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Newsletter - 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Cylchlythyr - 11<sup>th</sup> Ebrill 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025** - Parents and carers are invited into school to see this year's Cynefin Project, "How Diverse is my Valley" and discuss the project with staff and children. The event will take place in the Main Hall between 1.30pm and 3.00pm.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025** - Class 3 'hook day'. Children to dress up as gardeners for a day outside gardening.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025** - Year 3 trip to Techniquest 'Survival Science'

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025** - Year 4 'hook' day in school. Pupils to dress up as adventurers and explorers as we spend a day outside exploring nature for our new topic.

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025** - Nursery 'hook' day in school. Children to dress up as their favourite land or sea animal as we attend our on the land and under the water ball.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025** - Class Photos

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025** - 'Summer Under the Arch' concert Noddfa & Garnteg

## INSET DAYS

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**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

What an amazing Spring Term we have had, a huge da iawn for all your wonderful efforts including our Eisteddfod, F1 in Schools and Easter celebrations, it has been a busy and exciting term! 🙌

Thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support, we really appreciate it 🤝

We wish you all a lovely Easter holiday, have fun and stay safe! 🐰🐣🥚🍫

School begins on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April we look forward to seeing you all when we return! 📅📖

## Attendance

A big well done to all pupils who have achieved **99%+** attendance in Autumn and Spring term 2025. As a reward for this excellent attendance, Y2-Y6 pupils with **99%+** attendance will attend Pontymoile Basin on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025**, taking part in canoeing, art and nature walks and Reception and Y1 pupils with **99%+** attendance will be having an activity day in school using Forest Schools, cooking and crafts. Da iawn everyone!

### Reporting Absences

A reminder to please inform the school office of your child's absences, any absences without reasons provided will be marked as unauthorised and reported to the education welfare officer.

### Summer Term After School Clubs

After school clubs for the Summer Term will commence the second week back after Easter from **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2025**.



### Easter Activities at Garnteg

### Egg-Citing Easter Raffle

### 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](#)

## Food & Wellbeing Camps at Garnteg

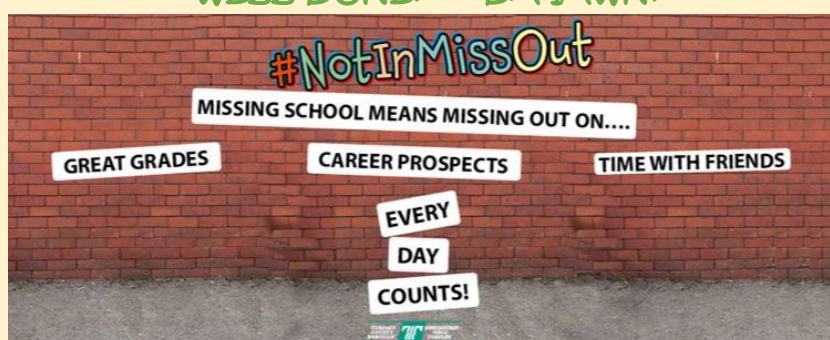
Please click on link below or QR code to register children for Easter provision:

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## Attendance Winners - 31st March - 04<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week 95.36% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Ngwenya with 96.67%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	81.91	0	81.91	3	90.32	6	90.19
Reception	93.07	1	93.60			7	92.31
		2	92.50	4	90.51	8	87.88
1	92.76	3	92.22			9	91.30

				5	94.64	10	95.37
2	96.79	4	94.81	6	90.10	11	93.93
		5	96.96			12	86.15
						13	94.04

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.63
4	95	92
5	95	93.82
6	95	93.41
7	95	93.39
8	95	89.18
9	95	90.85
10	95	92.43
11	95	91.47
12	95	87.86
13	95	93.98

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 - Ollie PM - Emilie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Kainan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Whole class	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Bentley
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Whole class	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Lavanah
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Noah W	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Bella-Rose
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Evlyn	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Aniyah
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Whole class	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Kori
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Wesley	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Brodie

Nursery - Da iawn Meithrin for a wonderful spring term. You have all worked super hard and we are so proud of all you have achieved this term. We are excited to start our new summer topic 'On the Land and Under

the Water' with you all! On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May we will be having an on the land and under the water ball and we cannot wait to see what you decide to dress up as. Thank you everyone for all your support this term! Have a fun-filled and restful Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Gwaith da Dosbarth Un and Dau. We have had a super Spring Term and we are so proud of you all. We look forward to starting our new summer topic 'Welly Walks and Woodland Talks.' We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and helping your child/children with their home learning tasks. Have a wonderful break. See you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 😊

**Dosbarth 3** - Diolch Dosbarth 3 for a fantastic spring term! We are so proud of your achievements this term and look forward to starting our new topic 'Yn yr Ardd' (in the Garden) after the Easter break. On Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April we will hold our 'hook day'. Children are invited to dress up as gardeners for a day outside involving lots of gardening activities. We want to say a big thank you for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy a well-deserved Easter break. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - A huge bendigedig Dosbarth 4 & 5 for a wonderful spring term, we have really enjoyed our topic "Cymru a fi" and are so proud of what you have achieved this term. We are really excited to start our new topic "Mynd ar ail" (Going for gold). We will be having a hook day on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April where we invite children to come in dressed as a sports person/in sports clothing - it can be any sport and the more variety the better 😊. Have a wonderful Easter break, enjoy some well-deserved time with your families and friends. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April 😊.

