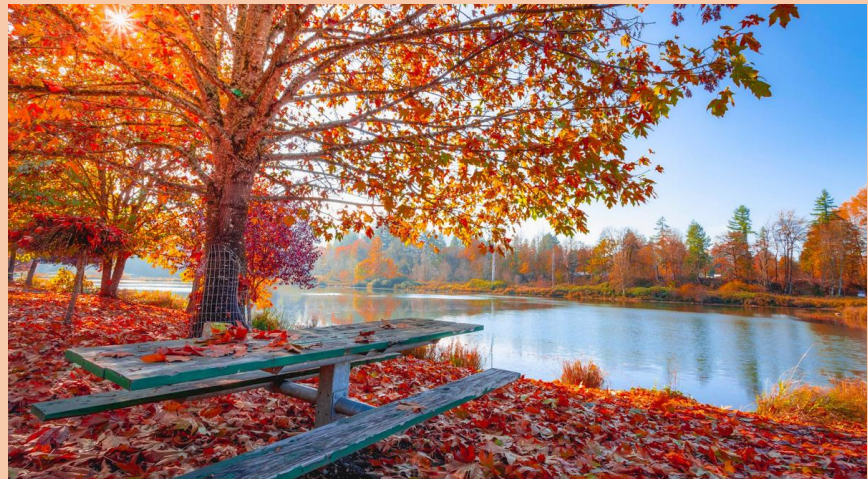


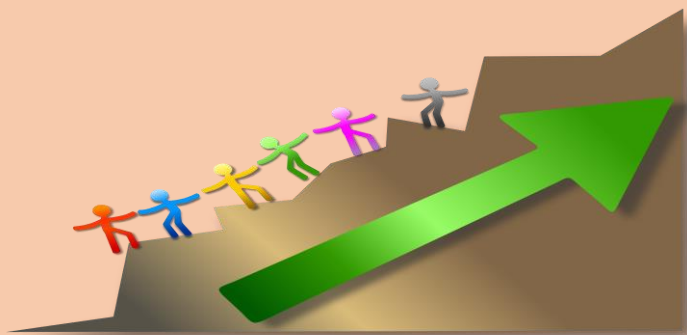


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Value for this half term is



COOPERATION

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Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Thursday 17th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

Important Dates

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October 2024 - Parents Consultations in school

Thursday 24th October 2024 - Spooky Disco - Nursery, Reception & Year 1

Friday 25th October 2024 - Spooky Disco - Year 2 - Year 6

Monday 4th November 2024 - Pupil Photos

Term Dates 2024/2025

Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

School Notices

Spooky Disco



The school Council will be making games and leading the activities once again this year. We can't wait!

Goodbye and Good luck

We would like to say a fond farewell to Miss C Jones from Dosbarth 6 who is leaving us to begin a new job. Thank you for your hard work and support during your time with us at Garnteg. We wish you the very best of luck for the future.



Medical/other appointments

At Garnteg we are celebrating attendance weekly with many positive rewards and initiatives. Medical/other appointments need to be limited during the school day and parents/carers will need to provide medical evidence of appointments and inform the school office in advance of this for it to be authorised.

Active Travel

Children will be receiving their badge on Monday if they have actively travelled to school at least **one day per week** in September. This includes walking, cycling, using scooter and park & stride- this includes parking in the Millenium Hall and walking the rest of the way to school. Please can you support your children in achieving this.

Can we also remind pupils to wear helmets if they ride bikes & scooters to school.

Keyboards

We would be very grateful for any donations of small/medium size keyboards which have electric power cables for pupils to learn to play the keyboard.

School Admissions 2025



School Admissions 2025

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2025?

In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2025 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	10 June 24	15 July 24, 5pm	16 September 24
Reception	6 November 24	9 January 25, 5pm	16 April 25
Secondary	25 September 24	13 November 24, 5pm	3 March 25

