



## GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 09th May 2025

Cylchlythyr - 09th Mai 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

## May

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 - Year 5 Residential Trip to Wye Valley

## June

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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Year 4 Concert

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 & 3 Sports Day

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

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2025 - Class 3 Concert at 1.45pm

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 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

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**

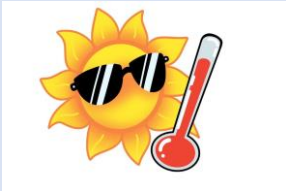
Separate to the meeting, Estyn have requested that parents and carers complete a questionnaire. We would be grateful if you could complete the online questionnaire which will be available until 11pm on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please follow the link or the QR code below to access this questionnaire 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!



## May Half-term Food and Wellbeing Camp

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

# FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP

**Tuesday 27th May**  
**Wednesday 28th May**  
**Thursday 29th May**  
10:00am - 3:00pm  
Age 5 to 11 years

**FREE OF CHARGE**

**Garnteg Primary School**  
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith,  
Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

**Pre booking required**  
Please use the QR code to pre book  
For more information please contact:  
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

**HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE**

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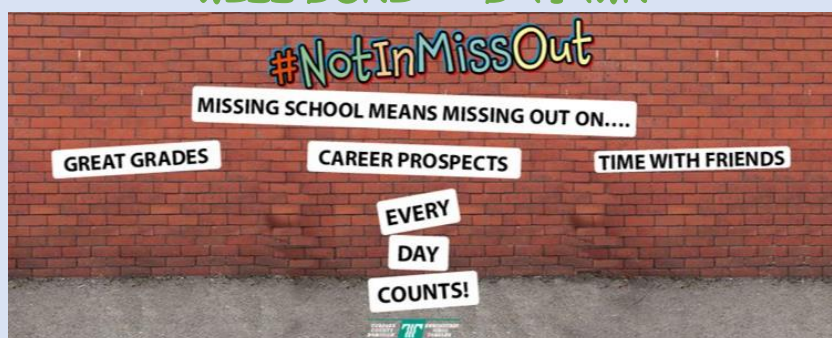
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### Attendance Winners - 28th April - 02<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messorre who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week 95.56% and Dosbarth 7 Mrs Rogers with 96.92%

**WELL DONE! DA IAWN!**



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	83.15	0	83.15	3	90.69	6	94.44
Reception	88.35	1	90			7	85.10



		2	84.13	4	89.62	8	89.90
1	90.05	3	92.59			9	90.74
				5	93.86	10	95.83
2	91.67	4	93.75			11	91.96
		5	89.29	6	86.30	12	77.40
						13	95.19

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.66
4	95	92.05
5	95	93.57
6	95	93.38
7	95	93.28
8	95	89.10
9	95	90.65
10	95	92.57
11	95	91.10
12	95	87.54
13	95	94.05

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 - Finley I PM - Finley H	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Kainan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Poppy	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Braea	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messori	Amelia	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Kaiden
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Ezra	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Jaydee-Leigh
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Megan	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Cai
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Ella	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Olivia

**Nursery** - Bendigedig meithrin for a super week of learning. We have been working hard creating our favourite animals and listening for the initial sounds. We have also been carefully sorting our small world animals into groups based on where they live. You have worked so hard this week meithrin da iawn! Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Gwaith da pawb for a wonderful week of learning. We have loved our topic day and loved seeing the children engage with our creative tasks. We made minibeasts using clay and playdough and collected data based on different minibeasts we found on our minibeast walk. Just another reminder to bring in reading book and learning logs, so that your child's work can be celebrated with the rest of the class. Have a wonderful weekend. Diolch.

**Dosbarth 3** - Da iawn Dosbarth 3 for another brilliant week of learning. We have been enjoying reading Errol's Garden and looking after our flowers that we have planted and shopping in our role play shop. You have all worked so hard! Have lovely weekend! See you next week for another exciting week 😊.

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Da iawn blant for a great week of learning. We have been exploring our new topic "Mynd am aur" (Going for gold) and have begun to plan questions ready to interview some of Garnteg's sports stars next week - we are very much looking forward to this. Just a reminder to bring in your learning logs so we can celebrate all the work you are achieving outside of the classroom too! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you for another week of fantastic learning on Monday 😊.

**Dosbarth 6 and 7** - Bendigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. You are really enjoying our new topic 'Into the Wild' and have found out interesting facts about survivors in the past. You showed good understanding of keeping safe online and created wonderful posters.  
Please could learning logs be returned to school regularly as well as reading books.  
Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Another excellent week in year 5! We are so excited to go on our residential trip Monday. 😊 If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via Dojo. There will be NO SWIMMING this week. Please can learning logs be returned asap. Diolch!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Another excellent week in Year 6. You have been working so hard learning about capacity and volume and have been so interested in learning about WW2. Keep up the work now in your learning logs over the weekend. Da iawn bawb.

## **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**



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

**CONTACT JAMIE WILLMOTT 07583690571**



# 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