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Newsletter - 28th November 2025
Cylchlythyr - 28th 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

December Diary



Every Friday in December is Christmas jumper day!
£1 donations appreciated just for the 5th of December



Wednesday 3rd December 2015 - National Elf Day

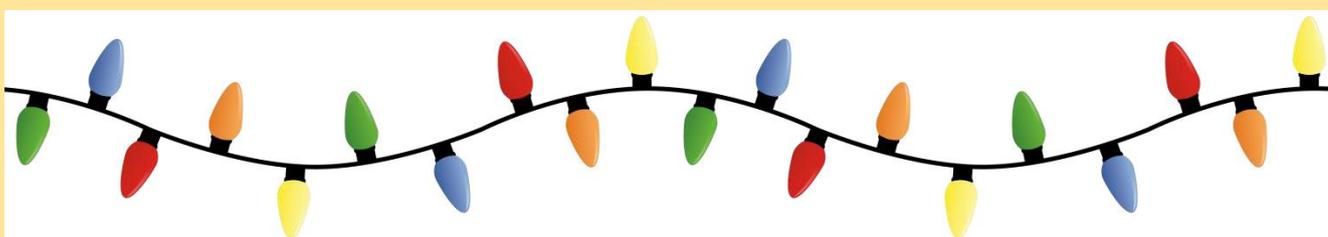
Thursday 4th December 2025 - Year 2 Class Assembly

Class 4 at 9.30am

Class 3 at 1.45pm



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



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

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your kind donations to this year's Poppy Appeal.



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!



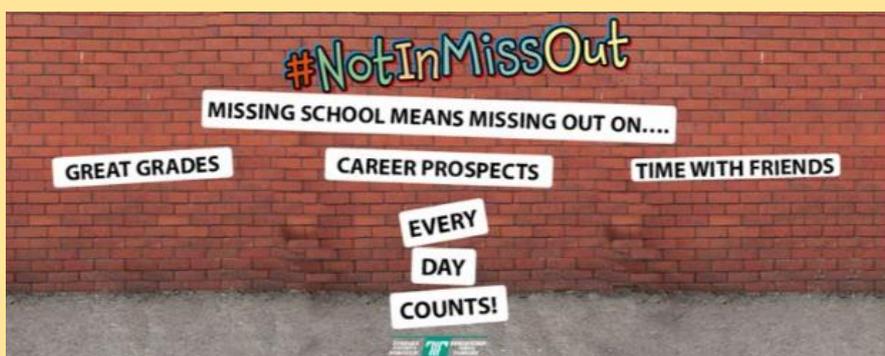
Children and Young Persons' £1 Bus Travel Scheme

From 1st September 2025, the Welsh Government introduced cheaper bus tickets for 16 - 21-year-olds with a MyTravel pass in Wales and some cross border services.

From **3 November 2025**, the **£1 single bus fare and £3 day ticket** will be extended to **5 - 15-year-olds** in Wales and some cross border services. 5 - 15-year-olds don't need a MyTravel pass to be eligible for the scheme.

Valid for the following bus services;

- **South Wales Transport**
- **Stagecoach South Wales**
- **Phil Anslow**
- **Cardiff Bus**
- **Newport Transport**



Attendance Winners 17th- 21st November 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 96.79% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips in KS2 with 96.21%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	85.15	0	85.15	3 / 4	89.23	5	90.71
Reception	92.86	1	92.86			6	89.33
		1	91.43	2	88.57	4	92.08
1 / 2	90.22					3	92.14
		4	91.56	5 / 6	87.07		
				5 / 6		10	89.33
						11	86.90

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Isaac-Wyn PM-Roman	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Georgia
Dosbarth 1-Mrs Lewis	Maliyah	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Isaac
Dosbarth 2- Miss Dalton	Eleanor	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Caleb
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones & Mrs Attewell	Noah	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Ariyan
Dosbarth 4-	Eva Lily	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Tomas B
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Bentley
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Ruan

