



## INSET DAYS

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026

## Important Dates

## December Diary

**DECEMBER 2025**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Elf Day	4 Year 2 Class Assembly	5 Year 6 concerts	6
7	8	9	10	11 Reception Class assembly	12 Christmas Event in the school hall	13
14	15	16 Nursery Christmas stay and play	17 Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumpers	18 Christmas Raffle	19 Last day of term	20
21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Boxing Day	27
28	29	30	31 New Years Eve			

**HALF TERM**  
19.12.25 TO 05.01.25

 **Every Friday in December is Christmas jumper or festive clothes**

**ELF DAY 03/12/2025**  
DRESS AS AN ELF

**RECEPTION ASSEMBLY**  
1.45PM - CLASS 1 MRS LEWIS

**YEAR 2 ASSEMBLY**  
9.30AM CLASS 4 MISS BROOKS

1.45PM CLASS 3 MISS BONES/MRS ATTEWELL

**YEAR 6 CONCERT**  
10:30AM AT NODDFA CHURCH

**NURSERY STAY AND PLAY**  
SANTA WILL BE VISITING NURSERY AND THERE WILL BE LOTS OF CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES



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



**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015 - National Elf Day**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Year 2 Class Assembly**

**Class 4 at 9.30am**

**Class 3 at 1.45pm**



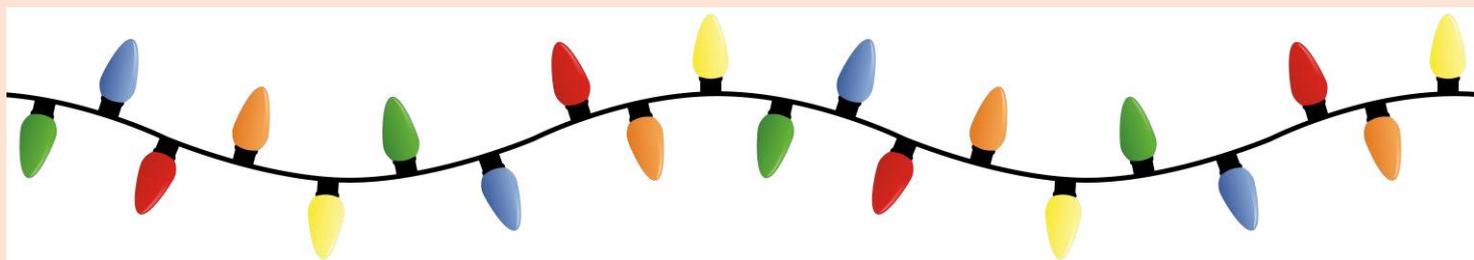
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10.30am - Year 6 Carol Service at Noddfa Church**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1.45pm - Reception Class Assembly**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 3.15pm - Christmas Event in the school hall**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Nursery stay and play - Christmas Activities**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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

### Garnteg Christmas Market

On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025, there is a Christmas market in our school hall at 3:15. Pupils have been busy collecting and making items to sell on stalls which also includes games, refreshments and a special visit from Santa. We look forward to seeing you there! 🎄

### Carols Under The Arch 2025

Our pupils have been working closely with Noddfa Church making items to sell at Carols Under the Arch on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 7:00pm, pupils will also be singing. This is a wonderful carol service which unites the whole community. We hope to see you there!



**21**

Sunday 21 December 2025 at 19:00 GMT

**Carols Under the Arch 2025**

Church Road,, NP47 EF

### 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!



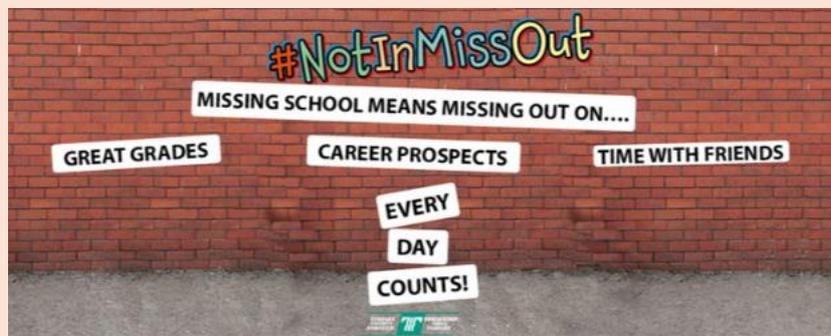
### Children and Young Persons' £1 Bus Travel Scheme

