



**GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Newsletter - 21<sup>st</sup> March 2025  
Cylchlythyr - 21<sup>st</sup> Mawrth 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025 - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March: Mother's Day/ Special person's Shop**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Egg hunt**  
**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - Easter Raffle**

## 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

### Parent & Carer Meetings

Meetings will take place with class teachers on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. We also have **Garnteg Recycle and Reuse uniform stall**, **Usborne books**, and other **community stalls** in the hall for you buy books to read with your children and to find out what is available in our community. We are really looking forward to meeting you and talking about progress children have made.



### Easter Activities at Garnteg

#### Easter Egg Hunt

The School council will be organising the annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Friday 4th April 2025**. If you would like your child to take part, please can you send £1 by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

#### 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: You will receive two strips of tickets per child at £1 per strip, please return them with your child's name and class written on the back as soon as possible.

Raffle Drawing: The much-anticipated raffle will take place on **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025**. Pupils can win prizes for best Easter headgear.

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

**Mother's Day/Special Person's Shop**



### **Message from School Council & Ambassadors:**

We are organising the shop for children to buy gifts. This will start on Monday 24th March 2025 and prices will range from £1.50- £5.00. We hope you are able to support us with this.

### **ALN transformation**

Please find below an email from Welsh Government who are conducting a survey to gather parental/ carer views on the ALN transformation. Please click on link below:

[ALN System Evaluation: Parents and Carers Survey](#)

### **Advice farms during Easter**

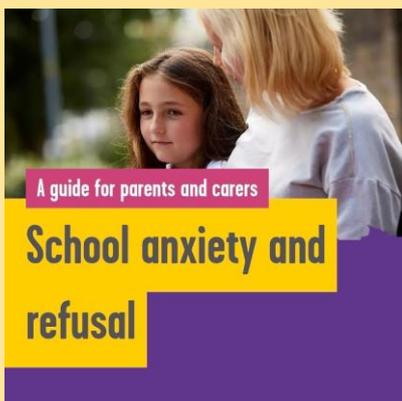
[How to stay safe from infections carried by animals when visiting a farm - UK Health Security Agency](#)

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

A polite reminder that both Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip payments are due in **full** via Civica Pay by Monday 31st March 2025. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

### **School anxiety and refusal support**

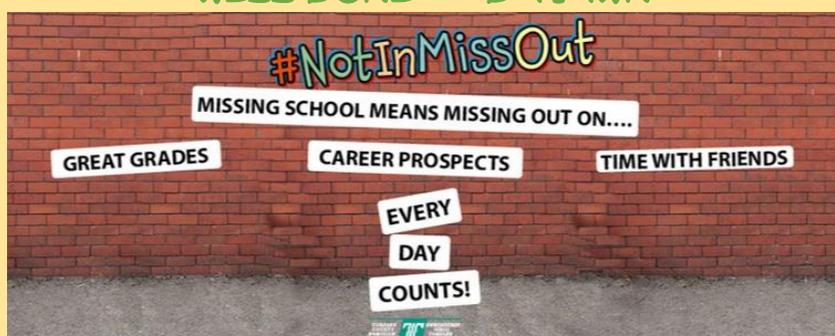
If your child is feeling anxious about school, or not able to go, it can be exhausting for both of you. YoungMinds has advice to help you explore what's going on with your child, make changes at school & find the support you need; <https://buff.ly/36ILA3F>



**Attendance Winners - 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week 96.07% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Ngwenya with 97.50%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



**This week's attendance figures are:**

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	79.51	0	79.51	3	92.77	6	90.37
Reception	91.14	1	92.40			7	94.62
		2	89.62	4	90.17	8	86.15
1	93.47	3	94.81			9	94.07
2	92.05	4	89.62	5	90.76	10	88.97
		5	94.64			11	92.50
				6	86.35	12	80
						13	92.69

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.63
4	95	91.69
5	95	93.51
6	95	93.75
7	95	93.45
8	95	89.48

9	95	90.68
10	95	92.24
11	95	91.15
12	95	88.06
13	95	93.88

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 - PM -	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Jayden	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Ivy-Lee
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Charlie C	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Archie
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Lauren	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Roxi
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Archie	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Poppi	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Jensen
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key		Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Cherneil

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - What a super week of learning we have had in both dosbarth 1 and 2. Our learners have worked so hard adding two numbers together. They have enjoyed doing this inside and outside of the classroom. Our learners have also worked hard using tricky words in their writing. Gwaith da pawb! We also enjoyed interviewing Mrs Safdar, asking her all our fantastic questions about Ramadan and Eid. Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 3** - Da iawn for another busy week in Dosbarth 3. The children have enjoyed hunting for objects inside and outside, looking at the different materials and describing them throughout the week. They have been working hard on their poems and counting forwards and backwards in 10's. Just a polite reminder about the reading books. Thank you to those who had a hunt at home last weekend and return books. Please can you continue to look for any books that haven't been returned. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Another excellent week, you have really enjoyed exploring our topic book "We are all different" and explaining what makes you special. You've also worked hard planning and creating your leaflets.

