



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 26th September 2025

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Value for this half term is



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Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th October 2025

Important Dates

Thursday 2nd October 2025 - Class 5 Harvest performance at 9:45am

- Class 6 Harvest performance at 2:00pm

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

Harvest Donations



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](https://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/)

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

A colorful infographic titled "Active Travel" with various tips for getting to school safely and healthily. The infographic is divided into several sections with illustrations of children and adults walking, cycling, and using a scooter. The sections include: "Travel to Garnteg Primary", "Take to the street on your feet", "Swap 4 wheels for 2: cycle or scooter", "Walking wheeling and cycling safely in Torfaen", "Enjoy the ride, then park & stride", "Much less fuss if you take the bus", and "Get Involved". The infographic also includes logos for the UK Government, Torfaen Borough Council, and the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS).

Travel to Garnteg Primary

Funded by UK Government

Wedi ei ariannu gan Lywodraeth y DU

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

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!



A poster for the Abersychan School Lottery. At the top, there is a row of icons: a school crest, a ruler, a magnifying glass, scissors, a pushpin, a coin, and a person with a star above their head labeled 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY'. Below these is a red banner with white text that reads 'WELCOME BACK! SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY'. Under the banner are more icons: a pencil, a paperclip, a globe, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, an apple, an open book, a pencil, and a backpack. Below the icons is a list of bullet points: 'Join the lottery to support our school', 'Win weekly cash prizes up to £25,000', and 'Free entry into the bonus Super Draw'. At the bottom is a large purple button with white text that says 'PLAY NOW'. In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for '18+ GambleAware'.

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Abersychan School Open Evening



A poster for the Abersychan School Open Evening. The top half features a photograph of the school building with the text 'Abersychan School Ysgol Abersychan' on the wall. Below the photo is a blue wavy banner with the school crest and the text 'YSGOL ABERSYCHAN SCHOOL'. The main text on the poster reads 'Open Evening | Noson Agored' in large white letters, followed by 'Thursday, 9th October' and '3.30pm - 6.00pm'. Below this is a section titled 'ATTENTION PUPILS IN YEAR 5 & YEAR 6!' with an invitation to join the Open Evening. To the right of this text is a circular inset photograph of a group of school staff and students standing on the steps of the school entrance. At the bottom of the poster, the school's motto 'Believe to Succeed - Credu i Lwyddo' is written in white.

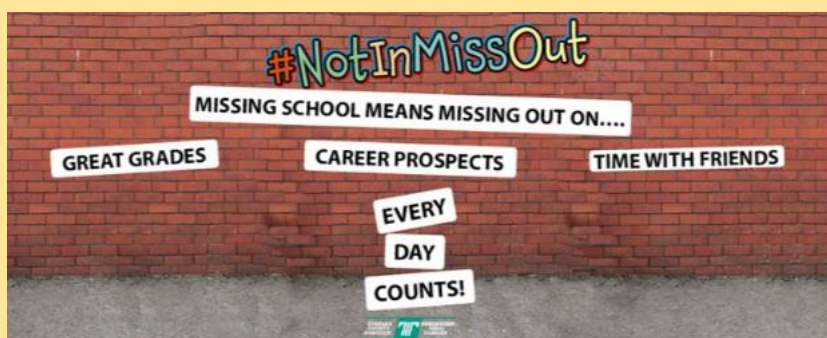
YSGOL ABERSYCHAN SCHOOL

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



This week's attendance figures are

Attendance Winners 15th September - 19th September 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 94.29% and Dosbarth 7 Miss Williams for KS2 with 98.62%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	90	0	90	3 / 4	96.92	5	97.59
Reception	92.65	1	92.65			6	94.33
				4	94.49	7	94.83
1	94.62	2	95.33				
1 / 2	95.43	3	93.71	5 / 6	93.05	8	90
		4	95.94			9	98.33
				5 / 6	96.72	10	93.45
						11	97.59

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM - Ashton PM - Maeve	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Cowen
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Zayan	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Caleb
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Ollie	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Olivia
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Braea	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Lavanah
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Takotah	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Olivia and Harley
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Ainara
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Freya

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.24
4	95	95.64
5	95	93.83
6	95	94.72
7	95	96.54
8	95	90.65
9	95	95.69
10	95	91.02
11	95	94.56

Meithrin – Meithrin you have been superstars this week with your story maps of our story 'The Rainbowsaurus'-your drawings were amazing. You impressed us with how much that you remembered from the story. Also, you have used your knowledge of shapes to make houses using natural materials. Just a reminder if you would like to donate items for the harvest festival, please pop them into nursery. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 – This week in Reception, we have been enjoying our *Teulu a Fi* project, where we've been learning all about who lives in our homes and exploring how we've grown and changed from being babies to who we are now. The children have loved sharing their family stories and looking at how much they've all grown! Just a gentle reminder to please pack a healthy snack for snack time, and ensure that no snacks contain nuts, as we have allergies in the class. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Diolch from the Dosbarth Un staff!

Dosbarth 2 – Dosbarth Dau have had a wonderful time this week developing their independence skills. You have been spending independent time challenging your Mathematical adding skills and writing skills to complete tasks alone. We have thoroughly enjoyed using our practical resources to support us with our place value knowledge which has allowed us to challenge ourselves whilst answering 'prove it' questions. We have also enjoyed exploring the features of a recount to write about our story 'Hello Autumn'. Da iawn for a super learning week.

