



## GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# Diary dates

### INSET DAYS

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

## February Diary

**FEBRUARY 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5 Teach your child to read workshop class 5 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	6	7 class 11 visit pontypool park	8 fl in schools South Wales finals at St Fagans	9 Valentines Disco	10 chinese new year
11	12 Half Term	13 Shrove Tuesday	14 Valentines Ash Wednesday	15	16	17
18 Teach your child to read workshop class 6 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm crucial crew Y6	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Teach your child to read workshop class 7 reading cafe 2:15 - 3pm	27	28	29		

**NOTES**

HALF TERM IS 12.02.24 TO 18.02.24.

RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 19.02.24

19.02.24 - CRUCIAL CREW Y6

9.02.24 VALENTINES DISCO

## March Diary

**MARCH 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 British summer time Easter Sunday					1 St Davids Day Eisteddfod	2
3	4 Teach your child to read workshop Wellbeing workshop No 1	5	6	7 World Book Day Class 3 concert Netball Tournament	8 Torfaen Got to dance competition	9
10 Mothering Sunday	11	12 Pontypool Eisteddfod Parent consultations	13 parent consultations	14 Y5 concerts	15	16
17	18 Wellbeing Workshop 2	19	20 Y6 Sennedd Trip Cardiff Bay	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29 Good Friday	30

**NOTES**

HALF TERM 22/03/2024 - 08/04/2024

RETURN TO SCHOOL MONDAY 08.04.2024

07.03.24 CLASS 3 CONCERT

14.03.24 YEAR 5 CONCERTS  
CLASS 10 KN 10AM  
CLASS 11 EM 1:30PM

PARENT CONSULTATIONS TUESDAY 12TH MARCH & WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH.  
USBORNE BOOKS WILL BE IN HALL

WELLBEING WORKSHOPS ARE 9- 10:30 IN SCHOOL

### Egg-Citing Easter Raffle

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our egg-citing Easter Raffle at Garnteg Primary School! We would be very grateful for any Easter egg donations, if you or a company you know can donate any prizes, they would be greatly received.

**Raffle Ticket Sales:** Tickets will go out next week. Please return them with your names and contact details.

**Raffle Drawing:** The much-anticipated raffle will take place on Thursday 21st March.

All funds raised from this will directly contribute to resources for our children. Your generosity and participation are greatly appreciated.

### Nursery April Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery intake for April 2024.

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm**. You will have the opportunity to meet the Nursery team, spend time in the setting and access information as well as enjoying refreshments.

### Reading Cafes for Parents / Carers

Join us for a literary adventure at Garnteg Primary School! We're excited to announce our upcoming class Reading Cafés, where you can immerse yourselves in the joy of reading alongside your child/children. On the specified dates and times, we welcome you to the classroom to explore fun reading activities and strategies. There will be beverages, opportunities to engage in conversations and even meet our beloved School Mascot! It's a fantastic opportunity to foster a love for reading both in School and at home. Please let us know if you can attend by responding via Class Dojos. Let the reading festivities begin!

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February for **Class 7** 2:15pm - 3:00pm

### Parent Workshops

Our next reading workshop session is **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**, and spaces are still available. It is aimed to help you assist your child with reading using the reading methods we use at Garnteg, and help your child improve their reading skills. Please make sure to book your space.



The poster features two speech bubbles at the top: 'Family Learning' on the left and 'Garnteg Primary School' on the right. The main text reads: 'Helping your Child Learn to Read Monday 22nd January 2024 1.15pm - 3.15pm For 6 Weeks At Garnteg Primary School'. Below this, it says: 'Share ideas and discover new ways to work with your child in a friendly and relaxed environment to support their learning.' A list of bullet points follows: 'Discover ways to help your child with their reading.', 'Experience and enjoy the value of sharing books.', and 'Make your own games and activities to use with your child to support reading.' At the bottom left, it provides the contact information: 'Tel: 01633 647734 Torfaen Adult Community Learning'. At the bottom right, there is a logo for 'torfaen' featuring a tree. At the very bottom, there are logos for 'torfaen council', 'torfaen borough council', and 'torfaen council'.





# Parent Workshop

You are invited to attend a talk for parents and caregivers at Garnteg Primary School.

**Monday  
4th March  
2024  
9:00-10:30**

**Why can children behave in challenging ways?**

What this workshop will help with...

Sometimes children might:

- hurt others
- have "meltdowns"
- soil themselves
- or do other behaviours that can be difficult to manage

We will discuss things that can help you with this.

