



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 12th September 2025

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Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

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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.

#NotinMissOut



Parental Meetings

Should you wish to meet with your child's class teacher, this can be arranged by contacting the school office directly. Please wait to ensure meetings are confirmed at an appropriate time for available staff before entering school site during pick up and collection time from the gates.

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.

Toy Donations

We would appreciate any donations of good condition toys including play sets, dolls and Lego with all parts included. Thank you!



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](#)

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>

Active Travel



Travel to Garnteg Primary

Take to the street on your feet

Walking to school is free, fun and gives you and your friends time together before the school day - something you can't do when you're stuck in the car with your parents or carer. It's a great way to get some of your recommended 60 active minutes every day without breaking a sweat - meaning you'll feel healthier, fitter and happier. Walking to school, you'll be breathing in cleaner air than those sat in their cars and will be reducing the number of cars outside the school gates, making the school journey safer for everyone. Don't forget to always take care when out near the road and be especially careful when crossing.

Swap 4 wheels for 2; cycle or scooter

Riding your bike or scooter to school is one of the best forms of exercise. It's also a huge money saver with those choosing two wheels over four seeing a huge reduction in fuel costs every year! It's important that you stay as safe as possible, and these tips might help:

- Protect your head - wear a helmet.
- Maintain your bike - complete an M-check on your bike before you set off.
- Be seen - wear fluorescent clothing during the day and reflective clothing at night.
- Be sensible - don't carry bags on your handlebars. Use a backpack.

Walking wheeling and cycling safely in Torfaen

By promoting active and sustainable travel to pupils, parents and teachers across the region, and through the delivery of fun engaging and educational activities together we can make a difference. The ultimate aim is to encourage everyone to lead a healthy and active lifestyle starting with the journey to and from school.

If it's not far leave the car!

Enjoy the ride, then park & stride

It may not be possible for you to walk all the way from your home to school, but it is worth trying to walk at least some of the way. Ask the person driving the car to drop you off a little further away from the school gates so that you can walk the rest of the way to school. Use this map to find somewhere to park at least 5 minutes away from school so that you can build some exercise into your day and avoid emitting harmful pollutants from your car into the air directly around the school.

Much less fuss if you take the bus

Travelling by bus is a great way to get to school if you have a longer distance to travel but still want to travel independently. It is also great for the environment; a full bus can take up to 40 cars off the road meaning there is less pollution and congestion. You will still be getting some of your daily active minutes as the walk to and from the bus stop counts as exercise!

Get Involved

From getting children and young people active, creating a safer school environment, improving air quality around schools and boosting educational attainment, the benefits of getting active on the journey to the school are huge!

Morning exercise improves your mood, lowers stress and increases concentration!

Funded by UK Government Wedi ei ariannu gan Llywodraeth y DU

For further information on Active Travel & Road Safety please visit www.torfaen.gov.uk

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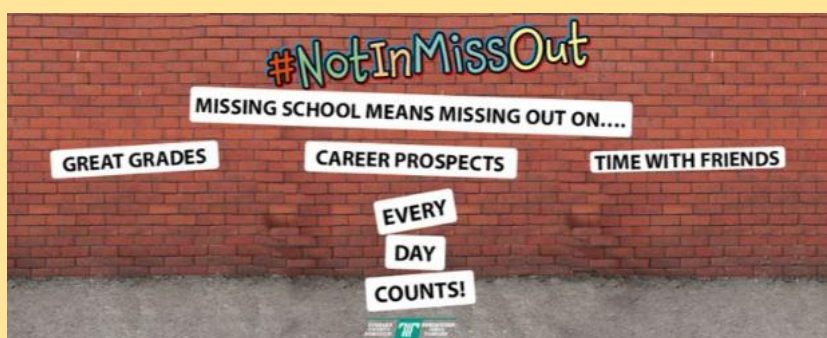


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This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	90.52	0	90.52	3 / 4	94.82	5	92.57
Reception	94.28	1	94.28			6	97.20
				4	95.79	7	96.33
1	95.28	2	93.80				
1 / 2	92.15	3	90.28	5 / 6	93.13	8	93.87
		4	96.53			9	95.90
				6	92.66	10	88.70
						11	93.06

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM - Ruby PM - Fallon	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Lacey-Mae
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Elodie	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Brooke
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Alicia	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Darci
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Dewi Kiera	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Talia
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Gracie S	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Leo
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Ruby
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Evelyn

Meithrin – We have had a wonderful week learning lots of new skills through our topic 'Lliwiau a Fi. The children really enjoyed our rainbow topic day where they went rainbow hunting for colours in the great outdoors as well as finding out what colour had the most votes. We would like to say a big thank you for the super learning log work that has been sent into school -we love celebrating it with the children. Have a lovely week.

Dosbarth 1 – Derbyn have had a wonderful week of learning. We have thoroughly enjoyed our topic day. We were amazed at what happened during our colour mixing investigation (follow us on X/Twitter to find out). Just a reminder that reading books are to be brought in on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, so that these can be changed and sent back home. We are really loving the great pieces of learning log tasks being evidenced in the learning logs. Diolch! Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 2 – We have had a busy week of learning, exploring our topic 'Goodbye Summer Hello Autumn'. On our wow day, we enjoyed a walk around our school grounds looking for signs of autumn, taking photo's using iPad to help us with our Artwork next week. You have also collected data asking your friends how they travel to school. Da iawn for a wonderful week pawb.

Dosbarth 3 – Bendigedig for a wonderful week embracing our new topic 'Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn.' We had lots of fun on our Wow Day looking for Autumn treasures and recording using tally charts and graphs. Gwaith da to learners who have already made a start on your learning logs too! 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 – Dosbarth 4 have had a brilliant week this week! We have explored our school grounds and collected autumn items to create our own bar graphs and had a fantastic wow day where we picked fresh apples from our school orchard and baked cookies using them. Just a reminder that pe kits need to be in school

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn to everyone for another fantastic week of learning. We have been so proud of the work you are producing and how everyone has settled into our new class routines. A reminder for learning logs and reading books to be returned to school regularly. Our class P.E days are on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please ensure that P.E kits are suitable for the outdoors. Have a lovely weekend all!

Dosbarth 7 - We have had a busy first full week in Dosbarth 7. Lovely to see so much homework brought back into school already. Well done! We will be having PE sessions on a Wednesday and Thursday each week so can PE kits be brought in on those days. Also, a big well done to everyone who took part in our class elections this week. Enjoy the weekend and see you all on Monday.

Dosbarth 8 - A big thank you for all homework so far, we can't wait to see more come in! Our PE days will be Wednesday (outdoor) and Thursday (indoor). Please can PE kits brought in to change in school. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 We have had a fantastic week in year 5/6 this week! Year 6 enjoyed their visit to Abersychan Comprehensive and Year 5s were able to use the climbing wall until it rained - so those who missed the session will have chance next time. Swimming starts on Wednesday for year 6s. Please could all learning logs be returned so that the new homework log can be added for this term. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 11 - Another fantastic week, I am so impressed with the homework you have been creating too, keep it up! We look forward to swimming on Wednesday, a big thank you for the jars sent in so far, please keep them coming ahead of the food for growth sale. Diolch pawb! Enjoy your weekend 😊

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.



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SCHOOL YEAR 3

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 Talywain RFC
Emlyn park
NP4 7RF



Kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School