



## GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Cylchlythyr - 02<sup>nd</sup> Mai 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

## May

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

## June

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Year 4 Concert Class

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Year Concert Class

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - PS3 - Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - PS2 - Year 1, 2 & 6 Sports Day

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - PS1 - Nursery and Reception

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<br>02.09.24 | Monday<br>28.10.24 | Friday<br>01.11.24 | Friday<br>20.12.24 |
| Spring | Monday<br>06.01.25 | Monday<br>24.02.25 | Friday<br>28.02.25 | Friday<br>11.04.25 |
| Summer | Monday<br>28.04.25 | Monday<br>26.05.25 | Friday<br>30.05.25 | Monday<br>21.07.25 |

Welcome back to school, we hope you had a wonderful Easter break! We look forward to an exciting Summer term. 📖😊

## ESTYN May 2025

An Estyn Inspection team will be completing a core inspection of Garnteg Primary School from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025.

Please find guidance for parents and carers via this link: [Ysgol Garnteg School - Estyn Parents and Carers Leaflet](#)

### Parents & Carers meeting

The inspectors have asked to meet parents and carers at 3:45 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the main hall which is an important part of the process.

### Parent Questionnaires

Separate to the meeting, Estyn have requested that parents and carers complete a questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete the online questionnaire which will be available until 11pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please follow the link or the QR code below to access this questionnaire and note that the 'back' button should not be clicked on the browser once the questionnaire has been submitted, as this may result in duplicate responses being recorded:



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YAX2YV/>

### Hot weather ☺

As the weather is getting hotter, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure that children bring a hat and a drink to school and wear sunscreen if necessary. Additionally, please ensure that children wear appropriate footwear.



### Torfaen Dance Festival

This year's dance festival will take place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at the Congress Theatre Cwmbran. Selected pupils will be participating.

If you wish to attend the festival, tickets will be available to purchase on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May at 9am** for £6 each. Tickets will be available online or at the Congress Theatre.

### Happen Survey

HAPPEN Researchers at Swansea University are evaluating the rollout of Universal Free School Meals in Wales. We are asking parents/guardians to complete a short, anonymous survey to share their views on the provision and its impact on their children's health, well-being, and school experience.

The survey can be found here: <https://forms.office.com/e/vtePtD03yt>

It takes about 10-15 minutes to complete, and the feedback gathered will help us better understand how the provision is affecting children and families.

Thank you for your support!

### Guidance regarding Generative AI

Generative AI (gen AI) is a branch of artificial intelligence that can create content, such as text, images, and even music, based on prompts. The rapid growth of AI technology means it is being integrated into web browsers and linked to voice-activated search tools. They are now often integrated into many of the popular services used daily by people all over the world. It is important that our learners have an understanding of the benefits and risks of using generative AI and this will be incorporated into our curriculum. Please see the link below which contains guidance for parents and carers on generative AI.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/generative-ai/generative-ai-guide-for-parents-and-carers/>

### Love Live Music Awards 2025 🎵 🎶 🎸

Our Climb to Sparkle song is up for nomination to win Newport Radio's upcoming 'Love Live Music' awards. Please support and vote for best 'youth act' and Climb to Sparkle by clicking the link below and vote Garnteg Primary School - Climb to Sparkle. ✨

<https://www.newportcityradio.org/love-live-music-awards-2025/>

Here is the song link:

<https://open.spotify.com/track/6Cm6PNJZttqbXNP5K8ztE2?si=ct4zCCc5RLGOMBI04uIckg>

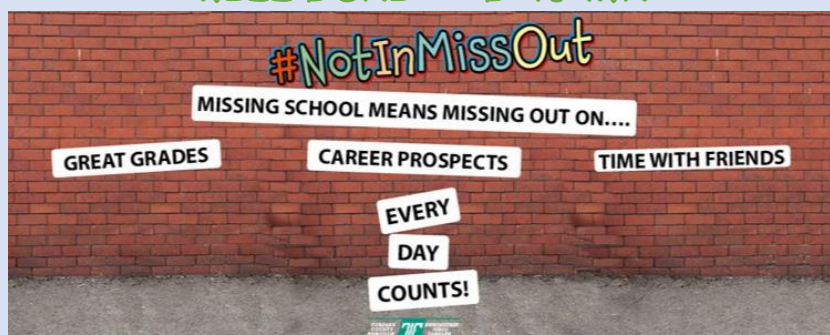
Thank you for your support!