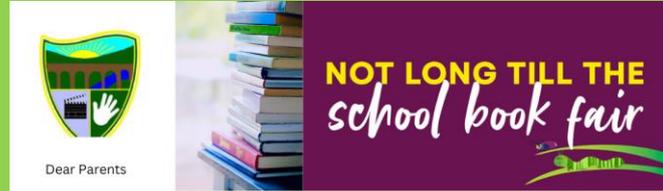
It will also be useful for those with children you may have autism or ADHD.

If you would like to book on to this workshop please click the link below:  
<https://signup.com/go/HttUPPO>

We will be holding a wellbeing workshop on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 from 9am - 10:30 am. Details are below. If you would like to register, visit <https://signup.com/go/HttUPPO>

## Parent Consultations

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding parent consultations. More details will be announced soon. As usual there will be Usborne books in the



Dear Parents

The school have arranged for Usborne Books Partner, Karen Simmonds, to arrange a book fair. The book fair will take place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of March from 3.15 pm. Karen will, have a display of books set up. Books can be brought on the day and any orders taken (payment is required with order cash card or bank transfer accepted) and the books will be delivered back to the school.

There is also a link below to the full range of over 3000 books with the digital catalogue. [https://issuu.com/usbornepublishing/docs/issu\\_usborne\\_2023\\_catalogue](https://issuu.com/usbornepublishing/docs/issu_usborne_2023_catalogue)

Karen will also be available to answers questions and take orders from you by any of the following methods should you wish to order and are not able to get to the book fair. Email on [kaz.sim-xkeys@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kaz.sim-xkeys@hotmail.co.uk) Whats app or text on 07984925273 Send a message on her facebook page [www.facebook.com/KarenSimmondsIndependentUsborneOrganiser](http://www.facebook.com/KarenSimmondsIndependentUsborneOrganiser)

For every £10 spent by parents on books the school will get up to £6 worth of books for use throughout the school. Your support in this event is much appreciated.



hall selling and taking orders of some amazing books that will make great Easter gifts. Details are on the attached flyer.

## School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. Next week is Week 2

**Autumn/Winter Menu 2023**

Why not try our **Salad Bar?**

Pick one: baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato

Pick two: ham, turkey cheese, tuna or egg

variety of salad and baked beans

As an alternative to the dessert - fresh fruit, yoghurt or cheese and crackers are available

Keep your eye out for the new gluten free options in the canteen

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Bread and Spread Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	Homemade Beef Spaghetti Bolognese or Quorn Bolognese (V) served with Assorted Vegetables and Garlic Bread Chocolate Brownie and a Milk Drink	Chicken Breast Fillet or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Artic Roll and Fruit Cocktail	Salmon Fishfingers or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Ham and Pineapple Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Chips and a Side Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins
<b>Week 2</b>	Beef Meatballs or Veggie Plant Based Balls (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Cheese and Potato Pie (V) served with Baked Beans or Peas Three Fruit Crumble and Cream	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas Sticky Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jumbo Fish Finger Sub or Vegetable Sausage Sub (Ve) served with Chips and a Side Salad Raspberry Flavour Ice Cream and Fruit
<b>Week 3</b>	Savoury Minced Beef or Quorn Savoury Mince (V) served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Spicy Peach Cake and Custard	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas Carrot Cake topped with Cream	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly	Chicken curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread and Vegetables Chocolate and Coconut Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken Burger in a Bun or Southern Quorn in a Bun (V) served with Chips and Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins

Vegetarian. All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for Vegetarians. Jelly and Trifle are not suitable for vegetarians. Fruit and yogurt are always available. **Ve Vegan.** All accompaniments to main choices above are suitable for vegans with the exception of Yorkshire Pudding. Fruit is available daily as a dessert option, and flapjack where it appears above. A fully vegan menu is available on request.

**Catering for Medical Diets/ Food Allergies**  
For special diets requests please e-mail: [specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:specialdietsrequest@torfaen.gov.uk)

**Menus may vary in faith schools, please check with your individual school for details**

November 2023					December 2023					January 2024					February 2024					March 2024				
M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F	M	T	W	T	F
6	7	8	9	10	4	5	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	5	6	7	8	9	4	5	6	7	8
13	14	15	16	17	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	18	19	19	20	21	22	23	11	12	13	14	15
20	21	22	23	24	18	19	20	21	22	22	23	24	25	26	26	27	28	29	1	18	19	20	21	22
27	28	29	30	1						29	30	31	1	2										

Every effort is made to provide the correct balance of choices to our customers but we cannot guarantee that all choices will be available right to the end of service.

Thank you to those that have already returned your slips and money for flowers. There is still time to place orders with the potential of purchasing more on the 8th March 2024, afterschool. Final orders need to be in by Wednesday 28th February 2024

## ATTENDANCE



**MOTHER'S DAY!**

This year we are selling Primroses thanks to our friends at The Secret Garden.

