



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 17th October 2025

Cylchlythyr - 17th 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 - Spooky non uniform day

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

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 🦴👻



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.

Christmas Raffle Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. If you can donate or are able to ask companies for donations, please would you bring them into the school office. Thank you for your support!



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

For further information on Active Travel & Road Safety please visit www.tor-faen.gov.uk

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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!

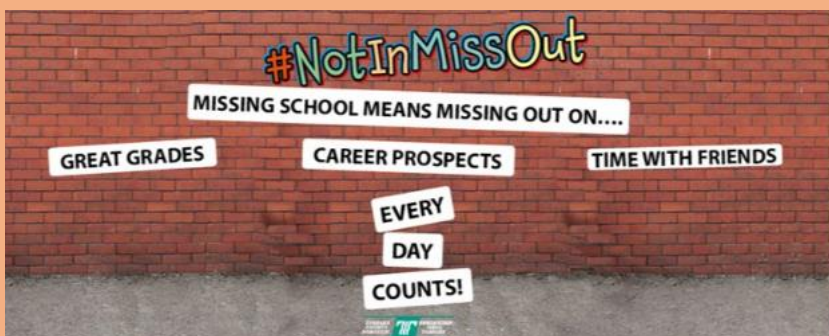
Get Involved

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!



Torfaen Play



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 97.59% and Dosbarth 5 Mr Key and Mrs Parker-Evans Dosbarth 11 in KS2 both with 97.24%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
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Nursery	84.50	0	84.50	3 / 4	96.21	5	91.38
Reception	83.92	1	83.92			6	95.33
				4	92.15	7	95.17
1	90.67	2	87.33				
1 / 2	85.87			5 / 6	92.45	8	91.38
		3	94.48			9	90.67
		4	83.44	5 / 6	91.38	10	93.92
						11	91.72

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Hunter PM-Penelope	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Koby
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Thea-May	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Tommy
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Esme-Joy	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Nilah-Rae
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Jaxon	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jasmine
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Noah MP	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Isaac S
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Charlie
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Riley

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	94.02
4	95	92.23
5	95	93.71
6	95	94.94
7	95	95.83
8	95	89.91
9	95	93.03
10	95	91.96
11	95	94.63

Meithrin – Bendegedig pawb for a super week of learning. You have been working hard on your number recognition through games. Also, you have thought of lovely things to be thankful for as part of our big question 'What are we thankful for?' your drawings and sentence were amazing. Just a reminder that the children are invited to wear something spooky for our disco on Tuesday and that the children would love to see you at our Food for Growth sale where you will have the opportunity to purchase the delicious food that the children have made. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 – Da iawn Dosbarth Un for another week of wonderful learning. Dosbarth Un have been busy taking part in our 'Hydref' 'Autumn' project. We have created amazing pumpkin pies in our mid kitchen. We have created autumn art pieces using different natural materials and art resources. Just a reminder to ensure your child brings in a healthy snack and a drink for snack time. We hope you have an amazing weekend. Diolch from Derbyn Staff. 😊

Dosbarth 2 – Dosbarth dau have completed their written recounts about the story 'Hello Autumn' this week. We are so proud of them for their use of neat and descriptive writing. We have also enjoyed weighing Autumn items and extending our vocabulary to give reasons why some items sink and some items float. Learners are working extremely hard to develop their independence in their tasks, trying their best before asking for help. Da iawn pawb!

Dosbarth 3 – This week in dosbarth tri we have been busy writing our autumnal recounts. We have included adjectives, similes and conjunctions. Wow! We have also been practising our sewing skills, making beautiful autumnal designs. We went on a walk to the apple orchard and are so excited to make apple flapjacks ready for the 'Food for Growth' sale next week! 😊 We can't wait to see you there! Please continue to help your child at home with their home reading, spellings and learning journal. Diolch and have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 – Ffantesteg efforts this week! We have been busy creating our own Autumn walk books using the language we have been learning in the classroom and the walk we went on last week outside! They are looking fantastic. Just a reminder that next Tuesday is spooky disco day and the children can wear normal clothes on Thursday too. After school on Thursday is the Farm shop where you can purchase the items you children will be cooking! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 – Da iawn Class 5 and 6 for another wonderful week. This week we have been continuing our investigation into animal and pet charities, including looking at the national pet survey and carrying out our own surveys. We have also been preparing for the food for growth event next Thursday, writing our own recipes and beginning the preparations for our items to sell! Have a lovely weekend and see you next week!