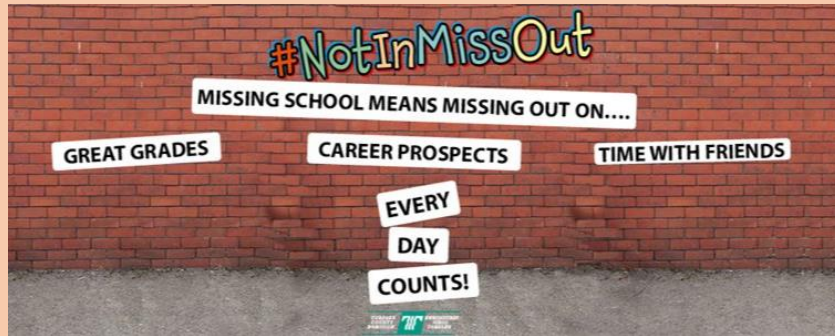
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Attendance Winners - 16th - 20th September 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Channing who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.89% and Dosbarth 11 Miss Grimmas who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for last week with 97.78%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	86.24	0	86.24	3	93.11	6	90.38%
Reception	94.65	1	94.80			7	93.20%
		2	91.67	4	93.05	8	91.92%
1	91.67	3	96.35			9	96.67%
		2	96.84	4	91.85	5	93.82
5	95.71			11	94.81%		
				6	87.65	12	80%
						13	95%

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.80%
4	95	95.49%
5	95	96.32%
6	95	95.43%
7	95	92.88%
8	95	93.87%
9	95	93.98%
10	95	93.19%
11	95	95.14%
12	95	85.63%
13	95	95.07%

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Brooke PM - Carter	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Lewis B
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Alfie	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Jake
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Lily W	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	William
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Caden	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Olivia
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Kade	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Evan
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Tommy	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Hayden
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Ronan	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Abigail

Nursery - Da Iawn Meithrin for a super week in school! So many happy learners in our Nursery check-ins this week. We have been reading the colour monster story to explore our different feelings and talk about what is making us feel them. What a busy week we have shared, exploring a chosen number from 1-10. Harvesting, preparing and even cooking the vegetables from our Nursery Garden. It is so fantastic to see the confidence of our class grow in our classroom routines, what brilliant co-operation team. Keep climbing to Sparkle!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 -

Wow pawb! You have been busy learning bees this week. We have begun our #seizetheseason enquiries by collecting autumnal objects in our school garden and at home to sort in groups. You then used this information to create your own tally charts and sums. Gwaith wow! What fantastic mark making of numbers we have seen in our classrooms.

Have a lovely weekend pawb!

Dosbarth 3 - A big thank you to those who collected autumn items on the weekend and brought them in for our tuff spot. The children have really enjoyed exploring them. Well done to those who have been completing their homework tasks and bringing their reading books back throughout the week. Just a reminder that P.E. kits are needed for a Thursday and Friday. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig for another amazing week of learning! You have enjoyed investigating our "seize the season" display and tasting the autumn fruit we were shown on our assembly with Mrs Roche this week - it was thumbs up for the pomegranate tasting! You've worked hard on place value this week and been superstars with all of your learning. Da iawn to those of you have been bringing your reading books back in and learning logs, we love seeing the amazing efforts you put in at home too! Just a reminder for all parents/carers that P.E kits need to be brought in on a Tuesday and reading books should be brought back Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday please.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Diolch Dosbarth 6+7, this week you have been superstar learners when planning and writing your own biographies for a chosen character from 'hidden figures'. We have been inspired to find out about the different job roles available in 1950 to today, and how job roles differed at the time of the story. Thank you for the wonderful support with spellings, home learning tasks and reading books. Don't forget to check in with dojos to see how the children got on! Our next spellings are for Friday 4th October. Please can we continue to request any lovely autumn bits and bobs the children might want to bring in to add to our seize the season autumn displays in class. Thank you!

Dosbarth 8 & 9-

Da iawn to everyone in Blwyddyn 4 for another excellent week of work. We have enjoyed exploring our topic 'It's just not fair' further and you have all produced beautiful work. Just a reminder for P.e kits to be brought into school on P.E days and appropriate kits to be brought into school for the weather. Thank

you for your continued support with spellings, home learning logs and reading books. Please remember to return reading books and learning logs weekly to keep them up to date. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Another fantastic week in Blywddyn 5! You have all worked so hard this week and we are so impressed with your creativity skills that have shined through in your artwork. We have received some wonderful pieces of homework that are of an amazing standard, keep sending them in, we can't wait to see what you come up with! A reminder that PE is on a Wednesday and Friday, PE kit is to be brought into school on these days please. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - We have had another fantastic week in Year 6! Just a reminder that swimming continues every Wednesday and PE will be on Fridays for Mrs Parker Evans' class and Monday for children in Mrs Lee's class. Please can the children ensure they are bringing kits to school and still wearing school uniform for those days. Homework books to be brought in when an activity is completed so that these can be checked and dojos added. Have a lovely weekend all.

Year 6 Swimming

Every Wednesday, children need to bring their kit and towel.
Please make payment of £24 on your child's Civica Pay account.



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