop their research skills, students also carried out source analysis, checking how trustworthy and credible their information was. Critical thinking at its best!



Christmas Concert by Candlelight

We look forward to welcoming our wonderful community to this traditional event.



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Thursday, 18th December 2025 18.00

Our Christmas Concert by Candlelight will be held in the Main Hall at Gowerton School on Thursday, 18th December at 6.00pm.

An evening of readings, carols, solos, and musical ensembles. A raffle and a collection will be taken at the end of the evening

Come and join in the festivities!

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