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Newsletter - 05th September 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni ac ofalwyr,

We would like to say a big welcome back to our pupils and we hope everyone had a lovely Summer Holiday. We wish them an enjoyable and exciting new school year in Garnteg Primary.

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th October 2025

Important Dates

Thursday 23rd October 2025 - Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 4th November 2025 - Pupil School Photos

Term Dates - 2024/2025 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 01.09.25	Monday 27.10.25	Friday 31.10.25	Friday 19.12.25
Spring	Monday 05.01.26	Monday 16.02.26	Friday 20.02.26	Friday 27.03.26
Summer	Monday 13.04.26	Monday 25.05.26	Friday 29.05.26	Monday 20.07.26

Notices

Attendance in school time

A reminder of the importance of good attendance as we begin the new academic year. **Everyday counts!** Please contact the school office as soon as possible from 8.20am to inform of your child's absence.

The Welsh Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms as this counts as a school absence even if it is authorised or un-authorised and this effects pupils' attendance.

Torfaen guidance and Welsh Government state that all learners should have attendance between 100% and 95% anything below will be monitored by the school and the Local Authority Education Welfare officer.

You must make a formal request to the Headteacher to take children on holiday during the school term this will then consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance, and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning.

If the request is declined, it will be classed as unauthorised, and you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

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School Prospectus

Our school handbook and prospectus are available to view via Dojo and the school website. Please use link below to access. [Home | Garnteg Primary School](#)

Busy Bees

Please can parents/carers let school know in advance which days children are being collected by Busy Bees private childcare. If there are changes, can you also let the office know by lunchtime so they can inform relevant staff before the end of the day.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancy of 1 of these positions at Garnteg Primary, if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please

consider applying. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist you. Please click on the following link for further information.

<https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor>

Garnteg School Lottery

A colorful poster for the Garnteg School Lottery. At the top, there is a row of school-related icons: a crest, a ruler, a magnifying glass, scissors, a pushpin, a basketball, and a person icon with the text 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY'. Below this, a large red rounded rectangle contains the text 'WELCOME BACK! SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY' in white and blue. The poster is decorated with various school items like a pencil, paperclip, globe, compass, ruler, apple, open book, and backpack. At the bottom, there is a list of bullet points in blue text: 'Join the lottery to support our school', 'Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000', and 'Free entry into the bonus Super Draw'. Below the list is a large blue rounded rectangle with the text 'PLAY NOW' in white. At the very bottom left, there is a small logo with '18+' and the text 'GambleAware'.

Nursery – Bendigedig pawb we have been super busy making new friends and learning lots of things about colour. Just a few reminders snack money is £1.00 per week and learning logs will be given to the children and they can choose 1 task per fortnight and returned to school. A reminder to bring in a rainbow items for our topic table and our rainbow party is on Friday 12th September. The children are invited to wear rainbow clothes or their favourite colour. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 –

Da iawn pawb! This week we have been super impressed with how everybody has come into school and tried their best! We have explored our new topic, Lliwiau a fi. We have loved exploring our classroom with our teachers and friends. A little reminder to say that our PE days will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please can you ensure that your child is bringing a healthy snack to school.

We will be hosting a 'colour day' on Thursday 11th September. Your child is invited to wear anything colourful. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch. 😊

Dosbarth 2 - Our Year One learners have made a fantastic start to their new school journey! They have settled into their new routines with confidence, including independently writing their names each day to register their dinners. We have begun exploring our exciting topic, *Hello Summer, Goodbye Autumn*, and everyone has shared what they would like to learn as part of this theme. It has been lovely to see such maturity and respect from all the children—we are clearly ready for a wonderful year of learning. We will be celebrating our new topic by inviting our learners to wear 'outdoor explorer themed clothing' on Thursday 11th September. Our PE sessions will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays, please can all items of clothing have names labelled. Da iawn, pawb and Diolch yn fawr. 😊

Dosbarth 3 - A Wonderful first week back dosbarth tri! We have explored our new topic 'Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn' and took part in lots of activities. Don't forget to look at our X (twitter) page to see photos of what we get up to 😊 Our PE sessions will start back next week - Tuesday Morning and Thursday afternoon. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch, Mrs Attewell and Miss Bones.

Dosbarth 4 - What a fantastic first week we have had! You have blown us away with your curiosity around our new topic 'Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn' and your ideas have been brilliant, we really have a funpacked term coming up! Just a reminder our PE sessions will be on a Monday and Tuesday. Can you children bring in their pe kit to leave in school with clearly labelled clothes. We have our topic immersion day next Thursday the 11th September. Children can come dressed as explorers for the day ready for a exploration day into our new topic!. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 Wow, what an absolutely fantastic first week Class 5! You have settled into a new year quickly and have been fantastic exploring our first ideas for our topic 'What do you do with a chance! Please check our class dojo for more updates from the week and our twitter/X page for photos! Our PE days are on Tuesday and Thursday, please can the children bring their kit in for these days. Have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to see you back on Monday!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 Da iawn everyone for a fantastic first week back! We have been so impressed with your work and how well you have all settled into your new class routine. Our P.E day will be on a Tuesday, please ensure all children have appropriate p.e kits to go outside. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 8, 9 & 10 What an amazing start to the new school year in Dosbarth Deg! We have really enjoyed getting to know each other and starting our new topic "United in Difference". Our PE days are Wednesday and Thursday - Year 6 will be going swimming and Year 5 completing sporting activities. Just a reminder that Year 6 will be going to Abersychan Comprehensive on Wednesday and will need a packed lunch. Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 11 - A wonderful first week back, we are thrilled with how hard you have worked, a huge well done for your wonderful summer diaries too! Remember on Wednesday (10th) we will be visiting Abersychan comp and will need to bring a packed lunch, school lunches are available if we have prior notice. Have a lovely weekend all 😊

Year 6 Swimming

Starting back **Wednesday 17th September**, children need to bring their kit and towel. Please make payment of £24 on your child's Civica Pay account.



Kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School