



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 03rd October 2025

Cylchlythyr - 03rd Hydref 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th October 2025

Important Dates

Tuesday 7th October 2025 - Parents Consultations

Wednesday 8th October 2025 - Parents Consultations

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - Spooky Disco

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



Reporting Absences

Absences are to be reported via the school office, please note that the office lines can often be busy if so, please leave an answerphone message with your child's name and reason for absence. If you should wish to speak to a member of office staff, please leave a message and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

Attendance in school time

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!



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 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!

Funded by UK Government Wedi ei ariannu gan Llywodraeth y DU

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON ACTIVE TRAVEL & ROAD SAFETY PLEASE VISIT www.tor-faen.gov.uk

FFYNIANT LEVELLING BRO UP

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A promotional poster for the Abersychan School Lottery. At the top, there is a row of school-related icons: a crest, a set square, a magnifying glass, scissors, a pushpin, a coin, and a person with a star above their head labeled 'YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY'. Below this, a red banner with white text reads 'WELCOME BACK! SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL PLAY OUR LOTTERY'. The banner is flanked by a pencil and a pen. Underneath the banner, there is another row of icons: a globe, a ruler, a book, an apple, a pencil, and a backpack. Below the icons, there is a list of three 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, there 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, there is a blue wavy banner with the school's 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, there is a section titled 'ATTENTION PUPILS IN YEAR 5 & YEAR 6!' which says 'We warmly invite you to join us for our Open Evening!'. Further down, it says '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.' To the right of this text is a circular inset photograph of a group of school staff and students standing in front of the school entrance. At the bottom, there is a blue banner with the text 'Believe to Succeed - Credu i Lwyddo'.

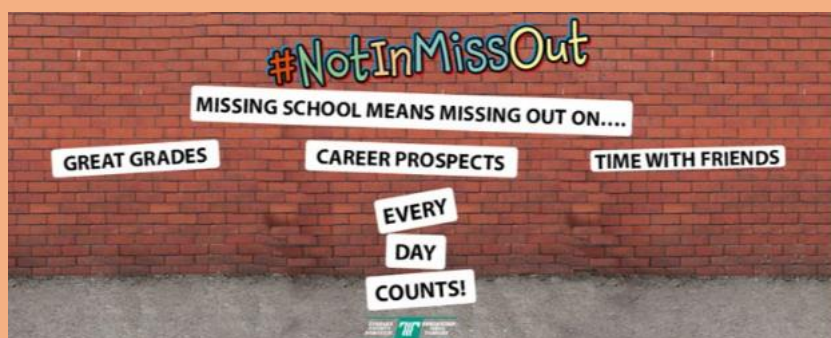
YSGOL ABERSYCHAN SCHOOL

Open Evening | Noson Agored
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This week's attendance figures are

Attendance Winners 22nd September - 26th September 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 95.94% and Dosbarth 9 Mrs Emanuel for KS2 with 98.33%

The winning in KS2 last week was Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips with 98.62%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	94.48	0	94.48	3 / 4	95.73	5	92.34
Reception	92.16	1	92.16			6	98.15
				4	95.92	7	96.93
1	92.59	2	91.48				
1 / 2	93	3	96.55	5 / 6	91.71	8	86.59
		4	90.63			9	89.26
				5 / 6	89.85	10	91.95
						11	95.40

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Everleigh PM-Reggie	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Gracie
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Amia	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Whole class
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Jac	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Marang
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Brody	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Tomos
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Adaleigh	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Jacob
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Kaiden
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Harrison

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.55
4	95	95.38
5	95	93.55
6	95	95.38
7	95	96.62
8	95	89.88
9	95	94.45
10	95	91.20
11	95	94.72

Meithrin – Da iawn pawb for an amazing week of learning. You have enjoyed been Autumn detectives and finding signs of Autumn in our nursery garden as well completing a homework challenge of finding Autumn things on walks with your families. We look forward to sharing the wonderful learning with you in parent consultations next week. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 – Gwaith da pawb for another successful week! We have been exploring Autumn and are enjoying our 'Seize the Season' mini topic. I wonder what we will discover on our autumn trails next week. We look forward to welcoming you next week for parent consultations. It's a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their successes. Thank you for your continued support! Have a wonderful weekend! Diolch!

Dosbarth 2 – This week, I've been incredibly proud of how much independence the class has shown in both their learning and daily tasks around the classroom. It's been wonderful to see students confidently applying their knowledge of place value—developed just last week—to complete our maths tasks independently in classroom areas. In literacy, we've also had a fantastic time exploring what makes a great recount as we prepare to write about our class story, *Hello Autumn*. The children have shown great enthusiasm and creativity in their planning, and I can't wait to read their final recounts! Well done, everyone, for another fantastic week of learning and growing!