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.41
4	95	92.46
5	95	93.01
6	95	94
7	95	95.83
8	95	90.52
9	95	93.30
10	95	91.43
11	95	93.04

Meithrin - What an amazing time that we have had in Meithrin this week looking at pictures of Garnteg Primary school 30 years ago to what it is like now. You impressed us with your creativity with making birthday cards, banners and building a new school in the block play. Just a quick reminder that snack is a £1.00 donation each week and that we have a fantastic stay and play workshop for parents and children on Tuesday 16th December for both morning and afternoon nursery. The children have been working hard on a surprise to share with as well as creating wonderful gifts that you are able to purchase in the foyer of nursery.

Dosbarth 1 - Derbyn class have been having a wonderful time learning all about when Garnteg was first built, 30 years ago! The children have enjoyed discovering how the school has changed over time and sharing their thoughts about what it might have been like back then. Alongside this, the class have been working incredibly hard practising their Christmas concert songs and lines. Everyone is singing beautifully and speaking with confidence, and we are all so excited to share our special performance with our parents, carers, and guardians very soon! Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 2- Dosbarth Dau have begun their Christmas festivities this week in class with their creative tasks, we have had some wonderful festive creations. We challenged our knowledge of 2D shapes and their properties, we were able to name a range of shapes, even extending onto trickier shapes like hexagon and pentagon. We have also used our enquiry skills to research how Garnteg Primary school looked 30 years ago, discussing the similarities and differences and creating our versions of the school using block play, clay and sewing. What a busy and wonderful week. Da iawn Dosbarth dau, have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 3 - This week, dosbarth tri have enjoyed their visit with caring canines - teaching the dog to fetch and catch a ball using directions and actions. Gwaith da! They have also written their own instructions and explored 2D regular and irregular shapes. Bendigedig to everyone who has learnt their lines for our Christmas Concert. We are very excited to show you on Thursday 4th November at 1:45pm. Please bring your costumes in by Monday 1st December 😊 Have a fabulous weekend.

Dosbarth 4 - What another great week in Dosbarth 4! We have been working really hard on our Christmas concert and using our stage directions to know where to stand correctly. We have also been busy making our ethical Christmas crafts ready for our concert too! Our Christmas concert is Next Thursday at 9.30am. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 5 & 6 - Da iawn Class 5+6 for another busy week of learning! This week we have been practising our multiplication skills, preparing our report writing skills using facts and captions, and investigating the best opaque, transparent and translucent materials in our science. Have a lovely weekend and see you all Monday!

Dosbarth 7- It has been another busy week in Dosbarth 7. We are planning to upcycle items as part of our Christmas project, so if you have any old wooden picture frames or jewellery boxes that the children could upcycle could they bring them into school. Also, a reminder that on Wednesday, we will be having our next session with the Gwent Dragons so can the children please remember their PE kits. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 - Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 8. We have started to plan and create our ethical Christmas decorations. If you have any cardboard tubes, old buttons, ribbon or cardboard boxes we would be really grateful for them. We will also need some pinecones to make our designs so would be grateful for any of these 😊 have a wonderful weekend!

