



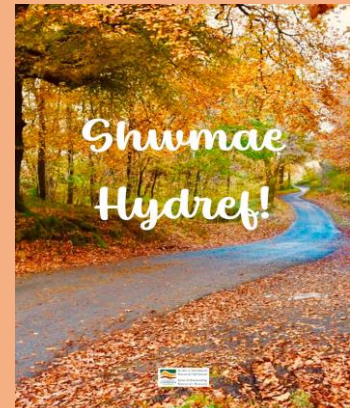
GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 10th October 2025

Cylchlythyr - 10th Hydref 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th March 2026

Important Dates

Tuesday 21st October 2025 - Spooky Disco

Thursday 23rd October 2025 - Flu Immunisations for Reception up to Year 6 pupils

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

Food Glorious Food 2025 Event

By popular demand, we are having our 'Food Glorious Food 2025' event in the school hall on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 3:15pm The children are busy in their classes making items to sell using fruits and vegetables from our allotments and orchard and would also gladly receive any donations from home. We look forward to seeing you there!



Flu Immunisations



The School Nursing Service will visit the school to offer pupils a **nasal flu spray vaccine** on **23/10/2025**

The NHS recommends that your child has a flu vaccination every year.

It's very important to protect your child from flu to make sure they stay as healthy as possible. The best flu vaccine for most children is a nasal spray. This is the vaccine that will be given on the day.

The online consent form and additional information can be found here: [E- Consent Form Link](#)

To help make sure the vaccine is suitable for your child, and they don't miss out, please take time to read the information and **follow the link to complete the electronic consent form as soon as possible, before the planned vaccination date.**

The nose spray flu vaccine that contains porcine gelatine is the best protection against flu for children. If you want to have your child protected against Flu, but you do not want them to have the nose spray, you can request the gelatine free injection instead on the consent form and you will be invited to a clinic.

Spooky Disco

Garnteg's Spooky disco will be held during the school day on **Tuesday 21st October 2025**.

Drinks and treats will be available to purchase.

Costumes are encouraged! We are looking forward to a spooktacular time 🦇👻



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.

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

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 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 Tor-faen

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.tor-faen.gov.uk

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A poster for a school lottery. At the top, there are icons for a school crest, a ruler, a magnifying glass, scissors, a pushpin, a coin, and a person with a speech bubble saying "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 icons for a pencil, a paperclip, a globe, a ruler, a book, an apple, 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 blue button with white text that reads "PLAY NOW". In the bottom left corner, there is a small logo for "GambleAware".

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Torfaen Play



A poster for the Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service Food and Wellbeing Camp. The top section is red and features the Torfaen Council logo, the Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service logo, and the text "Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service" and "Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community." Below this is the main title "FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP" in large, bold, white letters. To the right of the title is a circular logo for "TORFAEN PLAY AND SHORT BREAKS SERVICE" with a yellow silhouette of a person jumping. Below the title is a yellow banner with the dates "Tuesday 28th October", "Wednesday 29th October", and "Thursday 30th October", and the times "10:00am - 3:00pm" and "Age 5 to 11 years". Below the banner is a photo of a group of children and an adult standing on a grassy field. To the left of the photo is a green circular logo that says "FREE OF CHARGE". Below the photo is a photo of three children waving. To the right of the photo is a blue circular logo that says "HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE". Below the photos is a QR code and the text "Pre booking required", "Please use the QR code to pre book", and "For more information please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk". At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter, and the text "@chwaraeortorfaentorfaenplay", "Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play", and "torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk". In the bottom right corner, there is a small logo for "Porthgawel Community Council" and "Cynghorir Gynwlad Porthgawel".

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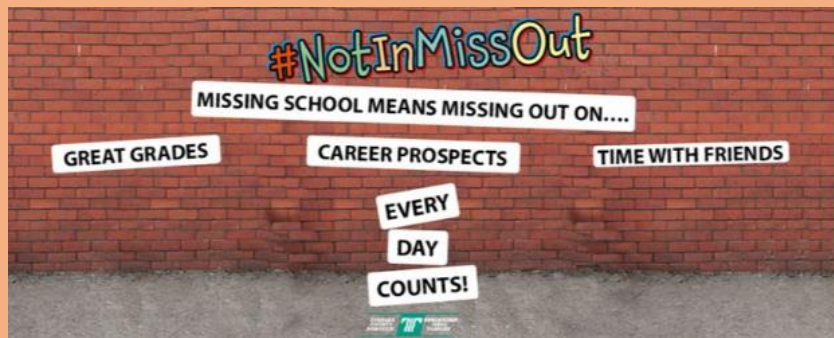
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This week's attendance figures are