Dosbarth 7 – This week in Dosbarth 7 we have continuing to seize the season and planning our recipes for next week's 'Food for Growth.' We have also had visits from Caring Canines and Dragons Rugby to our class.

Reminder that on Tuesday we will be having our Spooky Disco in school. Enjoy your weekend and see you back in the classroom on Monday for the last week of the half term.

Dosbarth 8 – Another great week in Dosbarth 8. We are working hard to prepare our delicious pumpkin soup and pickled onions ready to sell at our farmers market next Thursday. We look forward to seeing you there 😊

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 – We have had a lovely week. We have tasted our chutney, and it was delicious, we can't wait to sell it on Thursday at our Farmers Market. 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

Talywain RFC Notice

Talywain RFC are reaching out to you to offer the children from your school and within Torfaen an opportunity to try Rugby for 10 free sessions.

Session will be run at Ysgol Gwynllyw, Trevethin on Thursdays & Friday evenings by fully qualified and DBS checked Coaches of Talywain RFC.

They have over 150 Children currently playing and we as a club are looking to recruit.

These sessions provide a safe fun and enjoyable experience for the children whilst learning new skills, discipline and making memories. The friendships created the teamwork gives the children added enthusiasm to participate.

Sessions start this Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th October

Year 6 - Friday 18:00 - 19:00

Year 5 - Friday 18:00 - 19:00

Year 3 - Thursday 18:00 - 19:00

Year 2 - Thursday 18:00 - 19:00

Year 1 - TBC



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 Monday 20th 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 in the top right corner says "New Monthly Workshop Gweithdy Miso! Newydd". The title "TOILET TRAINING" is in large, bold, red letters, and "HYFFORDDIANT TOILED" is in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Below the title, there is a blue background with white text listing the dates and times for the workshops. At the bottom, the location is given as "Blaenafon ICC, Blaenafon Primary School, Coedcae Road, NP4 9AW". Logos for GIG Cymru NHS Wales and Blaenafon Primary School are at the bottom.

New Monthly Workshop
Gweithdy
Miso! Newydd

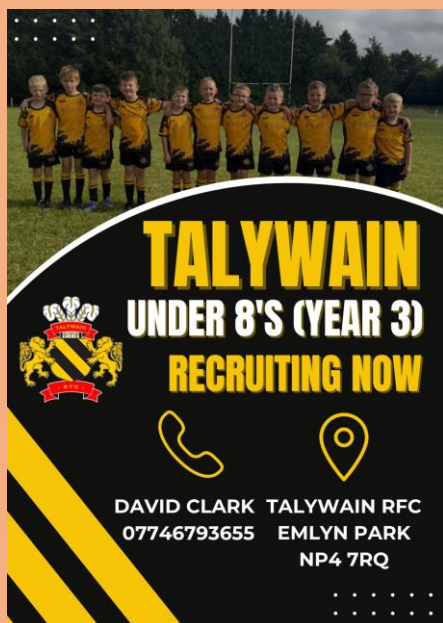
TOILET TRAINING

HYFFORDDIANT TOILED

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

GIG Cymru NHS Wales
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Amseru'n Bwari
University Health Board



A poster for Talywain Under 8's RFC. At the top, there is a photograph of a youth football team 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 yellow. To the left of the text is a crest featuring a lion and a shield. Below the text, there are icons for a telephone and a location pin. The contact information is listed at the bottom: "DAVID CLARK TALYWAIN RFC", "07746793655", "EMLYN PARK", "NP4 7RQ". The bottom of the poster has a yellow and black diagonal striped pattern.

TALYWAIN

UNDER 8'S (YEAR 3)

RECRUITING NOW

DAVID CLARK TALYWAIN RFC
07746793655 EMLYN PARK
NP4 7RQ



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
- 07811873614
- cwmbbran@stagecoach.co.uk



TRAFFALGAR

ENROL TODAY



DREAM BIG! STAGECOACH CWMBRAN

Singing, dancing and acting classes for 4 - 6 year-olds

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

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- 07811873614
- cwmbbran@stagecoach.co.uk



TRAFFALGAR

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