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Newsletter - 21st November 2025
Cylchlythyr - 21st 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

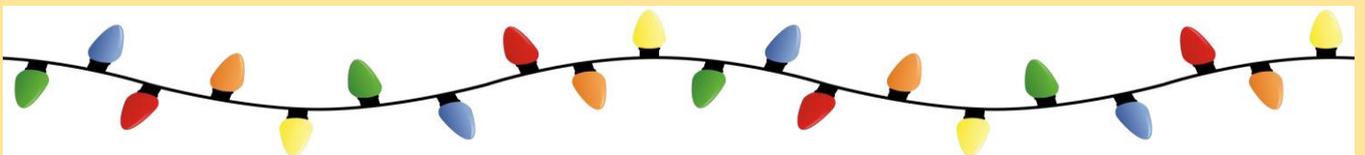
Friday 5th December 2025 at 10.30am - Year 6 Carol Service at Noddfa Church at 10.30am

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.

Children in Need 2025

Thank you for your kind donations for Children in Need 2025, we raised a total of £245.47



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.

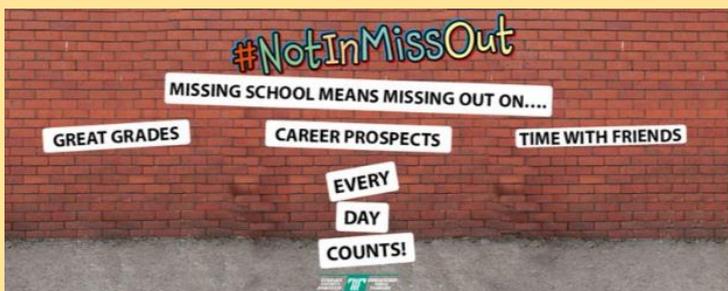
Full enforcement will begin on Monday 17th November, when any drivers parked in the excluded areas will be sent automatic penalty charge notices. The penalty notice charges will be £70, this can be reduced by 50% if paid within 14 days.

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 24th- 28th November 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Dalton who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 94.83% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips in KS2 with 98.28%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	86	0	86	3 / 4	96.67	5	96.07
Reception	88.06	1	88.06			6	95
		1	94.42	2	92.41	7	96.21
1 / 2	90.43					3	96.79
		4	88.44	5 / 6	92.33		
5 / 6	93.45			10	95.33	11	93.79

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Theo PM-Soraya	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Louise
Dosbarth 1-Mrs Lewis	Mia	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Ronan
Dosbarth 2- Miss Dalton	Charlie C	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Joseph
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones & Mrs Attewell	Lily B.	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Evan
Dosbarth 4-	Mila	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Lowri
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Jake
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Rose

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.53
4	95	92.54
5	95	93.22
6	95	94.43
7	95	96.16
8	95	90.40
9	95	93.64
10	95	91.63
11	95	93.62

Meithrin – Meithrin children have been busy exploring patterns and practising their early writing skills as they think about what makes a good friend. They enjoyed creating colourful repeating patterns using shapes and objects, showing great concentration and creativity. During their writing activities, the children shared lovely ideas about friendship—such as being kind, helping others, and playing together. Their work shows how they are growing not only in their learning but also in understanding how to care for one another. Just a reminder that our stay and play sessions are on Tuesday 16th December. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 – Derbyn has been working enthusiastically on learning their songs and remembering their lines, showing great focus and confidence during rehearsals. Alongside this, the children have been exploring the natural world, using leaves, twigs, and stones to create a variety of patterns. Their creativity and determination have been wonderful to see, as they carefully arrange the objects and experiment with different designs, developing both their artistic skills and their understanding of patterns in nature. Have a lovely weekend! Diolch!

Dosbarth 2 - Gwaith wow dosbarth dau. You have blown us away with your detail and perseverance to make your Autumn poems sparkle, you worked hard to add even more detail, focusing on your spelling and adding describing words. We have also used wonderful expanded on directional language to follow maps, direct beebots and create directions for our friends. What a great week of learning. Have a safe and lovely weekend. 😊

Dosbarth 3 - This week we have explored 2D shapes, naming and exploring their properties in our environment. We also took part in a science experiment and were amazed at the results. Da Iawn dosbarth tri! You have been working hard to learn your lines and songs for our Christmas concert. Please continue to practise at home ready for the big day on the 4th December 😊

Dosbarth 4 - What a ffantesteg week we have had in Dosbarth 4! We have been super busy practicing for our Christmas concert and we are so excited to show you our hard work! We have also written our own

instructions this week to tell someone how to cook and create items we have made in class. Please continue to practice lines at home. Our play is the 4th of December am.

