

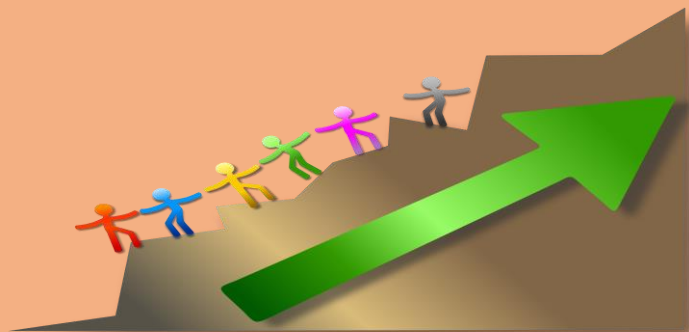


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Newsletter - 04th October 2024
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Value for this half term is



COOPERATION

Gwerth yr hanner tymor

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

Active Travel

Bendigedig everyone, for September Garnteg came 2nd in Torfaen and 23rd (out of 132 schools) in Wales. Class of the month at Garnteg was Class 6. bendigedig everyone, let us see if we can be 1st in Torfaen in October.

World Mental Health Day



Garnteg are helping to raise awareness for World Mental Health Day on 10th October.

Wear yellow or bright colours to school to take part.



£1 donations greatly appreciated; buckets will be available at the gates and money raised will support health & wellbeing at Garnteg.

Year 5 & 6 Open Evening

Abersychan School



**YSGOL
ABERSYCHAN
SCHOOL**

BELIEVE TO SUCCEED

**10TH OCTOBER
OPEN EVENING**

3.30PM-6PM

Come along and join us as we take you on a tour of the school visiting each department and taking part in fun activities and meeting the staff.

We look forward to seeing you!

Harvest Collection & celebrations starting 14th October



**HARVEST COLLECTION
AT GARNTEG**

We would welcome donations for our harvest collection this year. All donations will be given to the Noddfa Foodbank which serves our local community.

If you wish to donate please send your donations in by Friday 11th October ready for our Harvest celebrations on the 18th October.

Tins of fruit
Beans
Vegetables
Corned beef/ Ham
Soup
Tuna
Pasta sauces
Pasta and rice
Cereals

PIC COLLAGE

Spooky Disco



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

Parents Evening Book Fair



The school has arranged for Usborne to hold a book Fair on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd October from 3.15pm. Books can be bought on the day and any orders taken (Payment is required with order - cash, card or bank transfer) will be delivered back to school. For every £10 spent by parents on books the school will get up to £6 worth of books for use throughout the school.

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.

School Admissions 2025

School Admissions

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

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

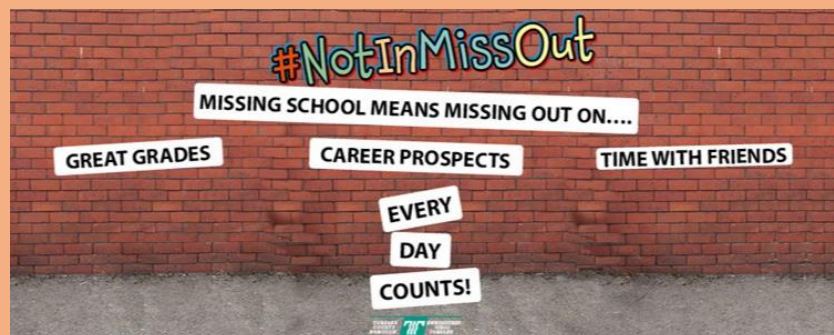
Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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Attendance Winners - 23rd - 27th September 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messoro who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.35% and Dosbarth 9 Mr Phillips who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for last week with 96.67%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	90.56%	0	90.56%	3	95.12%	6	95.57%
Reception	94.14%	1	94.35%			7	94.35%
		2	93.93%	4	92.74%	8	92.47%
1	93.15%	3	92.30%			9	92.75%
				5	92.21%	10	92.55%
2	95.77%	4	95.14%			11	91.87%
		5	95.42%	6	89.98%	12	84.61%
						13	95.15%

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.30%
4	95	95.14%
5	95	95.42%
6	95	95.57%
7	95	94.35%
8	95	92.47%
9	95	92.75%
10	95	92.55%
11	95	91.87%
12	95	84.61%
13	95	95.15%

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Kobi-Jon PM - Harry	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Presley
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Eleri	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Harley
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Lottie	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Tomas
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Maisie - Leigh	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Halle
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Gracie	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Skilar S
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Tabitha	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Izabella-Grace
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Joshua	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Eli

Nursery - Meithrin, this week we have continued to 'seize the season' in our Harvest work. after making and tasting our winter soup. We have been getting creative in our workbooks using leaf rubbings to design an autumnal bowl and drawing and naming our ingredients. This week it has been marvellous to see the children's independence grow in using our classroom. Thank you to all parents who have been prompt at sharing snack money with helpful reminders. This week the class tasted a pomegranate in our snack time, Wow! Please keep an eye on class dojo for updates on events in October. Many thanks, the Nursery team 😊.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - What another brilliant week of super learning. All staff in reception/Year 1 are extremely proud of all children becoming more independent in their learning. We are very pleased with the quality and effort of home learning logs being brought into school. Children have been rewarded for their beautiful pieces of work and these will be displayed in and out of the classroom. Just a little reminder to continue to bring reading books into school, the books can be changed and then replaced with a new book to read. Books should be returned on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday. Have a lovely weekend 😊 Diolch form staff in Dosbarth 1 and 2.

Dosbarth 3 - Well done for another busy week of great work. Lots of lovely work in class and a big thank you to those who collected autumn items. Just a reminder about reading books, please read with your child and bring the book back to be changed. Spelling will go home on a Monday to be learnt ready for Friday's spelling test. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Another fantastic week of learning in Dosbarth 4 and 5. A big thank you for those that brought in items for our class Autumn displays! Just a friendly reminder that the children's uniform needs to be labelled, and they need to bring in a healthy drink and snack every day. Home reading books will be changed every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7- Diolch for another fabulous week in Dosbarth 6 and 7! This week we have been exploring a new book called 'Marvelous Mattie'. We enjoyed learning about Mattie's inventions and creating our own character profiles about Mattie. In our maths learning we have been continuing our number learning thinking about place value when adding using a number line. We have especially enjoyed developing our art skills, drawing Autumn objects and researching harvest for our class concerts. Our speaking parts have been sent home for the children and we have started practising in school. Our concerts are on October 16th. Please check in on dojos next week for more information. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 & 9- A very busy week in year 4. Lovely work being produced and thank you for so many learning logs and reading books being brought back each week. Enjoy your weekend, Da iawn pawb.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Brilliant week again in blwyddyn 5. We are so proud of all the hard work you have completed this week. Please continue to complete your learning log challenges to a high standard and remember that PE days are Wednesday and Friday. Gwaith ardderchog pawb. Diolch yn fawr.

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Another fabulous week in Year 6, the children continue to work so hard! Keep going with the excellent homework, learning logs and reading books, we are so pleased with all we are seeing! Da iawn pawb, have a lovely weekend

Community Notices

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THURSDAYS
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8 to 14 years old

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Call us to talk through your options
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Visit us online for more information
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Our friendly advisors are ready when you are to talk in confidence.



kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School