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Newsletter - 29th November 2024  
Cylchlythyr - 29<sup>th</sup> Tachwedd 2024

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## December Diary



Every Friday in December is Christmas Jumper day!  
(Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December will also be Christmas Jumper day)



Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Elf Day

Elf costumes or Christmas jumpers optional for Year 5's concert.

### Christmas Concerts

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Year 5 Christmas Concerts

Dosbarth 11 - 9:45am

Dosbarth 10 - 1.45pm

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Year 6 Concert at Noddfa Church at 10.30am

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Year 2 Christmas Concerts

Dosbarth 4 9:45am

Dosbarth 5 1.45pm

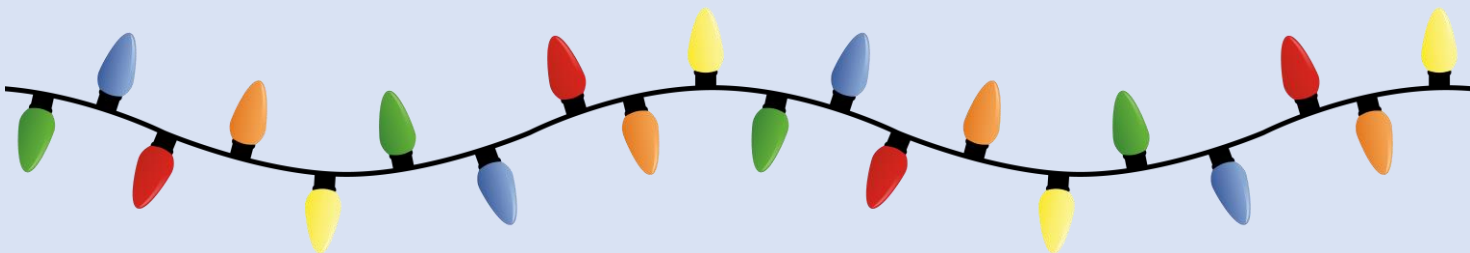
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Class 1 Christmas Concert at 1.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Class 2 Christmas Concert at 1.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Nursery Intake Meeting at 3.30pm

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Christmas Raffle Draw



## 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

### Food Glorious Food

A big thank you to the children and families who attended and purchased items from our Food 4 Growth event. Classes worked very hard to make lots of lovely food items with ingredients grown from our school allotments and orchard. We hope you enjoyed them, and we hope to hold this event on an annual basis.

Diolch yn fawr!

### Christmas Raffle Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We have some fabulous prizes to be won.

Raffle tickets will be arriving home with your child shortly! If you can donate or are able to ask companies for donations, please would you bring them into the school office. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received so far.

Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to buy many new books and outdoor equipment for all classes. The raffle will be draw on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.



## Vacancy for Parent Governor

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancy of 1 of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider applying. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist you.

Please click on the following link for further information.

<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor>

## Lockdown Procedure

At Garnteg Primary School, we take safeguarding and safety very seriously. It is important that we continue to review all our procedures, considering, even those events that are very unlikely to occur. As part of this process, in Wales we have introduced a new procedure called 'lockdown drills'.

Following on from letter sent to parents/carers a reminder that every class will be practising this procedure on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024**.

## Nursery January Intake 2024

Croeso I Meithrin am Ysgol Gynradd Garnteg!

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

We look forward to meeting parents / carers and the children at our settling in and information sharing event on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 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.

## School Allotments

Classes are busy harvesting vegetables from our school allotments and fruit from our orchard.

They are making items such as jam, chutney, pickled beetroot and other items. **On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 3:15pm**, Parents/Carers and pupils will be able to buy these in the hall.

## Attendance Winners - 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Channing with 93.60% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers who were KS2 winners with 92.68%



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	79.81	0	79.81	3	94.67	6	95
Reception	86.51	1	84.80			7	95.60
		2	90	4	92.37	8	92.31
1	90.42	3	91.11			9	90.74
		2	93.16	4	92	5	91.04
5	91.43			11	92.45		
6	93.73					12	88.80
				13	98.46		

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	94.41%
4	95	92.70%
5	95	92.67%
6	95	95.21%
7	95	93.08%
8	95	90.92%
9	95	90.15%
10	95	92.26%
11	95	92.17%
12	95	88%
13	95	95.18%

A reminder to Strive for 95! The classes with the highest attendance for the week receive a whole class reward (e.g. squash and biscuits) and any class who achieves over 90% attendance gets extra play. Individual classes also give rewards and prizes to pupils with fantastic attendance. #notinmissout

### ❁ Seren Yr Wythnos ❁

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Amia PM - Neveah	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Lewis J
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Phoenix	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Gracie-May
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Madison	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Jaxon	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jack
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Bonnie	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Lily-Ann
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Frankie	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Mila
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Jaydan	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Toby