Dosbarth 5 & 6 Da iawn everyone for another fantastic week. You have impressed us with the biographies you have written and your critical thinking skills when exploring light in science and technology. Just a reminder for all children to bring a coat as the weather is getting colder. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 7- Well done for another busy week in Dosbarth 7. Well done for winning the attendance award. Keep this going! Reminder to bring in Learning Logs and Reading books. Also, we will still be having PE sessions on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning. We will be having PE outside on Wednesday so pupils will need tracksuit or leggings for the outdoor session. Enjoy your weekend...

Dosbarth 8 - A fantastic week in Dosbarth 8, we had a fantastic time at our trip to Cylfynydd Water Treatment centre and the children were wonderful 😊 A reminder that the spaces for residential trip are filling up quickly, please ensure deposits are paid to secure your place. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 9 Da iawn dosbarth 9! This week we have explored money and budgeting in maths as well as different methods to calculate change. We have also had fun reading and writing our own limerick poems with humour. We have also enjoyed art this week and can't wait to continue our final pieces next week. A reminder that your child's residential trip is only secure if a deposit is paid, as stated on the letter. Another reminder to please practice weekly spellings where possible, and to continue the fabulous learning logs. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 10 - Da iawn dosbarth 10 for another fantastic week of learning. This week you have been researching the water cycle following our trip last week and have started work on sonnets. Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to starting our science investigations next week!

Dosbarth 11 - Another wonderful week, we thoroughly enjoyed our trip this week and your behaviour was wonderful as always. Please keep the residential letters for year 6 coming in ahead of the deadline on Monday 24th. Well done for all of your hard work this week, have a lovely weekend.

Community Notices

Putting your ideas into action
GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP
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	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
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	10 am - 11am Couch to 5km - Coedwedd Community Hub 10 am - Midday Coffee Morning - Trinity Methodist 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	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	FRIDAY	
10am - 11.30am Shelite (gentle exercise class) - Millenium Hall 10am Start Wellbeing Walk - Coedwedd Community Hub 10am - Midday Art for Everyonebe - Cwmavon Village Hall 12.30pm - 2.30pm Little Feet (parent and baby group) - Noddfa Church 1.30pm - 3.30pm Knifty Knitters - Millenium Hall	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)

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](#)



Coedwedd
Community Hub

Torfaen Family Information Service

Free and impartial advice for parents and carers



Torfaen Family Information Service
Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd

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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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
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Child & Family Community Psychology

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! 🍷



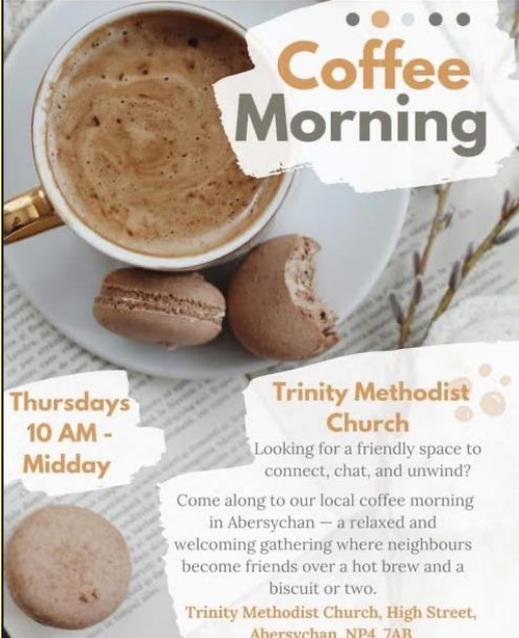
TALYWAIN

UNDER 8'S (YEAR 3)

RECRUITING NOW




DAVID CLARK TALYWAIN RFC
07746793655 EMLYN PARK
NP4 7RQ



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



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



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, Garndiffaith, NP4 6LH

Every Tuesday at 10am

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.

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



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kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School