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Newsletter - 07<sup>th</sup> March 2025  
Cylchlythyr - 07<sup>th</sup> Mawrth 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

Parents Consultations

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025  
Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025

INSET DAYS  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

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

### **Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip Payments**

A polite reminder that both Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip payments are due via Civica Pay by the end of March with the financial year cut off. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

### **Eistedfodd 2025**

A huge da iawn to all pupils for participating in our Eistedfodd and the efforts made for the craft entries, they were all wonderful. Congratulations to our winning house Ty Glyndwr! 🙌❤️

### **World Book Day 2025**

A big well done for the amazing effort for World Book Day costumes! All the children looked brilliant dressed up. We hope the winners enjoy their chosen books. 📖

### **Eisteddfod 2027**

Urdd Eisteddfod 2027 is coming to Torfaen! 🗣️🏠👤

Volunteers are needed for the fundraising committee. Please see below if you are interested.

Diolch!

# Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2027

Mae Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn dod i ranbarth Gwent yn 2027!

Mae llawer o arian gyda ni i'w godi er mwyn gwneud yr Eisteddfod yn un i'w chofio!

The Urdd Eisteddfod is coming to the Gwent region in 2027!

We need to raise a lot of money to ensure that the Eisteddfod is one to remember!

Rydyn ni'n chwilio am bobl o'r ardal i fod ar bywyllgor apêl ar gyfer Torfaen.

We're looking for people from the local area (Torfaen) to be on a fundraising committee.

Oes diddordeb gyda chi?

Are you interested?

Rydyn ni'n awyddus i drefnu nifer o weithgareddau yn yr ardal leol yn arwain lan at yr Eisteddfod, er mwyn codi arian a hyrwyddo'r Urdd.

We're keen to organise a number of activities in the local area, leading up to the Eisteddfod, to raise money and to promote the Urdd.

Os oes diddordeb gyda chi, danfonwch ebost at Catrin Passmore:

If you're interested, please e-mail Catrin Passmore:

PassmoreC@hwbcymru.net

Cyfarfod nesaf:

Next meeting:

28.4.2025

Carro Lounge, Cwmbrân

5 yh / pm

Ardal Torfaen / Torfaen area

## Online Safety

A reminder that many social media apps have an age restriction of 13+. Please can we encourage parents/guardians to monitor their child's use of social media to ensure their safety.

Information on a range of social media, games and other apps can be found here

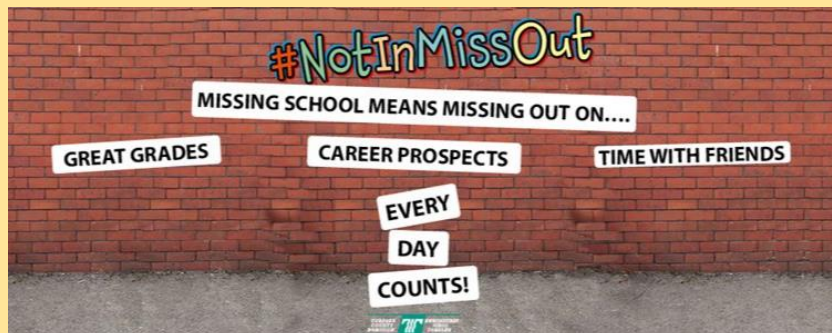
<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. Your children will also be accessing online safety lessons in school, so we encourage you to talk to them about the information they have learned.

## Attendance Winners - 17th - 21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips with 95.71% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week and Dosbarth 6 Mr Key with 95.56%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
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Nursery		0	85.64	3	90.64	6	88.89
Reception	91.14	1	93.20			7	94.62
		2	90	4	93.22	8	95.38
1	93.67	3	95.56			9	89.63
				5	95.36	10	95.71
2	96.67	4	91.15			11	95
		5	98.21	6	92.69	12	90.77
						13	94.62

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.56
4	95	91.70
5	95	93.54
6	95	94.13
7	95	93.30
8	95	89.52
9	95	90.44
10	95	92.15
11	95	91.12
12	95	88.36
13	95	93.95

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 -	AM - whole class PM - whole class	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Rosie
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis		Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Aliya
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton		Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Harley
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Whole class	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Whole class	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	

<b>Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips</b>	Whole class	<b>Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee</b>	Phoebe
<b>Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key</b>	Naila	<b>Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans</b>	Harriet

