



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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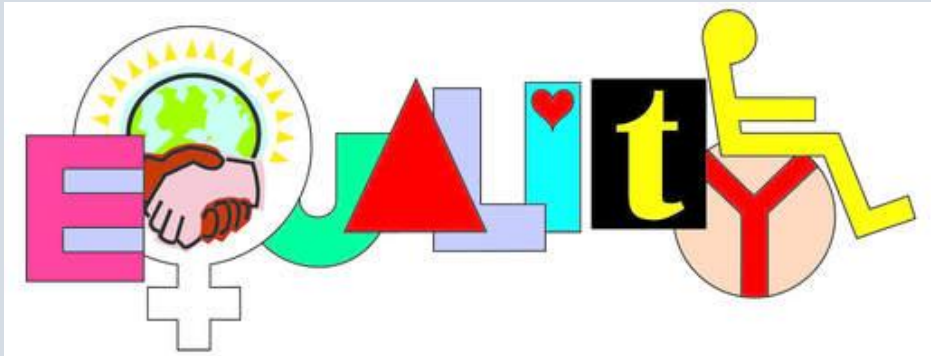
www.garntegprimary.co.uk



Newsletter - 23rd January 2026

Cylchlythyr - 23rd Ionawr

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

INSET DAYS

Friday 13th March 2026 - Cluster Inset Day

Monday 13th April 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

Term Dates - 2025/2026 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

Tesco Stronger Starts



Please can we ask you to support Garnteg Primary when visiting Tesco's Pontypool by adding blue tokens to our slot in the Stronger Starts box which is in front of the self-service check out. We are hoping to get lots of new outdoor and cooking resources for our pupils with the money we receive. Once again, thank you for your support.

Parking Notices

A polite reminder during drops off and pick up times, the Millenium Hall is available to park in. Please be mindful residents and the safety of children when parking.

Late Arrivals

If pupils arrive at 9:00am and after, please can all Parents & Carers (or whoever brings them to school) take them to the school office for their registration mark and lunch choice. Pupils need to be handed over to office staff. Can Parents & Carers please let other adults who bring children to school know this information too.

Residential trips

A reminder that Year 5 and 6 residential trip payments must be paid before the end of March 2026. Parents/Carers can make instalments. Thank you!

Food and Wellbeing Camp

The poster is for a 'Food and Wellbeing Camp' held at Garnteg Primary School. It features a red background with white and yellow text. At the top left, there are logos for Torfaen County Borough and the Welsh Government. The main title 'FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP' is in large, bold, white letters with a red outline. Below the title, the dates 'Tuesday 17th February', 'Wednesday 18th February', and 'Thursday 19th February' are listed, along with the time '10:00am - 3:00pm' and the age range 'Age 5 to 11 years'. A green circular badge with the text 'FREE OF CHARGE' is prominently displayed. To the right of the text, there are two photographs: one showing children playing on a wooden structure and another showing two children making peace signs. At the bottom left, there is a QR code and the text 'Pre booking required'. Below the QR code, it says 'Please use the QR code to pre book' and 'For more information please contact: torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk'. At the bottom, there are social media handles for Instagram (@chwaraeortorfaenplay), Facebook (Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play), and X (@torfaenplayservice), along with the website torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk. A small logo for Pontypool Community Council is also present at the bottom right.

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP

Tuesday 17th February
Wednesday 18th February
Thursday 19th February
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED
DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

Garnteg Primary School
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith,
Pontypool, NP4 7SJ

Pre booking required
Please use the QR code to pre book
For more information please contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

FREE OF CHARGE

@chwaraeortorfaenplay **Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play**
@torfaenplayservice **torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk**

Pontypool Community Council
Cynghor Cymuned Pontypŷl

Application

School Messaging and Communication

Thank you to all parents and carers

We have had a good response to the messaging books at the gates in the mornings this has allowed quick and easy ways to pass on messages to classes.

Please remember parents will need to ensure with their child in the morning the gate pick up. The school can no longer take messages in the afternoon with a change of gate if this happens, parents will be responsible for walking to the correct gate pick up and your child will stay with the teacher until you collect.

Important message for parents and carers:

We are in the process of updating our information on the school website to assist you all with making our information more accessible.

For example, all class handbooks and school prospectus can now be found on the class pages and main policy sections.

In the forthcoming weeks we will be sharing some information on new policies that have been written with you we would be grateful if you could give us your feedback on these as we publish them.

Class DO JO will still be used to upload other information on a weekly basis, but we hope this will give parents and carers another quick and easy channel to download documents and anything you should require

The link to the website can be found below

[Home | Garnteg Primary School](#)

The link to the school prospectus and policies and documents can be found below



[School Prospectus | Garnteg Primary School](#)

[School Policies & Documents | Garnteg Primary School](#)

The link to the attendance policy can also be found below

[Attendance Policy 2025-26](#)

Diary Dates

 Community Support in School! 

Citizens Advice will be available in the school hall on **Tuesday 17th March 2026 from 2-4pm.**

Their family advice project is here to provide support, answers, and guidance.