Attendance Winners 22nd September - 26th September 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones and Mrs Attewell who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.55% and Dosbarth 6 Miss Williams KS2 with 98.15%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	85	0	85	3 / 4	91.09	5	97.24
Reception	85.24	1	85.24			6	92.33
				4	94.90	7	93.45
1	88.33	2	88.33				
1 / 2	92.22	3	97.59	5 / 6	90.85	8	89.31
		4	89.38	5 / 6	93.97	9	89.67
						10	93.45
						11	97.24

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Carwyn-Alfie PM-Darcie-May	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Elliot
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Georgie	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Scarlett
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Kobie	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Miyah
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Daisy-Mae	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Easton
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Frankie	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Raven
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Lilly-Beth
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Travis

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.94
4	95	93.75
5	95	94.11
6	95	94.87
7	95	95.95
8	95	89.66
9	95	93.43
10	95	91.62
11	95	95.13

Meithrin – Another fantastic week of exploring and learning in nursery. We have been seizing the season of Autumn by using lots of the items you have brought in to create fantastic artwork indoors and outdoors, we are so creative in Meithrin! It was wonderful to be able to meet all our lovely parents and share the incredible things they've been doing so far. Have a lovely weekend all!

Dosbarth 1 – Dosbarth Un have been trying their very best this week with their retelling skills, focusing on the story of *The Colour Monster*. It's been wonderful to see how Reception children are working hard to become more independent in the different areas of the classroom. It was lovely meeting parents and carers during your appointments—thank you for taking the time to come in. Please continue to bring in reading books regularly and encourage your child to have a go at the homework tasks at home. Diolch from Reception staff! 😊

Dosbarth 2 – We have had a busy and fun working week in Dosbarth dau. All learners have engaged well to prepare for their written recount of the story 'Hello Autumn'. We look forward to working with you to write these and celebrating your final pieces. Learners have most certainly 'Seized the Season', exploring all things, Autumn. We predicted which Autumn items will sink and which will float and then had discussions extending our language to conclude that it depends on the weight of the items. Da iawn Pawb!

Dosbarth 3 – A fantastic week in dosbarth tri! We have continued exploring features of a recount ready for our retell of our class book 'Autumn Feast.' We looked at the setting and enjoyed exploring the outdoors like they do in the story, collecting autumn treasures and throwing colourful leaves. We also acted out the story, taking on different roles, using expressions, actions and remembering lines. Very impressive, da iawn! 😊 Continue to return your home reading book and learning journal for Dojo points.

Dosbarth 4 - Gwaith da Dosbarth 4! This week we have been on an Autumn walk around our school and looking for ways to find Autumn. We found apples that had been nibbled on, leaves that are changing colours and mushrooms growing from the ground! We have also this week learnt how to weigh using grams using digital scales! What a great week! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5+6 for another fantastic week. We have been thinking about characters and themes of a story this week in our literacy and reinforcing our understanding of money and its value in our maths. In our topic learning we have been diving deeper into our knowledge of animal charities, researching our chosen charity and the persuasive reasons others should support them. Thank you for attending parent/carers consultations this week it was lovely to meet you all and discuss the children's progress. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7 - Another week has flown by as we seize the season in Dosbarth 7 exploring Autumn and harvest time. It was lovely to meet so many of the parents this week. Thank you for attending our parent's evenings. Reminder that the Gwent Dragons will be in school on Wednesday afternoon for our next rugby session so make sure to bring in your PE kits. Keep bringing in your learning logs and reading books. Enjoy the weekend and see you on Monday.

Dosbarth 8 - A big thank you to all parents/carers who attended parents evening this week. It was lovely to meet you all 😊 A reminder to return any letters for our trip to Cilfynydd Water Treatment centre as soon as possible. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - A brilliant week for year 5/6! We have been exploring diary writing this week and have written some excellent quality diaries! Da iawn pawb! Year 6 are continuing to impress us during their swimming lessons too. Please continue to return reading books and learning logs. A reminder to return the trip letters to Cilfynydd Water Treatment Centre for our trip on November 13th. Have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 11 - Another fantastic week in Year 6. You have written fantastic diary entries on behalf of a book character and sparkled with measures in maths. I am so pleased with your behaviour and effort in swimming also, keep up the wonderful 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!



New Monthly Workshop
Gweithdy
Misol Newydd

TOILET TRAINING

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Monday 8th Sept 9:30 - 10:30	Dydd Llun 8fed Medi 9:30 - 10:30
Monday 6th Oct 9:30 - 10:30	Dydd Llun 6ed Hydref 9:30 - 10:30
Monday 10th Nov 9:30 - 10:30	Dydd Llun 10fed Tach 9:30 - 10:30

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

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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, Cardiff, 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 person's 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



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Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School