#### **Dosbarth 6 and 7** -

Diolch Class 6+7 for a wonderful spring term! We have had a fantastic last few days exploring the events of the Easter story. We are excited to start our new topic, 'Into the Wild', when we return including our trip to Techniquet on 1<sup>st</sup> May. Please can you bring back consent forms if you have not already. Payments of £3 are made using the Civica Pay online cashless payment system, if you have any problems with login details, please reach out to our school office. Have a wonderful break and see you all on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

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

Thank you for your hard work over the spring term. It has gone by so quickly and we can't believe that it will be the start of the summer term when we return.

We will be starting our new topic, "Born to be Wild" when we return. We will be having a 'hook' day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May in school where we will be spending the day outside exploring nature. Children are asked to dress up as explorers and adventurers for the day and bring in binoculars to take part in a bird watching session.

Enjoy the Easter break and see you back in the classrooms on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April!

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Well done Year 5 for another fantastic term! You have worked so hard and produced fantastic pieces of work. We are looking forward to our new topic 'Hanes o Gymru' and can't wait for our residential trip. A reminder to send food choices in by the first Monday back. Have a wonderful Easter!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - A huge well done to all year 6 pupils for their incredible work this term, you have completed all work to an excellent standard and made us proud. We cannot wait to complete our topic day on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 'Hamdden Hapus' including our sponsored walk. Keep up the great work and have an incredible 2 weeks.

### **Community Notices**

#### **Outreach Helping Hands Workshop**

## HELPING HANDS OUTREACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: APR-JUN 25

We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Neveill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

Please see our additional flyer for information on how to book on to our Introduction to Sensory Processing Workshop.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.



**MONDAY 7TH**

**APRIL**

**10AM - 12NOON**

### EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE

We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge.

**Book by Midday on Tuesday 1st April**

**MONDAY 12TH**

**MAY**

**10AM-12NOON**

### SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN

We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry. We will also consider supporting children in the run up to Christmas

**Book by Midday on Monday 5th May**

**MONDAY 9TH**

**JUNE**

**10AM-12NOON**

### INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP

We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people.

**Book by Midday on Monday 2nd June**

**WEDNESDAY**

**30TH APRIL**

**10:00AM-12NOON**

### TRANSITIONS & SEPARATIONS

We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations

**Book by Midday on Wednesday 23rd April**



### BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST

To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can:

- Scan the QR code • Click on the QR code
- Follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK>



We also run additional workshops that are jointly designed and delivered with our health colleagues in the Children's Centres.  
These workshops need to be booked using separate QR codes.

## UNDER EVALUATION

### INTRODUCTION TO SENSORY PROCESSING WORKSHOP

A workshop delivered jointly with Occupational Therapists.

The workshop aims to help you to:

- Understand our different senses
- Explore the different ways that children experience sensory difficulties
- Use the "Iceberg model" to reflect on the many factors that contribute to children's behaviours
- Explore how anxiety can impact sensory tolerances
- Know how to decide when to intervene
- Develop a sensory toolkit to support children to manage their sensory difficulties



To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kvGsqWyDNg>

## TBC

### SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION

A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist.

The workshop aims to help you to:

- Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication
- Explore why some children develop communication difficulties
- Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties
- Think about different means to support your children to communicate



To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qpyjEJLPtN>

# 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.



**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** **NEW** Supporting your child to have healthy peer relationships

**Tuesday 25th March 6-7pm** **NEW** Supporting your child to have a positive body image

**Tuesday 1st April 6-7pm** **NEW** **Questions & Answers with Psychologists**  
(You will be invited to share with us any questions you have about your child's wellbeing ahead of the talk, 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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Amurth Brecon  
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Talks in Torfaen for  
Parents & Caregivers  
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Child & Family  
Community  
Psychology

# Girls BASKETBALL TORFAEN

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TUESDAYS 6-7PM

**Cost: £4**

Mixed ages: 9-16 years (flexible)

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Tiny Tigers = Age 3 – 5  
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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

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# 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

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Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School