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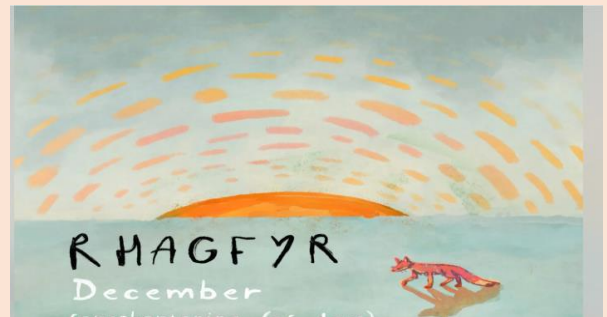
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Newsletter - 05th December 2025

Cylchlythyr - 05th December 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

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 3rd December 2015 - National Elf Day

Thursday 4th December 2025 - Year 2 Class Assembly

Class 4 at 9.30am

Class 3 at 1.45pm



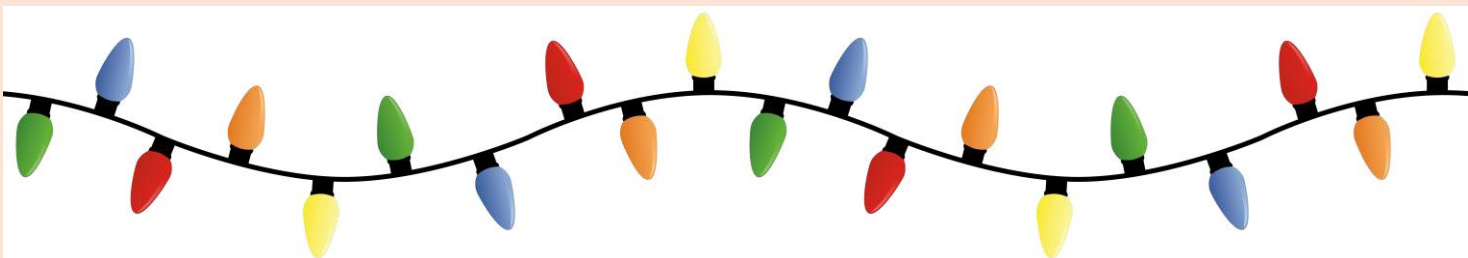
Friday 5th December 2025 at 10.30am - Year 6 Carol Service at Noddfa Church

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

Garnteg Christmas Market

On Friday 12th 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 21st 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!



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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 24th - 28th 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
				4	94.58	7	93.79
1	84.05	2	81.79				
1 / 2	91.96	3	89.29	5 / 6	92	8	88.97
		4	92.81	5 / 6	92.24	9	93.33
						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-bendegedig pawb. Just a reminder that the morning session for stay and play on Tuesday 16th 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 3rd 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.

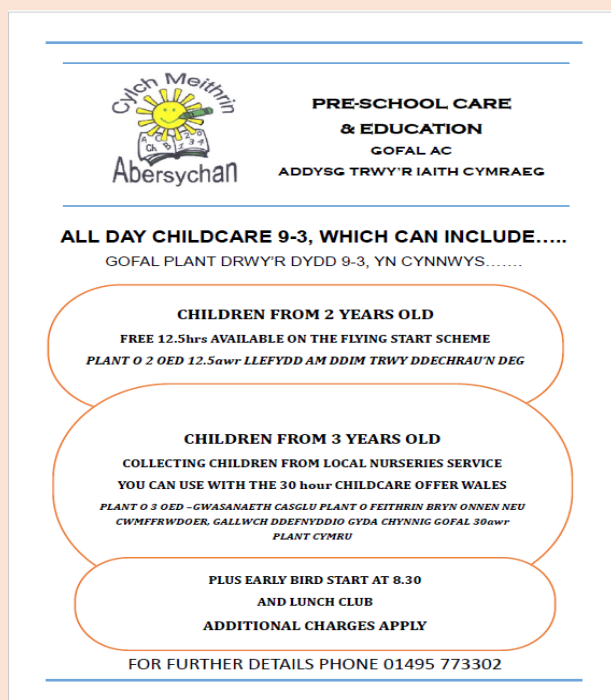
Christmas Day 3pm-5pm

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

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

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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
PLANT O 3 OED - GWASANAETH CASGLU PLANT O FEITHRIN BRYN ONNEN NEU CWMFFRWDOER, GALLWCH DDEFNYDDIO GYDA CHYNNIG GOFAL 30awr PLANT CYMRU

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				
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 Shelita (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.

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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

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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

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- Santa himself, handing out selection boxes to every child
- Christmas arts & crafts
- Snowman & reindeer mascots
- Festive music
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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
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- Fridge & Freezer items also available!

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- £7 Collection
- £10 Delivery

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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>

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Whats on offer

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

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your eligibility

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for parents and carers

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Family Information Service
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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