### Attendance Winners - 7th - 11th April 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Mrs Phillips who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week 98.57% and Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans with 96.92%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

| Year      | % overall | Class | Percentage | Year | % overall | Class | Percentage |
|-----------|-----------|-------|------------|------|-----------|-------|------------|
| Nursery   | 80.35     | 0     | 80.35      | 3    | 93.40     | 6     | 91.48      |
| Reception | 94.09     | 1     | 92.40      |      |           | 7     | 96.92      |
|           |           | 2     | 95         | 4    | 87.12     | 8     | 86.15      |
| 1         | 93.06     | 3     | 95.56      |      |           | 9     | 85.19      |
|           |           |       |            | 5    | 87.09     | 10    | 94.07      |
| 2         | 87.95     | 4     | 92.31      |      |           | 11    | 80.36      |
|           |           | 5     | 84.64      | 6    | 91.15     | 12    | 87.31      |
|           |           |       |            |      |           | 13    | 95         |

| Class | Target by end of year | Current percentage to date |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 3     | 95                    | 93.69                      |
| 4     | 95                    | 92                         |
| 5     | 95                    | 93.49                      |
| 6     | 95                    | 93.34                      |
| 7     | 95                    | 93.52                      |
| 8     | 95                    | 89.08                      |
| 9     | 95                    | 90.65                      |
| 10    | 95                    | 92.48                      |
| 11    | 95                    | 91.07                      |
| 12    | 95                    | 87.84                      |
| 13    | 95                    | 94.01                      |

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 - Everleigh<br>PM - Penelope | Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers        | Whole Class      |
| Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis                | Aurora                          | Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams     | Harrison         |
| Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton              | Bradley                         | Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips       | Easton           |
| Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré | Dewi                            | Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya      | Sawyer           |
| Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing            | Harrison                        | Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas      | Evan             |
| Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips             | Isaac                           | Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee          | Cai              |
| Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key                   | Whole Class                     | Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans | Noah             |

**Nursery** – Bendigedig Meithrin for a fantastic week back in nursery. We have had lots of fun exploring our new topic 'on the land and under the water' and settling back into our nursery routines. We have thoroughly enjoyed learning in the sunshine and exploring our new areas. Just a reminder to please send a drink and hat into nursery in the warm weather and if they can have suncream put on before nursery and brought into nursery to reapply if needed. Have a wonderful long weekend everyone and we will see you on Tuesday.

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** – Da iawn Dosbarth Un and Dau! This week we have loved exploring our new topic. We are super excited for our topic day on Thursday! We can't wait to see which minibeast you dress up as 😊. Please remember to bring in your child's homework learning log, so we can give all children their new homework log. Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 3** – We have had a brilliant first week back, lots of outdoor learning in the sunshine and our emersion topic day gardening. Da iawn Dosbarth 3 for your wonderful work this week! Thank you to parents and carers for your kind donations of seeds and gardening equipment. Have a great long weekend and we will see you on Tuesday! 😊

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** – What a fantastic start to the summer term, you participated amazingly in our immersion day and thoroughly enjoyed trying new sports. We are so pleased with all your efforts during our science investigation this week, giving your all, despite the hotter weather. Just a reminder to bring a healthy snack and a drinks bottle every day now the weather is improving. Have a lovely long weekend and we will see you in the classroom on Tuesday 😊.

**Dosbarth 6 and 7** – Welcome back class 6+7! What a fantastic start to the new term. We have been thinking about our new topic, 'Into the Wild' this week including a wonderful trip to Techniquet, thank you



for your support with this. For the new term, children have been sent home today with a new spelling list and home learning log to be added into white learning journal books. We hope you have a lovely bank holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!

**Dosbarth 8 & 9-** We have had a lovely first week back, busy planting flowers and vegetables in our planters and allotments. We really enjoyed our explorer day on Thursday finding out about all the habitats in our school grounds as we started our new topic, Born to be Wild. Enjoy the weekend and see you back in the classroom on Tuesday.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11 -** A great first week back and start to the summer term! We are looking forward to our topic day on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May to celebrate the start of our new topic 'Hanes o Gymru/History of Wales'. Pupils are encouraged to come to school ready with facts and information about a Welsh hero or icon and may dress up as them if they wish! We look forward to hearing all of the wonderful things you find out! 😊 Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13 -** What a fabulous way to kick start our topic than with our Hamdden Hapus Topic day this week. We are so pleased with your efforts for the sponsored walk and we had a wonderful day in the sunshine! Make sure to look at the new learning logs over the weekend and get building those dojo points!

### **Community Notices**

**CHARGERS UNDER 12S  
YEAR 6 & 7 (SEPT 2025)**



**GIRLS RUGBY TASTER SESSIONS**

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST 2025 & MONDAY 4TH AUGUST 2025  
5.30PM - 6.30PM  
NEWBRIDGE CANAL FIELDS

WEEKLY TRAINING MONDAYS & FRIDAYS 5.30PM - 6.30PM  
COACHES & VOLUNTEERS DBS CHECKED & WRU QUALIFIED

# Girls BASKETBALL TORFAEN

ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE

TUESDAYS 6-7PM



Cost: £4

Mixed ages: 9-16 years  
(flexible)



TUE

PONTNEWYDD  
CWMBRAN  
NP44 1AN

6-7  
PM

20nuggetsbasketballwm@gmail.com

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# RECRUITING

COME AND JOIN US!!!!  
#OneClub

**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**

**FUN**  
**RESPECT**  
**FRIENDSHIPS**  
**TEAMWORK**  
**DISCIPLINE**  
**MEMORIES**  
**SKILLS**  
**SOCIAL EVENTS**  
**FITNESS**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**TOURS**

**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

Kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School