



Gowerton School



From the Headteacher's Desk

Christmas is fast approaching and as I write this, I can hear the choirs rehearsing for the Christmas Concert. Pupils and staff are collecting for the Mr X appeal and getting their Christmas jumpers ready for the charity day.

Thank you once again for sharing Gowerton news with us in 2025. We hope that our whole school community can have a beautiful, enjoyable Christmas and we look forward to sharing our news with you again in 2026.

December 2025 Newsletter

Christmas Concert by Candlelight

A beautiful carol concert was held by candlelight of the main hall of Gowerton School. It was wonderful to see so many families, friends and the local community filling the hall to capacity. A truly festive event!

Christmas Jumper Day

'Wear something Christmassy' Day was very successful this week. Most staff and pupils were creative wearing a variety of different Christmas themed clothing. Christmas Dinner was served in the canteens for everyone to enjoy. All money raised will go to this year's chosen charities – Cambrian foundation for Deaf Children and Kids Cancer Charity, Swansea.



Kevin Sinfield

This month we were fortunate to have Kevin Sinfield running past Gowerton School raising money for Motor Neurone's Disease. Sinfield is England Rugby League's Coach and a former Rhino's player. This is particularly relevant to Gowerton School as a Gowertonian Lewis Jones was also connected to the Rhinos Rugby League team.

Lewis Jones was a legendary Welsh rugby union and rugby league player, nicknamed the "original Golden Boy," who had a highly successful career with the Leeds Rhinos from 1952 to 1964. He was a record-breaking player who was integral to the club's first Championship win in 1961. Jones passed away in March 2024 at the age of 92.

In his time at the club Lewis Jones set a record for most points in a season with 496 in 1956-57. He scored 21 points on his home debut against France, a British record and is a member of the Rugby League Hall of Fame.

Our pupils proudly waved banners held balloons and cheered as Kevin Sinfield and his support team ran past the school.



Ladies Guild Concert

A group of vocalists had the opportunity of performing for a Ladies Guild in Penllergaer. Five pupils ranging, John and Ara Year 8, Tilly Year 9 and Tom and Grace Year 13 performed a selection of songs for the ladies in the church hall in Penllergaer. From 'Ave Regina' to 'Edelweiss' the ladies thoroughly enjoyed the performances. It is important that our musicians can perform in public to build their confidence. We thank the ladies for their kind invitation and their warm welcome. A special moment was the ladies joining Grace with a verse of Edelweiss and Tom accompanying on the guitar. The afternoon finished with a vocal quartet performing 'Go in Peace' and a final 'We wish you a merry Christmas'.

Mission Codebreakers!

Over 48 Gowerton pupils from Year 9 bravely stepped into the world of cryptic clues, hidden languages and top-secret intelligence as part of GCHQ's nationwide language coding competition with the International Languages Department.

The photo below is just a snapshot of some of our incredible young agents who took part — every single one contributed skill, teamwork and serious problem-solving power.

From deciphering mysterious messages to tackling languages, they'd never even heard of, our pupils embraced the challenge with creativity, resilience and true Gowerton spirit. Their mission? To climb the leaderboard and compete for the ultimate prize: a behind-the-scenes visit to GCHQ, the real Government Communications Headquarters.

A huge well done to all our participating codebreakers — your intelligence, teamwork and determination have made us extremely proud.

Mission accomplished... for now.



Year 8 Engineers!



Year 8 pupils took part in an engineering workshop this month. They were looking at Sustainable homes using sensors and coding. This workshop was run by EESW.

Pupils were learning how to programme devices in a home to monitor the conditions. The devices will then react to changes to maintain temperature and humidity without using excess electricity. All this involved microbit coding.

Sixth Form Applications

Applications for our Sixth Form are now open! You can apply via the My Choice Swansea website: <https://mychoice.swansea.education/option/gowerton-school/>

Information about life in our Sixth Form as well as our extensive range of A-Level courses can be found by visiting the Sixth Form page on our website - www.GowertonSchool.com/Sixth

Gowerton School
SIXTH FORM
Ysgol Tregwyr

APPLY

Applications Now Open!

Mi Ddylwn, Mi Allaf, Mi Fynnaf - I Should, I Can, I Shall