Dosbarth 3 – This week has been a delightful autumn adventure. We enjoyed carefully weighing Harvest food and comparing autumn items using non-standard units of measure and balance scales. We have also been on the hunt for adjectives and similes in our class book 'Autumn Feast.' Bendigedig learning dosbarth tri! Remember to regularly return your home reading book and learning journal for Dojo points. We look forward to seeing you all at parents evening next week. Your slot has been sent out on class Dojo 😊 Diolch, have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 – Ffantesteg week again this week Dosbarth 4! We have been looking at weighing and testing items to see which were the heaviest and lightest. In literacy we have been looking at how we are going to recount our literacy book 'Autumn Feast'. A huge diolch for all the reading books back this week! Just a reminder that parents evening is Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Your times have been sent on Class Dojo. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 – A huge da iawn for fantastic harvest concerts in Class 5 and 6 this week. Thank you so much for coming to support the children, and all of the support in the background including learning lines and harvest donations. We are so proud of all the children for their wonderful performances. We are looking forward to meeting with our parents and carers at consultations next week to update on the pupils progress and targets. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 – It has been another busy weel in Dosbath 7AP. We have lots of visitors this week including the Gwent Dragons and Caring Canines to help with our learning in class. Keep bringing in the learning logs and reading books. It is lovely to see all the great homework being completed. Everyone should have had their parent's meetings appointment time for next week. Look forward to speaking with you all next week. Enjoy your weekend.

Dosbarth 8 – Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 8. We have worked hard practising our graph skills across the curriculum this week. We have also enjoyed looking at playground games from the past and present. A big diolch for your donations of jars. Just a reminder that parents evening will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, times have been sent on Class Dojo 😊 Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 – Fantastic work this week using DigiMaps to locate our homes, school and walking distance! Diolch for all the wonderful Harvest donations this week 😊. Please could you continue to donate jars to class 9 for their Food for Growth project. Parent/carers consultations times have been sent this week, so please confirm with your child's class teacher if necessary. Continue to send in learning logs as these go towards your child's dojo points. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 11 – Another fantastic week in dosbarth 11, you have been working so hard on the items to sell at the food for growth sale on a few weeks. Remember to keep your learning logs coming into school as we love to see your wonderful work. Enjoy your 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!





A poster for a toilet training workshop. At the top, there is a cartoon illustration of a young boy with brown hair, wearing a brown shirt, holding a blue ball. Surrounding him are several cartoon poop and toilet paper roll characters with smiling faces. A red speech bubble contains the text: "New Monthly Workshop Gweithdy Miso! Newydd". Below the illustration, the title "TOILET TRAINING" is written in large, bold, red letters, and "HYFFORDDIANT TOILED" is written in large, bold, blue letters. The background is split into a light grey top half and a blue bottom half. The bottom half contains a list of dates and times for the workshops, followed by the location information.

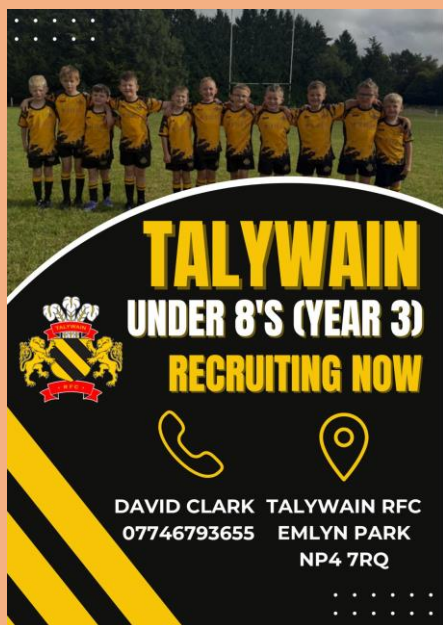
Monday 8th Sept **Dydd Llun 8fed Medi**
9:30 - 10:30 **9:30 - 10:30**

Monday 6th Oct **Dydd Llun 6ed Hydref**
9:30 - 10:30 **9:30 - 10:30**

Monday 10th Nov **Dydd Llun 10fed Tach**
9:30 - 10:30 **9:30 - 10:30**

Blaenafon ICC, Blaenafon Primary School
Coedcae Road, NP4 9AW

Logos for Blaenafon Primary School, GIG Cymru NHS Wales, and Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Amseru'n Bwari are at the bottom.



A poster for Talywain Under 8's RFC. At the top, there is a photograph of a youth football team of about ten boys in yellow and black kits standing on a grass field. Below the photo, the text "TALYWAIN" is in large, bold, yellow letters, followed by "UNDER 8'S (YEAR 3)" in white, and "RECRUITING NOW" in bold, yellow letters. To the left of this text is a crest featuring a lion and a shield. Below the text, there are icons for a telephone and a location pin. At the bottom, contact information is provided: "DAVID CLARK TALYWAIN RFC", "07746793655", "EMLYN PARK", and "NP4 7RQ". The background is black with yellow diagonal stripes at the bottom left.

TALYWAIN
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DREAM BIG! STAGECOACH CWMBRAN

Singing, dancing and acting classes for 6 - 18 year-olds

Giving children and young people the Creative Courage to stand up on stage for over 35 years.

- stagecoach.co.uk/cwmbbran
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ENROL TODAY



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ENROL TODAY




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

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

maethu cymru | foster wales

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School