



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 23rd May 2025

Cylchlythyr - 23rd Mai 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

June

Friday 6th June 2025 - Danceathon

Sponsorship forms have been sent out with pupils participating in our Danceathon to raise funds for the costumes for Torfaen Dance Festival.



Tuesday 10th June 2025 - AM - PS3 - Year 4, 5 & 6 Sports Day
Wednesday 11th June 2025 - AM - PS2 - Year 1, 2 & 3 Sports Day
Thursday 12th June 2025 - AM - 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

Thank you Garnteg Community

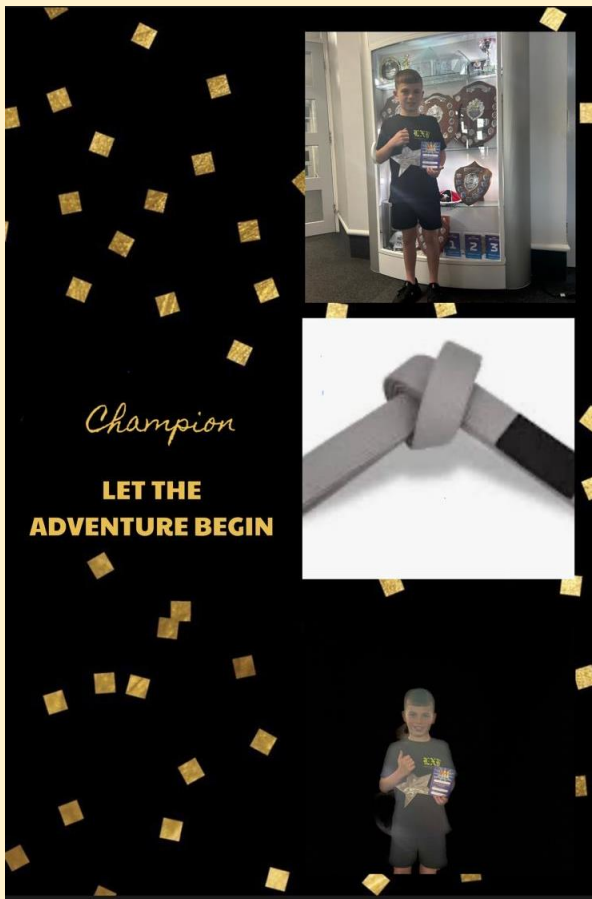
This week we welcomed many visitors to Garnteg including our Estyn Inspection visit and our Food hygiene, we would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to the pupils', parents, governors and staff who spoke so passionately about our wonderful school community diolch yu fawr ! All enabled us to end the week successfully and to once again achieve our 5-star food hygiene rating. The Estyn Inspection report is due to be published on 22.07.25. More reminders to come.

Staffing News

This week we have said goodbye to Mrs Phillips Year 2 who has started her maternity leave. Class 5 will now be finishing the term with Ms Brooks as planned. We would like to wish Mrs Phillips all the very best.

Garnteg's Got huge talent

This week amongst the most successful week of learning we must say a huge congratulations to Kori who successfully entered the European Championships in Rome in IBJJF, Jju Jitsu. Not only did he beat no1 in the world in the under 30.2KG but he also achieved silver in the Grey Belt finals. Well done Kori thoroughly well deserved!



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.

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



MAY 2025





Garnetg 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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Please register using the link below;

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Attendance and Punctuality



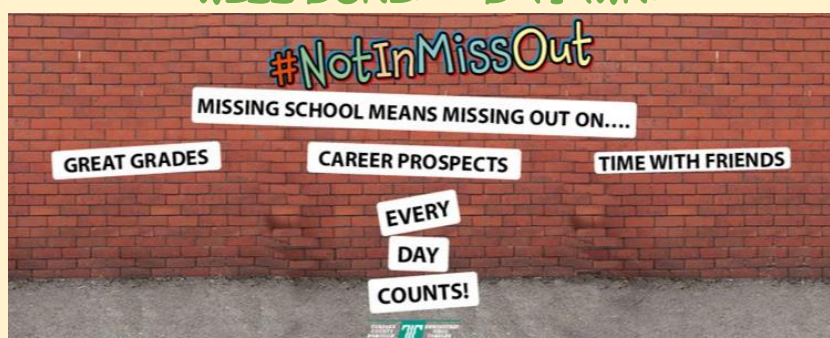
A reminder that the school doors are open for registration from 8.50am and registration is at 9am, pupils arriving after 9am will be marked as "Late".

It is important that pupils don't miss the instruction time at the beginning of the day.

Attendance Winners - 12th May - 16th May 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messorre who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.76% and Dosbarth 8 Miss Williams with 96.15%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	80.87	0	80.87	3	91.28	6	91.11
Reception	89.53	1	94.40			7	90.38
		2	85.60	4	93.56	8	96.15
1	81.63	3	78.89			9	92.59
2	92.56			5	87.64	10	86.30
		4	86.92			11	88.93
		5	91.79	6	84.04	12	77.69
						13	90.38

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.26
4	95	91.80
5	95	93.28
6	95	93.19

7	95	93.19
8	95	90.02
9	95	90.79
10	95	92.28
11	95	91.08
12	95	88.05
13	95	93.90

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 - Chester PM - Nevaeh	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Whole Class
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Whole class	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Whole Class & Ceinwen
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Whole class	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Aiden
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Mila	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Harrison
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Whole class	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Isaac and Harrison
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Whole class	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Kori
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Rosie	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Toby and Noah

Nursery – Bendigedig pawb for another brilliant week of learning in Meithrin! You've been so busy finding as many of the bird and bug species local to the area around our garden and making some wonderfully woolly creations for our focus story "the lost sheep" around the areas in the classroom.

