



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 14th November 2025

Cylchlythyr - 14th Tachwedd 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

Diary dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 13th March 2026

Important Dates

November Diary

Thursday 20th November 2025 - Nursery Intake Meeting at 3.30pm

December Diary



Every Friday in December is Christmas jumper day!



Wednesday 3rd December 2015 - Elf Day

Thursday 4th December 2025 - Year 2 Class Assembly

Class 4 at 9.30am

Class 3 at 1.45pm

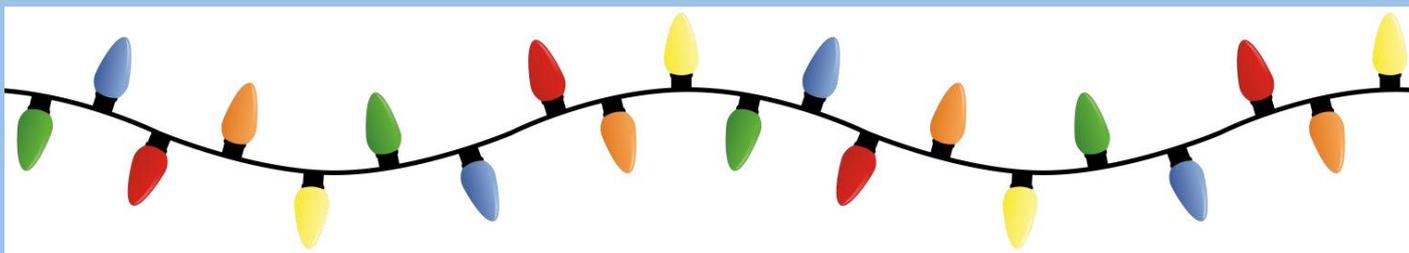
Friday 5th December 2025 at 10.30am - Year 6 Carol Service at Noddfa Church at 10.30am

Thursday 11th December 2025 at 1.45pm - Reception Class Assembly

Friday 12th December 2025 at 3.15pm - Christmas Event in the school hall

Tuesday 16th December 2025 - Nursery stay and play - Christmas Activities

Wednesday 17th December 2025 - Christmas Dinner



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

Class Dojo

Unfortunately, staff are unable to read and respond to messages during the school day due to their teaching responsibilities. Any urgent messages need to be made to the school office, who will inform relevant staff.

Christmas Raffle Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. You will have received a letter and raffle tickets. Please ensure your child's name is written on the permission slip and on the back of the raffle tickets.

Any donations towards our raffle 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 and good luck!



Little Duckling's Playgroup

Congratulations to the Early Years, Flying Start Team at Little Duckling's Playgroup Garnteg, who were recently inspected by Care Inspectorate Wales and were given the report of excellence. Well done to the team who thoroughly deserve the recognition for all their hard work and dedication to all the children and families they work with.

Parking Enforcement

From Monday 3rd November, a new mobile enforcement car will be used to enforce parking restrictions helping to improve road safety outside schools.

The vehicle is fitted with CCTV which will record footage of cars parked in contravention of a restriction outside schools, as well as in bus stops or on zig zag lines.

A two-week warning period will start from Monday 3rd November, when any vehicle captured parked in contravention will receive a automatic warning notice in the post.

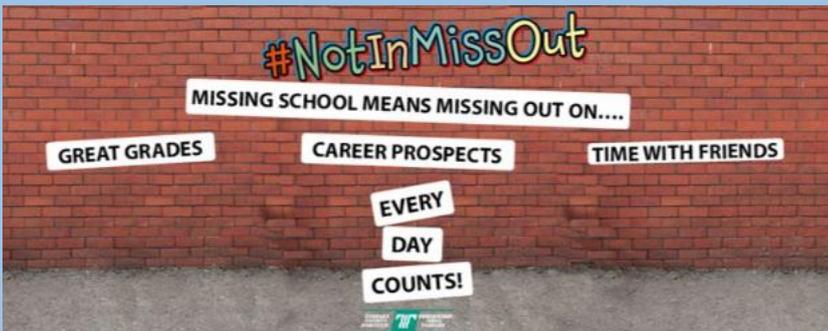
Full enforcement will begin on Monday 17th November, when any drivers parked in the excluded areas will be sent automatic penalty charge notices. The penalty notice charges will be £70, this can be reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days.

The council is keen to warn parents of the camera enforcement vehicle and encourage them to park safely and responsibly to avoid being issued with a Penalty Charge Notice.

It is hoped the camera enforcement vehicle - together with our Civil Enforcement team - will help to ensure drivers park safely and responsibly, which will make the environment around schools safer for all road users.