Just a reminder to keep arranging your parents evening consultations, thank you to those who have done this so far. Don't forget to keep returning your learning logs and reading books so we can celebrate the work you do outside of the classroom too. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you again Monday 😊.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9-** Well done for another fantastic week Blwyddyn 4. We have been impressed with the excellent work you have been doing this week, looking at performance poetry, negative numbers and Ramadan. A reminder for learning logs and reading books to be returned regularly and that P.E days for dosbarth 8 have returned to Wednesdays and Fridays and Dosbarth9 Wednesday and Thursday, as we have completed our cricket Wales sessions. Have a fantastic weekend everyone!

**Dosbarth 10 & 11 -** Another great week in Blywddyn 5, we really enjoyed our fabulous trip to Pontypool Park and can't wait to start making our own sculptures next week. Thank you for arranging parents evening appointments, if you haven't yet messaged your child's teacher with a preferred date and time please let them know as soon as possible. Please continue to make payments towards our residential. Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13 -** Another fabulous week, a big thank you for arranging your parents evening appointments, please continue to do so. Keep working on your learning logs at home. We thoroughly look forward to our trips to Cardiff Bay next week- Class 12 on Wednesday and Class 13 on Thursday. Please continue to make payments for this and London.

### **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)

<b>Tuesday</b> <b>4th March</b> 6-7pm	<b>Supporting your child's emotional well-being</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>11th March</b> 6-7pm	<b>Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school avoidance')</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18th March</b> 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> <b>Supporting your child to have healthy peer relationships</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>25th March</b> 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> <b>Supporting your child to have a positive body image</b>
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>1st April</b> 6-7pm	<b>NEW</b> <b>Questions &amp; Answers with Psychologists</b> <small>(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)</small>

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>



Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Anafu Rhwan  
University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for  
Parents & Caregivers  
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**Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service**  
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

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# FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMPS

**APRIL 2025**



**Tuesday 15th April**  
**Wednesday 16th April**  
 10:00am - 3:00pm  
 Age 5 to 11 years



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# RECRUITING

## COME AND JOIN US!!!!

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**TEAMWORK**  
**DISCIPLINE**  
**MEMORIES**  
**SKILLS**  
**SOCIAL EVENTS**  
**FITNESS**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**TOURS**

Tiny Tigers = Age 3 – 5  
 Under 7s – School year 2  
 Under 8s – School year 3  
 Under 9s – School year 4  
 Under 10s – School year 5  
 Under 11s – School Year 6  
 Under 15s – School Year 10

**CONTACT JAMIE WILLMOTT 07 583690571**

**Talywain Minis & Juniors RFC**  
**DBS QUALIFIED COACHES**

# Calling Under 11's

Calling All Future Rugby Stars!

Are you in Year 6 and ready for exciting new challenges as you prepare for comprehensive school this September? Garndiffaith Under 11s is looking for enthusiastic new players to join our squad for the upcoming rugby season!

**Why Choose Garndiffaith Under 11s?**

- **Boost Fitness and Strength:** Rugby helps you stay healthy and active while building confidence.
- **Learn Life Skills:** Develop teamwork, leadership, and strategy skills on and off the field.
- **Make Friends for Life:** Become part of a supportive team and make memories that last forever.
- **Fun for Everyone:** Whether you're tackling, passing, or scoring, there's never a dull moment!

**Training Details:**

- 📅 **When:** Every Wednesday, 6 PM – 7 PM
- 📍 **Where:** Garndiffaith Minis and Juniors

No experience? No problem! We welcome players of all abilities—just bring your enthusiasm and a can-do attitude!

Let's make this season an unforgettable journey. Join us and kick-start your rugby adventure today!

#GarndiffaithRugby #Under11s #RugbySeason #Year6  
 #JoinTheTeam  
 #RugbyForLife



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.

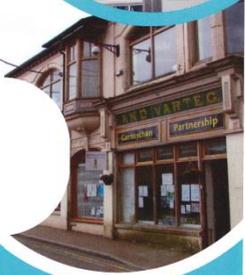
If your a business or organisation we can also help with staff development and refresher courses



**Our Location:**

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Garndiffaith, NP4 7LH

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- 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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kylieanne@garnsychan.org.uk



## 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 cwmbraacc@cwmbraan.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**

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Helping to reduce the barrier of appropriate clothing and footwear for sports participation

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**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
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- Sporting equipment

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Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School