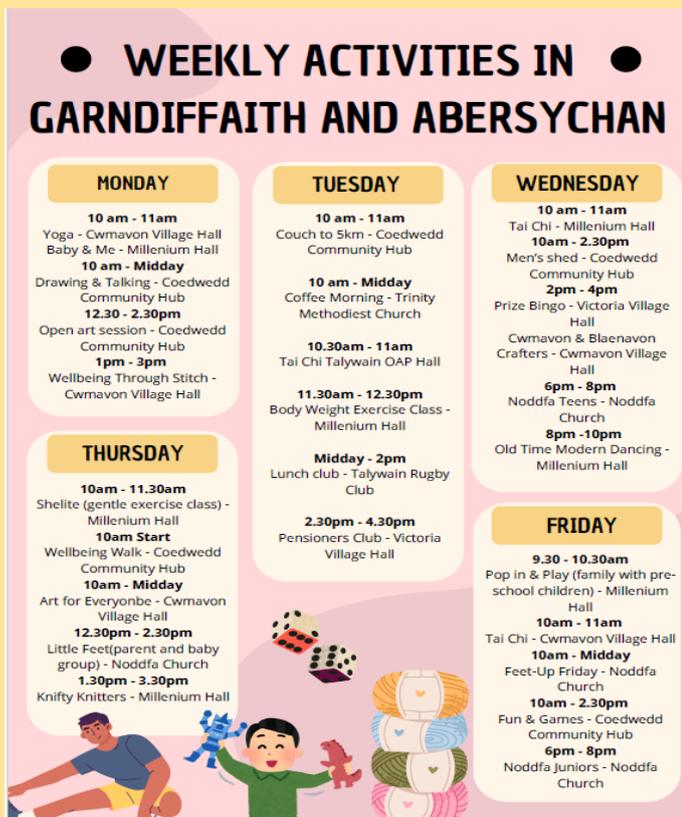
Dosbarth 9 - Da iawn Dosbarth 9, you have worked hard to complete some wonderful pieces of art this week. We have used Maths and Welsh skills in our topic work, creating line graphs and sentence work in Welsh.

Year 6 are looking forward to welcoming you all to our carol concert at Noddfa church on Friday 😊 Enjoy your weekend!

Dosbarth 10 - What an amazing week we have had in Dosbarth 10 this week! We have enjoyed learning about sonnets and have written our own versions relating them to our learning of the water cycle. Year 6 are looking forward to welcoming you to our carol concert at Noddfa on Friday- we would love to see you in your Christmas jumpers! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 11 - Da iawn Dosbarth 11, another great week. We are looking forward to welcoming loved ones to Noddfa church on Friday for our carol concert. Christmas jumpers and festive clothing is encouraged. Have a lovely weekend.

Community Notices



The poster is titled "WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN" and lists activities for each day of the week. It includes illustrations of a person running, a child with a toy horse, and a stack of colorful yarn balls.

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 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

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)

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](#)



theatre **ADHOC** /theatreadhoc @theatre.adhoc Theatre Adhoc presents

ROBIN HOOD

BLAENAVON'S MERRIEST PANTOMIME

DIRECTED BY HEATHER JACKSON
PRODUCED BY ANDREW PIPPEN
WRITTEN BY LYNDON HOUSE

Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

BOOK YOUR TICKETS AT theatreadhoc.co.uk

PERFORMANCE DATES 2025 TICKETS FROM

Friday 12th December | 7PM Adult £12
Saturday 13th December | 2PM & 7PM Concessions £8
Sunday 14th December | 2PM Group of Four £32

Design by Susan Beesford

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!

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



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>



GIG NHS WALES Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Aneurin Bevan University Health Board primary Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers Gweithdy yn Nharfaen ar gyfer rhieni a gofalwyr Seicoleg Cymunedol Plant a Theuluoedd Child & Family Community Psychology

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 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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INTRODUCTION TO BECOMING A SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR

WANT TO MAKE A SPLASH IN YOUR CAREER? TRY TORFAEN WORKS' NO COST TASTER SESSIONS.

No previous experience needed

Halo Leisure Torfaen are looking to recruit and train Swim instructors. Could you be the next?

If you are confident with basic swimming techniques, over 16, and a Torfaen resident this taster course could be for you.

Whats on offer

- Swim Wales Safeguarding training
- Customer Service training
- 5 taster sessions to explore the role
- Experience a real swimming lesson
- Funding available to complete the L2 Instructors training
- Guaranteed interview with Halo

Contact us for more information and to check your eligibility

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employability@torfaen.gov.uk

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PRIFWRISTIP KERID TORFAEN
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kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School