We hope to see you there; refreshments will be available! ☺ 🍷

Brighter Futures Together South Wales

Citizens Advice Torfaen provide confidential and impartial advice on a range of areas including:

- Debt
- Benefits
- Housing
- Employment
- Family

Working in partnership with local schools, we are pleased to deliver a family advice project which sets out an aim to tackle child poverty through delivery of advice and support to parents/guardians at schools across the county.

You can meet with our dedicated advisor at Garnteg Primary School on the following dates:

20/01/2026 02pm-04pm
17/03/2026 02pm-04pm
21/04/2026 02pm-04pm
19/05/2026 02pm-04pm
16/06/2026 02pm-04pm

Alternatively if you can't make it, give us a call:

01633 973570

WhatsApp

07562685212



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Torfaen



LEARN
LOVE
SHARE

NODDFA JUNIORS

FRIDAYS 6-8PM
TERM-TIME

FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL
AGED CHILDREN

MAKE NEW FRIENDS
EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY
ASK QUESTIONS

Team
AWARDS

Individual
PRIZES

Cost
FREE

Activities

- ✓ Storytelling & Crafts
- ✓ Games and Singing
- ✓ Tuck Shop
- ✓ Pizza and snacks
- ✓ Seasonal trips

Noddfa Church

Abersychan
NP4 7EF

All are welcome

You do not need to be a
"Christian" to come.



More Information www.NoddfaChurch.com



FREE TUITION GET AHEAD

Key Stage 2-4

MONDAYS 4-6PM

A drink and a snack when you arrive

LEARNING MADE FUN

Interactive sessions to help make learning fun.
Games and Quizzes that will help you in every
subject across the curriculum

HOMEWORK HELP

Come with questions and we can help you
to answer them for yourself.

QUALIFIED TEACHERS

Volunteers from Noddfa Church with
experience in teaching are giving up their time
to offer free tuition.

www.NoddfaChurch.com

(Homeschoolers welcome)



Talk to your children about Water Safety!

Flooding and ice in winter can be dangerous for children. Keep your children safe and talk to them about water safety.



STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE



- Keep back from slippery banks.
- Never walk or play on ice.
- Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks during daylight.
- Avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS CLOSE



- Teach children to stay off the ice and avoid floodwater.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE



- Keep calm and call for help.
- Float on your back until you feel calm, then try to climb out.
- If you cannot climb out, continue to float and keep your head clear of the water.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE - CALL 999



- Do not enter cold water, ice, or flood water to rescue someone.
- Assist from a safe distance. Use rescue equipment, something that floats or something that could help such as a rope or tree branch.

ENJOY THE WINTER SAFELY!



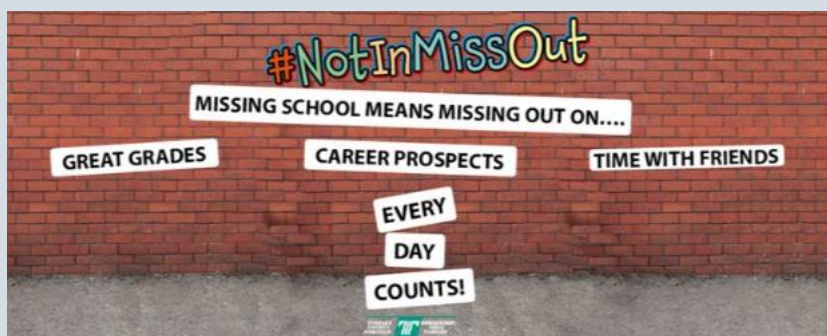
FLOOD SAFETY UPDATES

Sign up for flood warnings on the
[Natural Resources Wales website](https://naturalresources.wales/flooding/sign-up-to-receive-flood-warnings)

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Stay informed about
weather conditions
and flood warnings.





Attendance Winners 12th-16th January 2026

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messorre who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 97.50% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Lee for KS2 with 96%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	83.70	0	83.70	3 / 4	93.33	5	94.29
Reception	92.22	1	92.22			6	90.33
				4	94.38	7	97.24
1	85.36	2	85.36				
1 / 2	95.22	3	93.93	5 / 6	89.18	8	86.55
		4	95.63	5 / 6	93.45	9	89.68
						10	95.33
						11	93.45

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92
4	95	91.67
5	95	92.68
6	95	92.22
7	95	94.96
8	95	88.90
9	95	92.91
10	95	93.52
11	95	92.62

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Ava R PM- Oscar	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Chloe
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Edith	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Evan
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Solar	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Whole class
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Tyger	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Maison
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Beatrice	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Jacob G
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Jamie
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Maximus

Meithrin - Bendedig Meithrin for a super week of learning. You have enjoyed taking part in the schools big birdwatch this week. You impressed us when you made some bird feeders using oranges and the seed. Also, you have had fun making your own birds in the creative and play dough areas in nursery. You are all enjoying exploring our new post office role play area and using your mark making skills to write letters and postcards. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 1 - Gwaith da Derbyn. Reception have had a fantastic week exploring all things birds! They designed and made their own colourful birds in the creative area, went birdwatching around the school grounds, and followed instructions carefully to make bird feeders. Have a wonderful weekend! Diolch from Derbyn staff. 😊