**Nursery** - What a celebration we have had this week in Meithrin learning about the Jewish festival of Hannukah. We have been speaking some tricky wow words and naming interesting items using our sounds. This week we have been touch counting using different items. How many candles are on the menorah? Thank you to all who attended our Food for Growth event after school and made purchases in our Nursery stall. Bendigedig Blant!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Da iawn Dosbarth Un and Dau for a brilliant week of learning! This week we have experienced a fantastic day based on our topic. We took part in cool science experiments and used our problem-solving skills too. 😊 Next week we have some fun activities planned and we also have dress rehearsals, ready for our concerts. We are so excited! Have a lovely weekend. Diolch 😊

**Dosbarth 3** - Bendigedig Dosbarth Tri for a lovely week of learning, baking and decorating. This week Dosbarth Tri have been very creative making Christmas decorations using natural resources that we found outdoors for our Christmas tree. We have been super busy baking beetroot and chocolate cupcakes for our Food for Growth event that we sold out very quickly. Big thank you to everyone who attended and made a purchase. Have a lovely weekend! Doilch.

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Ardderchog Pawb for another brilliant week of learning. You have amazed us with your cooking skills this week, harvesting food from the allotment to make some pumpkin fudge! A big thank you to all those who came into school to support the sale of these too. Just a reminder to please support your children in learning their lines for their Christmas assembly. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe and we will see you in the classroom on Monday 😊.

**Dosbarth 6 & 7-** Bendedig pawb for a fantastic week of learning. You have amazed us with your literacy skill when writing a poem about Marvellous Mattie to using your knowledge of weight to help cook the items from what we have grown in the allotment. Just a reminder to continue to send in the work from your learning logs so we can share with the rest of the class. Have a lovely weekend.

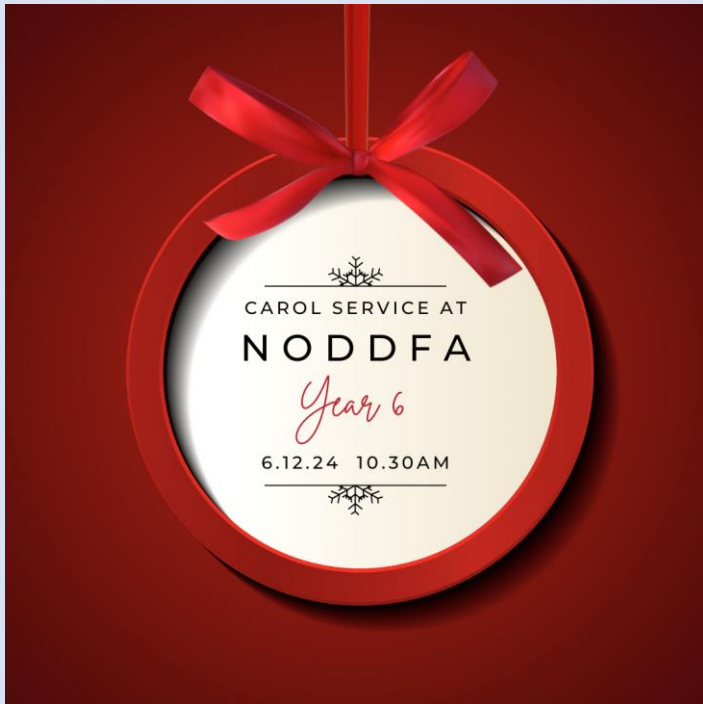
**Dosbarth 8 & 9-** Da iawn to everyone in Year 4 for a fantastic week of teamwork! You all excelled on Thursday preparing your produce to sell in our food sale. You have all worked super hard this week looking at the features of a balanced argument and understanding different points of view. A quick reminder to send in the work from your learning logs and reading books to be updated. Have a lovely weekend everyone

**Dosbarth 10 & 11 -** Bendigedig Blywddyn 5 for another great week where you have all sparkled! Your creative skills have been fantastic this week, successfully creating portraits of Buddha. You have enjoyed cooking sweet and savoury recipes using beetroot and creating a range of Christmas crafts in preparation for our Christmas concerts. A reminder that these take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, we look forward to seeing you all there 😊

**Dosbarth 12 & 13 -** We are so excited to welcome all parents and carers to noddfa for our celebration on Friday at 10.20, the children have been working hard on their performance! Please be mindful that swimming will be going ahead on Wednesday (elf day) so easy costumes are advised. Have a lovely weekend 😊

## **Community Notices**





Year 6- We are delighted to be performing a carol service at Noddfa Church again this year. The year 6 pupils will perform a collection of songs, poetry, memories etc at 10.30am at Noddfa church on Friday 6th December. All parents and carers are welcome to join us.

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 Friday 13th December 7pm  
 Saturday 14th December 2pm / 7pm

**TICKET PRICES**  
 Adult £12  
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 Family of four £32

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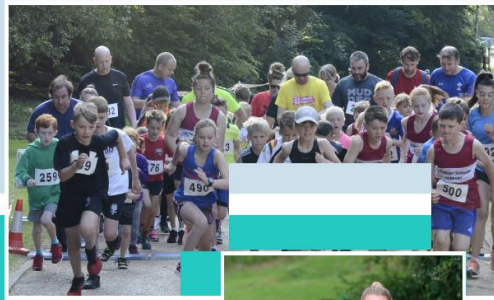


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## 2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

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