Please can the school entrance always be always kept clear including outside of school hours.





Attendance Winners 03rd - 7th November 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 97.50% and Dosbarth 9 Mrs Emanuel in KS2 with 97.33%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	80.50	0	80.50	3 / 4	94.87	5	88.93
Reception	87.57	1	87.57			4	92.92
1	94.65	2	94.83	5 / 6	90.67	8	88.62
1 / 2	90.22	3	88.57			5 / 6	90
						11	88.62

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Ava B PM-Elijah	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Jake
Dosbarth 1-Mrs Lewis	Mason	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Thero
Dosbarth 2- Miss Dalton	Darcy-Mae	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Olivia
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones & Mrs Attewell	Caden	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Oliver
Dosbarth 4-	Jac	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	William
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Jamie and Logan
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Kai

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.19
4	95	92.97
5	95	92.93
6	95	94.37
7	95	96.15
8	95	90.41
9	95	93.81
10	95	93.60
11	95	93.60

Meithrin - Bendedig Meithrin for a super week of learning. You amazed us with your maths and creative skills linked to Remembrance Day. We would like to thank you for the support that showed with Children in need. The children all looked fantastic-they loved making and decorating Pudsey Bear biscuits. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 - Derbyn have been working very hard learning their lines and songs for their Christmas play. Every day, they have been practising together, using big voices and lots of expression to bring their parts

to life. The children are so excited to perform for their families and have been showing great enthusiasm and confidence as they remember their words and actions. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 2- This week, we have been busy finalising our learning about the senses to help us write detailed *Autumn poems*. The children have worked hard to include all their success criteria, and I am really looking forward to hearing them perform their poems! In Mathematics, we have been exploring *directional language*. We have started to follow instructions on maps and enjoyed discussing where our old school building used to be. The children are very interested in finding out what directions we would need to follow to get there – a wonderful way to bring our map work to life! Diolch yn fawr, have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 3 for another fantastic week of learning! The children have shown real maturity during our Remembrance assembly and activities this week and enjoyed exploring and creating poppies in different ways. Christmas concert lines have been sent out this week for practise at home, and more information posted on Class Dojo. Diolch for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 4 - Dosbarth Pedwar, you have had a wonderful time learning about Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance celebrations this week. You have created beautiful artwork using natural resources to show what you have learnt. *Diolch yn fawr* for the support from families at home in helping you practise our Christmas assembly lines. Please continue to do this as we look forward to sharing our work with you. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 5 & 6 7- Da iawn dosbarth 5+6 for another fantastic week of learning. This week you have been researching figures to create your own biographies, practising our skills with symmetry and reflection, and thinking about light in our science learning. We were so impressed with all of your questions about light sources! Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to continuing our investigations next week!

Dosbarth 8 - Da iawn for another brilliant week. A reminder of our trip to the Water Treatment centre on Thursday 20th November.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 - What a brilliant week we have had in Dosbarth 9 and 10! We have really enjoyed our sessions with DJ Suzie practising for Noddfa Christmas Carol concert in Year 6. Both classes really enjoyed our trip to Cilfynydd water treatment centre and had a fantastic time learning about how water is treated so we can safely drink it and also took part in some fun activities whilst learning about the water cycle. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 11 - What a wonderful week in dosbarth 11t. You have worked very hard and we look forward to the trip next week. Remember your packed lunch, sensible shoes and coats. Keep working on your learning logs and have a lovely weekend.

Community Notices



CHARITY NO. 1147232

Pantry will be OPEN
Thursday 20th November
10am at
Garnsychan Partnership
Community Resource Centre

NOW BASED AT CIRCULATE FURNITURE RECYCLING

Join us every Thursday and fill your basket
with 12 items from a selection of:

- Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
- A variety of household cupboard staples
- Herbs & Spice Refills
- Fridge & Freezer items also available!

NEW

Delivery service NOW
available for the Abersychan
& Garndiffaith Ward

- **£7 Collection**
- **£10 Delivery**

Find us at:
Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Est.
Blaenavon NP4 9RL
01495 774453



● WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ● GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN

MONDAY

10 am - 11am

Yoga - Cwmavon Village Hall
Baby & Me - Millenium Hall

10 am - Midday

Drawing & Talking - Coedwedd
Community Hub

12.30 - 2.30pm

Open art session - Coedwedd
Community Hub

1pm - 3pm

Wellbeing Through Stitch -
Cwmavon Village Hall

TUESDAY

10 am - 11am

Couch to 5km - Coedwedd
Community Hub

10 am - Midday

Coffee Morning - Trinity
Methodiest Church

10.30am - 11am

Tai Chi Talywain OAP Hall

11.30am - 12.30pm

Body Weight Exercise Class -
Millenium Hall

Midday - 2pm

Lunch club - Talywain Rugby
Club

2.30pm - 4.30pm

Pensioners Club - Victoria
Village Hall

WEDNESDAY

10 am - 11am

Tai Chi - Millenium Hall

10am - 2.30pm

Men's shed - Coedwedd
Community Hub

2pm - 4pm

Prize Bingo - Victoria Village
Hall

Cwmavon & Blaenavon
Crafters - Cwmavon Village
Hall

6pm - 8pm

Noddfa Teens - Noddfa
Church

8pm - 10pm

Old Time Modern Dancing -
Millenium Hall

THURSDAY

10am - 11.30am

Shelite (gentle exercise class) -
Millenium Hall

10am Start

Wellbeing Walk - Coedwedd
Community Hub

10am - Midday

Art for Everyone - Cwmavon
Village Hall

12.30pm - 2.30pm

Little Feet (parent and baby
group) - Noddfa Church

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Knifty Knitters - Millenium Hall

FRIDAY

9.30 - 10.30am

Pop in & Play (family with pre-
school children) - Millenium
Hall

10am - 11am

Tai Chi - Cwmavon Village Hall

10am - Midday

Feet-Up Friday - Noddfa
Church

10am - 2.30pm

Fun & Games - Coedwedd
Community Hub

6pm - 8pm

Noddfa Juniors - Noddfa
Church



The **Millennium Hall** are running 3 warm hubs on a weekly basis for the next few months.

Monday: 11am - 2pm will be just a warm hub (free refreshments and somewhere to go and have a chat)

Wednesday: 1pm - 4pm will be a film club (free to attend)

Saturday: 11am - 2pm will be a family film club (free to attend)

Victoria Village Hall:

Thursday: Cake and Company 11am - 1pm (free refreshments)

primary Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers Autumn 2025

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are nursery or primary school age (1-10 years old) in Torfaen.

Talks are targeted towards ALL parents - to help you best support your child's development & emotional well-being.

Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams and are delivered by NHS Psychologists.



with Dr Charlie Cowtan (Clinical Psychologist)

Monday 10th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing

Monday 17th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's development

Monday 24th November
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child to have a positive relationship with screens & devices

Monday 1st December
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school avoidance')



If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code

<https://forms.office.com/e/6MQAq9AMnn>



Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Aneurin Bevan University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers Gweithdy yn Nhorfaen ar gyfer rhieni a gofalwyr

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Child & Family Community Psychology

Torfaen Family Information Service

Free and impartial advice
for parents and carers



Providing information and support on a wide range of topics, such as **childcare, education, health, money and fun activities** for families with **children and young people aged 0-25**.



We can help you explore:

- Childcare options; Flying Start, Childcare Offer and nursery education
- Welsh medium education
- Activities, clubs and family fun
- Careers in childcare



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**CHRISTMAS
STAY & PLAY!**

Come along and join us for a magical
festive Stay & Play session! ✨

**THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE, SO
BE SURE TO BOOK EARLY TO SECURE YOUR SPOT!**

20TH DECEMBER ✨
12PM – 2PM

GARNDIFFAITH MILLENNIUM HALL

£10 PER CHILD | ADULTS GO FREE

Book with Kings Castles on Facebook

Featuring:

- Santa himself, handing out selection boxes to every child
- Christmas arts & crafts
- Snowman & reindeer mascots
- Festive music
- Bouncy castle, soft play, ride-ons, games & more!

Let's make it a Christmas to remember! ❤️

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](#)



New Monthly Workshop
Gweithdy
Misol 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



TALYWAIN
UNDER 8'S (YEAR 3)
RECRUITING NOW



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DAVID CLARK TALYWAIN RFC
 07746793655 EMLYN PARK
 NP4 7RQ

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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 Garsychan Partnership, 55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith, 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 Garsychan Partnership
- Every Tuesday morning at 10am
- Refreshments provided post session at Garsychan 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

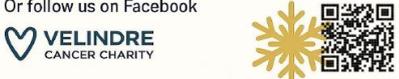


JOIN A ONE-OFF CHOIR PERFORMANCE THIS CHRISTMAS

- Raise money for Velindre Cancer Charity
- Professionally led
- Rehearse weekly on Tuesday evenings at Cardiff High School (starting 28th October)
- No auditions, no experience needed

CONCERT
SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM
THE PAGET ROOMS, PENARTH

To get involved, email us on
CorCommunity@outlook.com
Or follow us on Facebook



kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School