



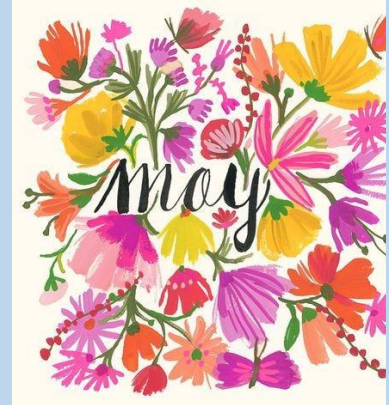
GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 16th May 2025

Cylchlythyr - 16th Mai 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

June



Tuesday 10th June 2025 - PS3 - Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day

Wednesday 11th June 2025 - PS2 - Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day

Thursday 12th June 2025 - PS1 - Nursery and Reception Sports Day

Tuesday 17th June 2025 - Year 4 Class 8 Concert at 1.45pm
Wednesday 18th June 2025 - Year Class 9 Concert at 1.45pm
Thursday 19th June 2025 - Class 3 Concert at 1.45pm
Thursday 26th June 2025 - Class Photos

July

Sunday 6th July 2025 - 'Summer Under the Arch' concert Noddfa & Garnteg

INSET DAYS

Friday 27th June 2025
Monday 21st 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

ESTYN May 2025

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

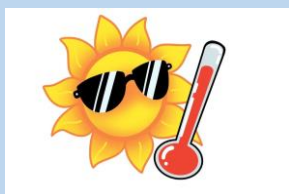
Please find guidance for parents and carers via this link: [Ysgol Garnteg School - Estyn Parents and Carers Leaflet](#)

Parents & Carers meeting

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

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 9th 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 30th 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/>

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

TORFAEN PLAY AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE
CHWARAE TORFAEN
MAY 2025

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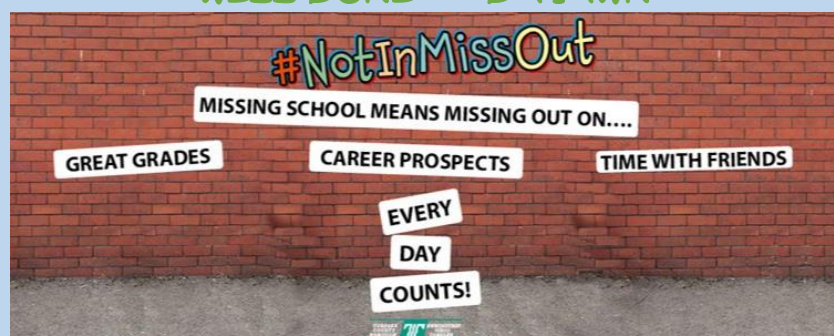
Please register using the link below:

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Attendance Winners - 05th May - 09th May 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Channing who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 95.56% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Ngwenya with 95.83%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	81.62	0	81.62	3	93.62	6	91.20
Reception	90.63	1	88.50			7	95.67
		2	94.23	4	93.86	8	96.15
1	93.88	3	96.76			9	92.13
2	94.23			5	91.59	10	89.35
		4	91.83			11	93.75
		5	92.86	6	89.42	12	85.10
						13	93.75

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.74
4	95	91.97
5	95	93.33
6	95	93.26
7	95	93.29
8	95	89.31
9	95	90.73
10	95	92.48
11	95	91.16
12	95	87.41
13	95	93.94

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 - Amia PM - Fallon	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Kainan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Oscar	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Talia
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Braea	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	

Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messori	Brody	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Kaiden
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Nate	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	Arwen

Nursery - Bendigedig Meithrin for another wonderful week! It's been so lovely watching you all grow and sparkle in your learning jobs, you're all doing so well learning our new sounds and numbers of the week! We've been learning about 'Vesak' this week and it's been wonderful seeing your interpretations of the temples they worship in. Just a reminder that we do PE on a Friday in Meithrin, so children are welcome to come in comfy clothes ready to get moving!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Bendigedig pawb for a brilliant work of 'bugtastic' work! This week, all learners have enjoyed exploring our topic. We have been exploring Forest Schools, moving in different directions and we have also been writing our own adjective poems based on minibeasts. Thanks once again to the children who are bringing in their reading books and home learning logs. We love seeing what you have created and completed at home too! Have a wonderful weekend. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Well done Dosbarth 3 for another fantastic week of learning and exploring in our area. The children are thoroughly enjoying our class book 'Errol's Garden' and it is inspiring them to plant their own flowers and vegetable and help them grow in our new planting shed. They are also enjoying our role area 'The Garden shop', serving customers and organising the stock. Finally, a great well done to all the children for a enjoyable music task, using body percussion to join in with a song and to create a rainstorm. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Gwaith ardderchog Dosbarth 4 & 5, you've had another super week of learning!

Dosbarth 6 and 7 - Da iawn Dosbarth 6 & 7 for a brilliant week of learning! Please remember your trip letters for next week, we look forward to another exciting week. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 8 and 9 - Well done to everyone for another fantastic week of work. We have been enjoying exploring in our topic and have been really excited to see the growth of the seeds we have planted. We have been working hard looking at the features of magazines ready to create our very own class magazine this term filled with lots about nature and gardening tips. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - A fantastic week for Year 5 on your first residential trip. We are so proud of you and your fantastic behaviour! You engaged well in all activities and were so respectful of the castle we stayed in. Have a wonderful weekend! 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Another fabulous week in Year 6, we have been exploring the ten pound poms and are brimming with information to fill our learning logs with. A huge da iawn to the year 6 pupils representing

Garnteg at the Senedd this week, you spoke confidently about your F1 project and were an asset to our community! Mwynhchw yr penthwynnos pawb!

Community Notices



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, Nevill 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/DfgfWSd0kk

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/kvGSqWYyQNg>

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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/gpyjEJLPtN>




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STREET DANCE CLASSES AT GARNDIFFAITH

TUESDAYS
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AGES 6-8 4:30- 5:15
AGES 9+ - 5:15 - 6:00

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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

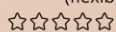
ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE

TUESDAYS 6-7PM



Cost: £4

Mixed ages: 9-16 years
(flexible)



TUE

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CWMBRAN
NP44 1AN

6-7
PM

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BASKETBALL
Torfaen

ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE
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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 07583690571

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