Dosbarth 3 – Another bendigedig week in dosbarth tri! You have enjoyed exploring our autumnal areas and completed seize the season challenges. We have continued our Place value and consolidated our understanding with prove it questions. In literacy we have been looking at features of a recount, including time connectives, conjunctions and feeling words. Gwaith da!! Keep climbing to sparkle! 😊 Please return your home reading book and learning journal for Dojo points. Diolch!

Dosbarth 4 - Ffantesteg week this week dosbrath 4! We hve been starting to look at our recount for for our new literacy text 'Autumn Feast' and all the features we need! In maths we have continued to look at place value.

If you have any small jars that could be donated in the size of a gu pot could you please send them into school for out Autumn feast whole school event. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Ffantasteg Class 5+6, this week we have been using what we have learnt about letters to create our own persuasive letters on our chosen themes! We have also been learning to use the numberline to add and subtract hundred tens and ones and of course helping to plan and prepare our class concerts! Please can the children continue to learn their lines over the next few days. You are invited to join us next week for our Harvest assemblies on Thursday 2nd October. Class 5 at 9:45 am, Class 6 at 2pm. Hope to see you there!

Dosbarth 7 - We have had another busy week in Dosbarth 7 with lots to celebrate. Thank you for all the wonderful homework that continues to come in every day. Also, well done for winning the attendance award last week in school. We will be having our second session with Dragon's Rugby on Wednesday afternoon, so please make sure to bring in a PE kit in. Enjoy your weekend and see you all back in the classroom on Monday.

Dosbarth 8 - Another great week in Dosbarth 8 working hard to develop our coordinates skills and designing our own prints based around the local area. Spellings have been sent out again today ready for next Friday. Please continue to send in your fabulous homework, we love to see how creative you can be! 😊 have a wonderful weekend

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - Another fantastic week for Dosbarth 9&10! We are so proud of our year 6 swimmers so far - keep it up! This week, year 5/6 have been working hard using coordinates to play and make games as well as problem solve. Please continue to send in homework and learning logs. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 11 - We've had another wonderful week, dosbarth 11 have worked hard on coordinates and translating shapes, they are also showing amazing progress in their swimming. Keep up the great work and have a lovely weekend.

Year 6 Swimming

A reminder that payment of £24 is now available to pay on your child's Civica Pay account.



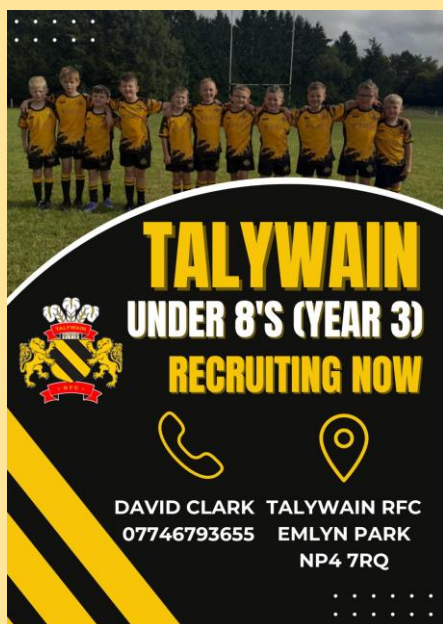
Community Notices

Coedwedd Community Hub

Coedwedd Community Hub offer sessions in our local community for adults, including DIY, Chat and Snack and Craft and Relax. Please visit their website to find out more.

[Coedwedd Community Hub | Home | Stanley Road, Gardiffaith, Abersychan, Pontypool](#)

Join their open day on Wednesday 22nd October 2025 for an in site into the sessions and support they offer!





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Coffee Morning

**Thursdays
10 AM -
Midday**

Trinity Methodist Church

Looking for a friendly space to connect, chat, and unwind?

Come along to our local coffee morning in Abersychan — a relaxed and welcoming gathering where neighbours become friends over a hot brew and a biscuit or two.

Trinity Methodist Church, High Street, Abersychan, NP4 7AB

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP





'Free' Couch to 5k Programme

A relaxed beginners running programme.

Meeting at Garnsychan Partnership, 55 Stanley Road, Carndiffaith, NP4 6LH

Every Tuesday at 10am

What will this offer me?

- ✓ Improves physical health with a gradual approach
- ✓ Connect with people on a similar journey
- ✓ Learn strength and mobility exercises that can support your running journey

When & where will this be?

- Meeting at Garnsychan Partnership
- Every Tuesday morning at 10am
- Refreshments provided post session at Garnsychan Partnership premises



Overview

The couch to 5k is a guided NHS programme that supports someone who wishes to build up towards running 5km. This programme is intended for beginners, easing them into running over 9 weeks. This coached group programme will tailor advice to each persons ability. Including further guidance on strengthening exercises to prevent injury and improve overall fitness.

To register your interest please contact Aled using the contact information below.

07908 215952 | aled.walker@torfaen.gov.uk

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL | GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP

fostering info session

Ask questions, meet current foster carers, and learn a bit more about how you could make a positive change for local children.

 Monday 6th October

 6-7pm

 Online
(you can stay in your comfies)




sign up to attend

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Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School