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 24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mrs Lewis who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 92.86% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips in KS2 with 92.72%

**WELL DONE! DA IAWN!**

**This week's attendance figures are**

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	77.61	0	77.61	3 / 4	94.36	5	95.36
Reception	85.63	1	85.63			6	94.33
		1	84.05	2	81.79	4	94.58
1 / 2	91.96			3	89.29	5 / 6	92
		4	92.81	9	93.33		
				5 / 6	92.24	10	95.33
						11	90.69

✿ Seren Yr Wythnos ✿

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Harper PM-Leo-Jay	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Archie
Dosbarth 1-Mrs Lewis	Tiago	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Chloe
Dosbarth 2- Miss Dalton	Elias	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Izzy
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones & Mrs Attewell	Everyone	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Grace
Dosbarth 4-	Whole Class	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Everyone
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Everyone

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.09
4	95	92.49
5	95	93.19
6	95	94.01
7	95	95.67
8	95	88.78
9	95	93.30
10	95	93.33
11	95	92.85

**Meithrin** - This week Nursery have been super busy with creating amazing Christmas gifts ready to sell at our morning and afternoon 'Stay and play' sessions-the children can't wait to show you. The children have impressed us with their super singing and how quick they have learnt the new songs-benedgedig pawb. Just a reminder that the morning session for stay and play on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December is 9.00am-11.30am and the afternoon session is 12.45pm-3.15pm where you will have an opportunity to purchase the wonderful gifts before coming into the nursery to complete activities with your children as well as meeting a special visitor. Have a lovely weekend

**Dosbarth 1** - Derbyn have been busy little elves this week, full of festive excitement and creativity! They have been hard at work making beautiful decorations and Christmas crafts, all ready to sell at our class Christmas concert. The children have shown such enthusiasm and imagination in their work, and we

are so proud of all their efforts. We can't wait for you to come and watch us sparkle and shine in our performance on Thursday, 11th December. Diolch for your continued support — have a lovely weekend!



**Dosbarth 2-** Dosbarth dau have had a wonderful week learning all about Garnteg Primary's now and 30 years ago to celebrate its birthday. We have seen some lovely sewing skills, block play building and clay crafting to create either building. We are feeling extremely festive, singing Christmas songs and have begun to create our Christmas cards ready to take home. Have a lovely weekend 😊

**Dosbarth 3** - A BIG Da Iawn dosbarth tri for your Amazing Christmas concert Performance! You have worked so hard practising your lines, learning the songs with actions, and making beautiful Christmas crafts for your family. You have been SO excited all week, and you were real superstars on the day! We are so proud of you all 😊 Diolch to families for your continued support! Have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 4** - A HUGE DA IAWN to everyone in Dosbarth pedwar this week!! Your determination, resilience and effort came across in a standout Christmas performance yesterday and we are so proud of you! A massive thank you to each and every one who came to see the show as it was a sellout performance! Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 5 & 6** Diolch Class 5+6 for another fantastic week of learning. This week we have been extending our skills of multiplication and learning new methods to help us solve times problems including doubling facts. We have also been developing our report writing skills and have used these to plan and write our own reports on Christmas themes of our own choices. Da iawn everyone! Have a lovely weekend and see you Monday!

**Dosbarth 7-** Da iawn, Dosbarth 7 for your hard work this week. Well done on having the best attendance in KS2 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in a row! It's now that exciting time with the build-up to Christmas, singing Christmas songs and planning our Christmas cards and Christmas craft. We are also looking forward to working with DJ Susie next week as we start to plan for our class assembly in January. Enjoy the weekend!

**Dosbarth 8** - Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 8, we have been busy getting our ethical Christmas decorations ready for next week. A big thank you for your donations of Christmas decorations, craft materials and pine cones 😊

**Dosbarth 9** -

**A massive bendigedig iawn for our Christmas concert year 6!** You were all brilliant and represented our school excellently.

We have all been busy this week making some ethical crafts for our stall next Friday, and we can't wait to see you there! Have a wonderful weekend! 😊

**Dosbarth 10** - A huge Da Iawn, Year 6! Your Christmas concert was absolutely fantastic. You put in so much effort learning your lines, practising the songs and the sign language. Your enthusiasm all week has

been amazing, and you truly shone on the day! We are incredibly proud of every one of you 😊 **Diolch** to our families for their continued support. Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 11** - Arddechog Blywddyn 6 for a wonderful Christmas concert. You were all absolutely fantastic! You all shone like the stars that you are and we are incredibly proud of you 😊 have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas Fayre next Friday.

