



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 19th 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

Tuesday 7th October 2025 – Parents Consultations

Wednesday 8th October 2025 – Parents Consultations

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



Administering Medication

To administer any medication during school hours, parents/carers need to complete a medical information form for signed consent and medication is to be kept in the office.

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

Funded by UK Government Wedi ei ariannu gan Llywodraeth y DU

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 scoot

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!

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

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WELCOME BACK!
SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL
PLAY OUR LOTTERY

- Join the lottery to support our school
- Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
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Abersychan School Open Evening

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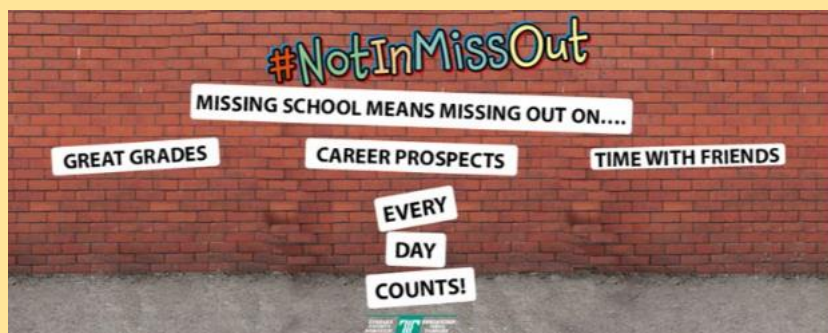
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Open Evening | Noson Agored
Thursday, 9th October
3.30pm - 6.00pm

ATTENTION PUPILS IN YEAR 5 & YEAR 6!
We warmly invite you to join us for our Open Evening!

Come and meet our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students, enjoy a guided tour of our state of the art facilities and hear inspiring talks from students and staff. Discover what makes our school a special place to learn and grow.

Believe to Succeed - Credu i Lwyddo



Attendance Winners 8th September - 12th September 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 5 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.53% and Dosbarth 7 Miss Williams for KS2 with 97.20%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.50	0	82.50	3 / 4	95.38	5	92.41
Reception	90.59	1	90.59			6	90.67
				4	92.65	7	98.62
1	89.09	2	86.67				
1 / 2	93.91	3	94.29	5 / 6	88.47	8	85.52
		4	93.75			9	92.67
				5 / 6	94.14	10	92.76
						11	94.14

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM - Finley H PM - Tyler-Jay	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Kainan
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Rory	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Patrick
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Sonny	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	William
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Billie	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Beau
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Harrison H	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Evan
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Elijah

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.71
4	95	95.54
5	95	92.51
6	95	94.86
7	95	97.15
8	95	90.89
9	95	94.74
10	95	90.15
11	95	93.45

Meithrin – Bendedig Meithrin for an amazing week of learning new skills. We have been super busy learning to count and touch counting dinosaurs that are in the jungle. We also had fun learning new Welsh words too. Just a reminder that P.E will be on a Friday and the children can wear their jogging bottoms, jumper and trainers into nursery on this day. We would kindly ask if you have any clothes that the children have out grown so we can use them in nursery. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 – Gwaith da pawb Derby for another wonderful week of learning. This week we have been exploring our new class book, The Colour Monster. We have been able to orally retell the story, using time connectives. Da iawn pawb! Just a little reminder that your child should be bringing in a healthy snack to school. Also, could we remember to bring in family photos for our 'TEULU' board (family board) please. Have a wonderful weekend. Diolch.

Dosbarth 2 – Dosbarth Dau have had a busy learning week in class. We have enjoyed looking at our data, talking about what we can see and using language to describe which had the most and least. In Literacy, we have become detectives, analysing our topic book 'Hello Summer', we have described what we can see and predicted what we think will happen in the story. Da iawn dosbarth dau, have a lovely weekend. 😊

Dosbarth 3 – This week in dosbarth tri, we have enjoyed learning about our new topic book 'Autumn Feast.' We described what we could see and predicted what we think it's going to be about. We are very excited to find out next week! In maths, we have been learning the value of a number using lots of different place value resources to help us. Gwaith da! Have a lovely weekend everyone! 😊

Dosbarth 4 – Gwaith da Dosbarth 4!! We have had another fantastic week this week and we have been so impressed with your attitude to learning. This week we have been looking at place value in maths and the

value behind the digits. In literacy we have been looking at our new book 'Autumn Feast'. Thank you for the great reading we have had this term already please keep it up! Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Diolch for a lovely week in Year 3 and 4! This week we have been practising our persuasive writing skills ready to write a letter next week. We have also been collecting our own data around the class and using our skills to create graphs. Next week we will be receiving lines ready for our class concerts, these will be sent home to practise. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 - What a busy week! We have started our rugby sessions with Dragons Rugby, had a visitor to our class to discuss his work in an animal shelter and completed lots of great work in class. Thank you for all the wonderful homework being sent in too! Keep up the great start to the year with your attendance. Have a great weekend everyone. See you all on Monday.

Dosbarth 8 - Diolch for a lovely week in Dosbarth 8. Spellings and reading books have been sent out today. Spelling tests will take place every Friday. A big plea for any reading books that are at home to be returned to school as soon as possible. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - We have had a lovely week in Dosbarth 9 and 10. We enjoyed taking part in our swimming and PE lessons and we have learnt a lot about the amalgamation of Varteg and Garndiffaith schools. Have a lovely weekend all.

Dosbarth 11 - What a busy week, we have been working so hard on data handling and journalistic writing. The children did a fantastic job at swimming which will continue next week. Please keep up the great work with homework logs and have a wonderful 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.



Community Notices



Kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School