Dosbarth 2- Gwaith wow pawb! This week we have continued to research our topic 'Dragon's Roar Children Soar'. You have used your ICT skills to research an interesting fact about dragons. We have also enjoyed looking into the settings within the tale of the Red Dragon and used wonderful descriptive language within our sentence. We then used our descriptive language knowledge to then create your own dragon's using AI. We look forward to our trip on Monday 26th January, please remember to send your child into school with full uniform and waterproofs on this day. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Da Iawn Dosbarth tri for another fantastic week of learning. This week, we have been exploring the setting of Caerphilly Castle. We used wow words and adjectives to describe different parts of the castle. We also took part in a dance lesson for PE and learnt a traditional Welsh dance. Gwaith da! Please remember to send your child into school with sensible shoes, a waterproof coat, a full school uniform and a backpack for our trip to Caerphilly Castle on Friday 30th January. Diolch! 😊

Dosbarth 4 - Gwaith da dosbarth 4! This week we have continued to learn about money and how we would pay for items using different coins. You have really used your resilience this week and shown how

determined you are! We have also been really creative and are using resources to create 3d castles ready for our school trip next week. We are watching the weather forecast for our school trip, and we will keep you updated throughout next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 – Bendigedig Class 5 for a very musical week this week! We have been learning about musical terms and responding to different music we have heard through visual scores and soundscapes. In our literacy we have been writing our diary entries and in maths we have been learning to measure accurately. Please remember to bring back your learning logs at least once every two weeks. Please let us know if you have any problems with these.

Dosbarth 6 – Da iawn for another fantastic week. We have been busy listening to classical music and famous composers for our topic this week. In Literacy we have been writing our diary entries linked to our class story and in maths have been looking at measure and understanding how to measure accurately. A reminder that our class will be visiting Pontypool Library on Monday, please ensure learners are dressed in uniform and have coats appropriate for the weather. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 7– What a busy week! Thank you to everyone who attended our class assembly this week. The children really did us all proud. Look out soon for the radio broadcast of the assembly! Please remember to start bringing in your new learning logs and home readers to change. Also, a reminder on PE kits. The children will need a PE kit on a Wednesday and Thursday in school. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 8 – A wonderful week in Dosbarth 8. We have enjoyed finding out and exploring the origin of Marvel superheroes and researching facts and data about these countries. Dosbarth 8's map skills have been fantastic! A reminder to return any swimming letters as soon as possible, many thanks 😊

Dosbarth 9 – What a brilliant week it's been in Dosbarth 9! We're thoroughly enjoying our new topic, **Myths and Marvel**, where we've been discovering how ancient gods inspired Marvel and how each film teaches an important moral lesson. Please remember to return learning logs each week so dojos can be given out.

Dosbarth 10 – What a lovely week we have had in Dosbarth 10! We are thoroughly enjoying our new topic Myths and Marvel and have researched how the ancient Gods were an inspiration to the Marvel creators and how each film has a moral behind it. Please could children bring back their learning logs each week for their dojos to be awarded.

Dosbarth 11 – Class 11 have had another excellent week exploring our new topic 'Myths & Marvel' by comparing ancient Gods and Marvel characters to see how they are similar and how they differ. Please could we have a big push on homework learning logs this weekend to earn those dojos. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all on Monday 😊



Have your say.
Help shape the garden.

4th February 3pm - 5pm
Former Victoria Primary School, Abersychan

Come along and meet the teams behind Victoria Village Garden and have your say on the community plans.

We're inviting local residents to share ideas, ask questions, and help shape a new green space for wellbeing, nature and community.

Garden



● 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

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](#)

Weekly Schedule

Monday 10am - 3pm	Drawing & Talking 10am - Midday Open House Art 12:30 - 14:30
Tuesday 10am - 3pm	To Be Confirmed
Wednesday 10am - 3pm	Coffee Morning 10:00 - Midday Men's Shed (Social & Workshop) 10:00 - 14:30
Thursday 10am - 3pm	Social Walk 10:30 - 13:00
Friday 10am - 3pm	Fun & Games 10am - 14:30

Coedwedd Community Hub

Wellness in the Workshop
Wellbeing Walks
Coffee Mornings
Social Garden
Drawing & Talking

"Strangers are just friends we haven't met yet"

"Mae dieithriaid yn ffrindiau nad ydym wedi cwrdd â nhw eto"

info@coedwedd.org

Coedwedd Community Hub

Stanley Road
Garndiffaith, NP4 7LY
(opposite Premier shop)

Coedwedd Community Hub

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 Garnsychan 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 Garnsychan Partnership
- Every Tuesday morning at 10am
- Refreshments provided post session at Garnsychan 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

PONTYPOOL!

FootiCubs
EARLY YEARS FOOTBALL

AGES 18MTHS - 5YRS

BASED INDOORS AT GARNDIFFAITH HALL, NP4 7LT EVERY SATURDAY!

FREE TRIAL!



www.footicubs.co.uk/early-years

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

Contact us for more information and to check your eligibility

01633 647 743
employability@torfaen.gov.uk

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Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School