## Community Notices

**TORFAEN TALKS**

# CAKE AND COMPANY

On Christmas Day

Join us on Christmas Day in a warm, welcoming space to relax, chat, and enjoy a slice (or two!) of something sweet with a cuppa.

Christmas Day  
3pm-5pm

Victoria Village Hall, Cwmavon Road,  
Abersychan, NP4 8PU

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[www.torfaentalkscic.org.uk/cake](http://www.torfaentalkscic.org.uk/cake)

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH

**Cylch Meithrin**  
Abersychan

**PRE-SCHOOL CARE & EDUCATION**  
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ADDYSG TRWY'R IAITH CYMRAEG

**ALL DAY CHILDCARE 9-3, WHICH CAN INCLUDE.....**  
GOFAL PLANT DRWY'R DYDD 9-3, YN CYNNWYS.....

**CHILDREN FROM 2 YEARS OLD**  
FREE 12.5hrs AVAILABLE ON THE FLYING START SCHEME  
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**CHILDREN FROM 3 YEARS OLD**  
COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM LOCAL NURSERIES SERVICE  
YOU CAN USE WITH THE 30 hour CHILDCARE OFFER WALES  
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**PLUS EARLY BIRD START AT 8.30**  
AND LUNCH CLUB  
ADDITIONAL CHARGES APPLY

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PHONE 01495 773302



## ● WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ● GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>10 am - 11am</b> Yoga - Cwmavon Village Hall Baby & Me - Millenium Hall <b>10 am - Midday</b> Drawing & Talking - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>12.30 - 2.30pm</b> Open art session - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>1pm - 3pm</b> Wellbeing Through Stitch - Cwmavon Village Hall	<b>10 am - 11am</b> Couch to 5km - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>10 am - Midday</b> Coffee Morning - Trinity Methodist Church <b>10.30am - 11am</b> Tai Chi Talywain OAP Hall <b>11.30am - 12.30pm</b> Body Weight Exercise Class - Millenium Hall <b>Midday - 2pm</b> Lunch club - Talywain Rugby Club <b>2.30pm - 4.30pm</b> Pensioners Club - Victoria Village Hall	<b>10 am - 11am</b> Tai Chi - Millenium Hall <b>10am - 2.30pm</b> Men's shed - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>2pm - 4pm</b> Prize Bingo - Victoria Village Hall Cwmavon & Blaenavon Crafters - Cwmavon Village Hall <b>6pm - 8pm</b> Noddfa Teens - Noddfa Church <b>8pm - 10pm</b> Old Time Modern Dancing - Millenium Hall
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
<b>10am - 11.30am</b> Shelite (gentle exercise class) - Millenium Hall <b>10am Start</b> Wellbeing Walk - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>10am - Midday</b> Art for Everyone - Cwmavon Village Hall <b>12.30pm - 2.30pm</b> Little Feet (parent and baby group) - Noddfa Church <b>1.30pm - 3.30pm</b> Knifty Knitters - Millenium Hall	<b>9.30 - 10.30am</b> Pop in & Play (family with pre-school children) - Millenium Hall <b>10am - 11am</b> Tai Chi - Cwmavon Village Hall <b>10am - Midday</b> Feet-Up Friday - Noddfa Church <b>10am - 2.30pm</b> Fun & Games - Coedwedd Community Hub <b>6pm - 8pm</b> 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](http://CoedweddCommunityHub.org)



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PRODUCED BY ANDREW PIPPEN  
WRITTEN BY LYNDON HOUSE

Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

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PERFORMANCE DATES 2025  
Friday 12th December | 7PM  
Saturday 13th December | 2PM & 7PM  
Sunday 14th December | 2PM

TICKETS FROM  
Adult £12  
Concessions £8  
Group of Four £32

Image by Simon Boothall

# 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!

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 10<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child's development
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 - 10:30am**  
Supporting your child to have a positive relationship with screens & devices
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

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Child & Family Community Psychology



**TorfaenWORKS**  
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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

01633 647 743  
employability@torfaen.gov.uk




# Torfaen Family Information Service

Free and impartial advice for parents and carers



Torfaen Family Information Service  
Gwasanaeth Gwybodaeth / Deuluoeddi

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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kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School