Limit to 3 pots per child at £1 per pot.

Letters have been sent out so to avoid disappointment please return ASAP

**SPECIAL PERSONS DAY!**

Secret Garden

### Attendance Winners 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were Foundation phase attendance winners with 93.7 % and congratulations to Dosbarth 9 Mr Phillips who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 98.4%

WELL DONE!

DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	86.4	3	90	6	88.3
Reception	91.4	1	94.6			7	91.6
		2	88	4	96	8	93.9
Year 1	93.3	3	92.9			9	98.4
		4	97.8	5	96.3	10	94.8
Year 2	91.8	5	87.1			11	97.6
				6	92.3	12	92.8
						13	91.9

Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.45 %

### Seren Yr Wythnos 2024

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Mrs Attewell	AM - Darcy-Mae PM- Aurora	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Idris
Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully	Darcie-Leigh	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing	Jenson & Freya
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Sophia-Lily	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Jaydee-Leigh
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown	Harley	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Archie
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	George	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore	Zac
Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Caleb	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Lawrence
Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Tomos	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lily

**Nursery** - Gwaith Ardderchog Meithrin! What a fantastic week we have had learning the story The Three Little Pigs. We have been retelling the story in lots of different ways and building the houses. Da Iawn! We have also been practising our songs for the school Eisteddfod next week! We have loved receiving your craft entries! Remember to bring them in by next week ready for the competition! A reminder that the children can wear a Welsh costume/t-shirt/jumper to celebrate our Eisteddfod on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Diolch and have a lovely weekend! 😊

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Gwych everybody! Another fantastic week of learning for Reception. This week we have been hard at work preparing for our Eisteddfod Celebration on Thursday and Friday next week. These days give us the opportunity to dress up in Welsh costumes /clothing or their house colours. We can't wait to celebrate our Welsh locality together under our topic 'Dw I'n byw'. It is brilliant to see so many entries come in for the craft competition. Please check class dojo for details. Diolch, enjoy the weekend and please keep up reading at home!

**Dosbarth 3** - Ffantasteg Dosbarth Tri! You have had a fantastic first week back from half term. This week we have been finishing our wonderful work for the Eisteddfod which is taking place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March next week. The children can either wear Welsh themed clothing or dress in their house colours on these days. The children have also been working hard practising for our class assembly which is taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We cannot wait to welcome you in to see our performance of our concert named after our current topic 'Fy ardal i'. Please may we ask you continue to practise your spellings, read your home reading books and practise your word grids. Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendegedig Dosbarth 4 & 5! Another amazing week where we have been looking at our school Eisteddfod entries and working really hard on our artwork. This week we have been looking at marbling in art and how to use metal wire to support a 3d sculpture. Craft entries can still be brought into school up to Wednesday next week. A reminder that children can wear their house colours or Welsh clothing on Thursday and Friday next week. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Bendegedig pawb for an amazing start to the term. You have been working hard on your Eisteddfod work in class and it has been wonderful to see your lovely craft from home to. Just a reminder the reading cafe in Dosbarth 7 for parents/careers or family members at 2:15pm-3.00pm. A reminder that the children can wear a Welsh costume/t-shirt/jumper to celebrate our Eisteddfod. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - Ardderchog pawb for a wonderful first week back. You've had a fantastic week showing off your creative flairs, preparing our entries for our school Eisteddfod next week. Just a reminder that reading books and home learning logs still need to be brought back in regularly - thank you to those of you who do this weekly. A reminder that the children can wear a Welsh costume/t-shirt/jumper to celebrate our Eisteddfod. Home crafts need to be brought in by Wednesday at the latest please, ready for judging - they can be brought in sooner if ready. Have a lovely weekend, we will see you Monday.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Arddechog pawb for another wonderful week of learning in Blywddyn 5. You all enjoyed your first swimming session this week and did really well! You have all worked hard completing your Eisteddfod entries this week and have produced very creative and high quality pieces of work, bendigedig! A reminder that Eisteddfod craft entries can be brought in at the beginning of next week to be entered into the Eisteddfod competition - each entry receives 2 points just for entering! Children can wear a Welsh themed outfit or their house colours next Thursday and Friday to celebrate the Eisteddfod. Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Da iawn blwyddyn chwech, another wonderful week of learning! This week we have practised fractions and equivalent fractions and have been creating lovely pieces of work for the eisteddfod. Please could all craft entries for the Eisteddfod be returned by Monday.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Target by end of year</b>	<b>Current percentage to date</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>95.6</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>91.1</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>92.5</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>90.9</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92.7</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>90.3</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>92.7</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>94.2</b>

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School