Our nursery sports day will be on the 12th of June for both AM & PM sessions, please refer to the Sports Day section of the newsletter for any further information. We've thoroughly enjoyed this term with all of you, and we hope you have a lovely half term!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 – Gwaith da pawb for another wonderful week of learning! We have thoroughly enjoyed this week. We have explored more about our topic. We have taken part in a science investigation, testing materials to make a pair of wellies for our class mascot. We have also created and up levelled our own minibeast adjective poems. Have a wonderful half term! Diolch! See you all when we return on Monday 2nd June 😊

Dosbarth 3 – A huge done to all the children in Dosbarth 3 for their amazing work in class this week and fantastic behaviour. We are very proud of them all. The children have loved the activities throughout the week, weeding and planting in our garden areas, visiting the pond and filling the bird feeders, making bug hotels, writing creative stories, building magical gardens in the tuff spot, I could go on. Today, with the teddy bear's picnic was a lovely way to end an incredible week. Thank you all for your continued support, have a lovely half term. 😊

Dosbarth 4 & 5 – What an incredible week you've all had - you've written class newspapers, created your own catwalk and fashion show outside to perform a Welsh fashion show and used your problem-solving skills to solve multiplication problems. Da iawn Dosbarth 4 & 5 - you've had a super week, and we couldn't be prouder of you all. Have a wonderful half-term, enjoy the well-deserved break and time with your loved ones. We're looking forward to starting our new projects in a fun-filled final half term together in year 1 & 2, when you return 😊.

Dosbarth 6 and 7 – Da iawn everyone for a fantastic week of learning, and a wonderful half term exploring 'Into the wild' for our summer topic. We have been super impressed with your learning this week, including writing and reading instructions, giving directions using $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ turns, exploring stories from the Qu'ran and writing and debugging your own algorithms! Wow! Have a lovely half term break, we are looking forward to seeing you for our final half term!

Dosbarth 8 and 9 – Da iawn to everyone for another fantastic week, you have been amazing! What incredible work you have completed looking at habitats, the creation story in different religions and creating a plan for your own magazines. Have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all for what is will be final half term in year 4!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 – A fantastic week Blwyddyn 5! You have been able to explain the relationship between fractions, decimals and percentages as well as find percentages of amounts. We have explored forces in Science and used our Welsh skills to talk about our recent trips and experiences. Have an amazing half term and we can't wait to see you for a fun-filled final half term in Year 5!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 – What incredible work you have done this week year 6, you have learnt more about the ten pound poms, their fashion and artwork. You can also tell us about Alexander Fleming and how he impacted life in Britain after WW2. Have a wonderful week, well done again and come back refreshed for your final half term at Garnteg.

Community Notices



HEDDLU GWENT POLICE



DIWRNOD O HWYL I'R TEULU

FAMILY FUN DAY

DIWRNOD I SWYDDOION YMGYSYLLTU Â'N CYMUNEDAU.

A DAY WHERE OFFICERS ENGAGE WITH OUR COMMUNITIES.

DYDD GWENER 30 MAI

CANOLFAN POBL IFANC CWMBRÂN

12PM - 4PM

FRIDAY 30 MAY

CWMBRÂN CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

12PM - 4PM

Dewch i ymuno â'r Heddlu, y Gwasanaeth Tân a Thim Ieuencldd Canolfan Pobl Ifanc Cwmbrân am ddiwrnod o hwyl i'r teulu!

Mae gennym ni lawer o weithgareddau, gan gynnwys celf a chrefft, gemau timau a gemau rhyngweithiol.

Bydd nifer o bartneriaid yn bresennol gyda gwybodaeth leol am ddigwyddiadau yn eich cymuned.

Come join the Police, Fire Service and CCYP Youth Team for a family fun day!

We have lots of activities, including arts and crafts, team games and interactive gaming.

We will have several partners attending with localised information on what's on in your community.

Gobeithiwm eich gweld chi yno

We hope to see you there



South Wales Fire and Rescue Service



Gwent Health The Health Partners



CWMBRÂN CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



sparkle
helps special children shine



GIG NHS
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Amgylchedd
University Health Board

FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER GUIDE TO

ALN REGULAR SESSIONS

Please email our Family Liaison Officers for further information

ABB.FamilyLiaisonOfficer@wales.nhs.uk

SCAN ME






CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO SEE THE ALN REGULAR SESSIONS

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/kvGSqWryQNg>

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/gpyjEJLPtN>

Studio 77
DANCE

**STREET DANCE
CLASSES AT
GARNDIFFAITH**


TUESDAYS
AGES 1-5 4:00-4:30
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 T O R F A E N

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

BASKETBALL Torfaen

ASHLEY HOUSE YOUTH CENTRE

PONTNEWYDD, CWMBRAN, NP44 1AN

GIRLS - AGE 9 - 16 YEARS
(flexible)



TUESDAYS
6-7PM

COST
£4

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