**Nursery** – Bendigedig pawb for a ffantastig first week back in Meithrin after half term! We've had lots to celebrate this week, starting with our Eisteddfod day on Monday, it was wonderful seeing how you all lit up when your work was celebrated in the assembly! We've also had a wonderful time enjoying ?world book day on Friday, we were so creative at making our own bookmarks, building houses for the three little pigs and discussing our characters and why they are important to us. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** – What a ffantastig week in Dosbarth un and Dau. We are so proud of all the amazing work which you produced for the Eisteddfod. Our celebrations were super! We have also had a busy week reflecting on our learning talking about what we did well and how we could make our work even better! Diolch for a lovely week. Have a ffantastig weekend pawb! 😊

**Dosbarth 3** – Bendigedig Dosbarth 3 for an amazing first week back after half term! We had a fantastic Eisteddfod celebration this week with lots of our work showcased! We also had lots of fun parading in our World Book Day costumes. We look forward to welcoming you all back next week! Thank you for your continued support. Year 1 Team 😊

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** – Gwaith wow Dosbarth 4 and 5! You have had an exciting first week back full of celebrations. A big thank you for your big efforts with eisteddfod crafts and fantastic world book day costumes. A friendly reminder that PE kits are to be brought in on a Tuesday. Have a lovely weekend 😊

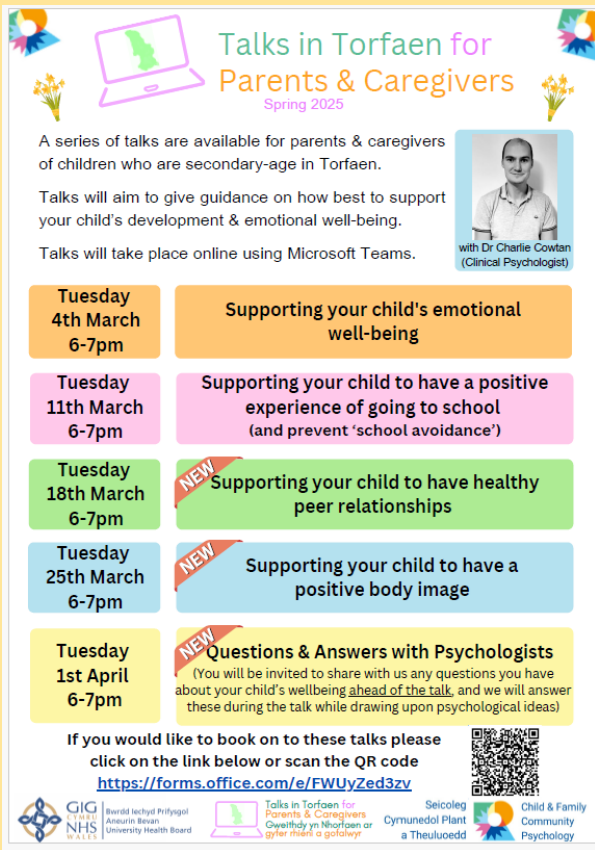
**Dosbarth 6 & 7-** what a busy week we have had in dosbarth 6 and 7. You all looked amazing on World book day in your different costumes. I really loved looking at the super work that you completed. We were really pleased with the wonderful models that were sent in for our Eisteddfod. We are very grateful for your support. Have a lovely weekend!

### **Dosbarth 8 & 9-**

It has been a very busy but exciting week with the school Eisteddfod and World Book Day being held in school. We were so pleased with all the entries from both classes for the Eisteddfod and an extra special well done to the two groups of dancers who performed their dances in front of the school. It will be the last cricket session next week for year 4 with Welsh Cricket. However, we will be carrying on with cricket as part of our PE curriculum. Enjoy your weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** – What a great week we have had in year 6! Our eisteddfod entries were all amazing and the children enjoyed the eisteddfod celebrations. The children looked fabulous in their world book day costumes today! A special well done to the children who took part in the F1 competition earlier this week. We look forward to hearing all about the national finals in a few weeks' time.

### **Community Notices**



**Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers**  
Spring 2025

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are secondary-age in Torfaen.


Talks will aim to give guidance on how best to support your child's development & emotional well-being.



Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams.


with Dr Charlie Cowtan  
(Clinical Psychologist)


Tuesday 4th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child's emotional well-being
Tuesday 11th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school avoidance')
Tuesday 18th March 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> Supporting your child to have healthy peer relationships
Tuesday 25th March 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> Supporting your child to have a positive body image
Tuesday 1st April 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> Questions & Answers with Psychologists (You will be invited to share with us any questions you have about your child's wellbeing <u>ahead of the talk</u> , and we will answer these during the talk while drawing upon psychological ideas)


If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code  
<https://forms.office.com/e/FWUyZed3zv>



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 NHS  
 Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Anafuon Betsan  
 University Health Board

 Talks in Torfaen for  
 Parents & Caregivers  
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 Child & Family  
 Community  
 Psychology

## Garnsychan Partnership

Please see below for the amazing support services Garnsychan offer in our local community. Children's Costume's available to borrow ready for world book day!



Garnsychan Partnership  
Training Courses

## FREE ACCREDITED TRAINING COURSES

Whether you're looking to enhance your professional expertise, explore a new area of interest, or refresh your existing knowledge, Garnsychan Partnership can help.

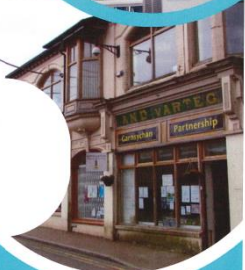
If your a business or organisation we can also help with staff development and refresher courses



**Our Location:**

55 Stanley Road,  
Garndiffaith, NP4 7LH

- Food Hygiene Level 2
- First Aid Level 3
- Customer Service Level 2
- Paediatric First Aid Level 3
- Health & Safety Level 2
- AND MORE...



**Contact Us:**




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## TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

To make a donation or to enquire about available sportswear and footwear please contact the community kit room hubs...

Hub Location	Days and Times	Contact Number and Email
 Cwmbran Community Council, The Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran, NP4 3JY	Mon-Thur: 8.30am-5:00pm Fri: 8.30am-4.30pm	01633 849073 cwmbrrancc@cwmbrran.gov.uk
 Blaenavon Town Council, 101 High St, Blaenavon, NP4 9PT	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-2:00pm	01495 790643 sophie.johnson@blaenavontewncouncil.co.uk
 Garnsychan Partnership, 55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7LH	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm	01495 774453 info@garnsychan.org.uk
 Circulate Blaenavon, Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon, NP4 9RL	Mon-Thur: 9:00am-5:00pm Fri: 9:00am-4.30pm	01495 793187 circulate@garnsychan.org.uk

Follow us on social media to find out what sports clothing and footwear can and can't be donated!



**DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE**

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH CYMRU  
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Helping to reduce the barrier of appropriate clothing and footwear for sports participation

## TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

A FREE service within Torfaen that provides appropriate sports clothing and footwear for people aged 3 - adults.

**Accepted:**

- Clean and washed sports clothing
- Paired trainers and boots, which are tied together, free of dirt or mud

**Not Accepted:**

- Stained or damaged clothing
- Unpaired or damaged trainers and boots
- Sporting equipment

Follow us on social media to find out information on the hubs you can donate to!

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 NETBALL, PICKLEBALL, ROUNDERS,  
 RUGBY, TABLE TENNIS AND TENNIS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
 TORFAEN LIBRARIES  
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 EMAIL: CWMBRAN.LIBRARY@TORFAEN.GOV.UK






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STARTS 4TH MARCH

**TUESDAYS**

**AGES 3-5 - 4:00 - 4:30**  
**AGES 6-8 - 4:30 - 5:15**  
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The Greenest Cross Border Charity



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"Striving for Excellence in Supporting Vulnerable People"

As a registered charity, we collect and sell donated furniture, creating employment opportunities for individuals from marginalized backgrounds. Our mission is to provide meaningful work and support to those who need a second chance.

Our project encompasses a diverse range of activities, including:

Selling books, children's items, and gardening supplies  
Offering house clearances and affordable house moves  
The revenue generated directly funds more employment opportunities, allowing us to expand our reach and impact. Generous donations from communities across the Forest of Dean, Swindon, Torfaen, and Monmouthshire enable us not only to operate our large warehouses but also to provide essential items to local individuals in desperate need.

39 + employees, over 50 regular volunteers and a over 50 tonnes of items recycled every month.

**Chepstow** - Station Yard Industrial Estate (opposite the train station), NP16 5PF

**Cinderford** - Unit 8-10, Hollywood Works, Valley Road, GL14 2PD

**Swindon** - Unit 34b Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, SN2 8ES

**Cwmbran** - Unit 1, Avondale Industrial Estate, NP44 1UG

kindest regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School