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Newsletter - 13th February 2026
Cylchlythyr - 13th Chwefror 2026

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

March

Monday 2nd March 2026 - Garnteg School Eisteddfod

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - Garnteg School Eisteddfod

Please can all 3D models for the Eisteddfod be brought in by the last week of February.

Friday 6th March 2026 - World Book Day

Tuesday 17th March 2026 - Citizens Advice Service in school hall 2pm-4pm

Thursday 19th March 2026 - Year 5 Residential Parent Meeting at 3.15pm

Monday 23rd March 2026 - Class 2 Easter Assembly

Monday 23rd March 2026 - Parents Consultations

Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Parents Consult

Thursday 26th March 2026 - Easter Headgear parade

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

We wish you all a lovely and restful half term. Da iawn pawb for your hard work this term

 We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 23rd February 2026.

Home Readers

If you have any school reading books at home, please can these be returned to school as soon as possible. It is important that home readers are returned to school each week so they can be given to other pupils. Many thanks.

Tesco Stronger Starts



Parking Notices

A polite reminder during drops off and pick up times, the Millennium 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!

Headlice Information

Please can parents/carers be aware of checking children's hair for headlice.

If you do find head lice, commence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will prevent head lice from spreading.

Keep checking every 2 days until there are no lice found for 10 consecutive days.

Food and Wellbeing Camp

Notice of parking

Due to road closure on Hillcrest please can parents/carers use the Millenium Hall carpark and bottom gate for food and wellbeing camp during half term.



The poster is for a 'Food and Wellbeing Camp' organized by 'Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service'. It features a red and yellow design with a large 'FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP' title. The camp is scheduled for Tuesday 17th February, Wednesday 18th February, and Thursday 19th February, from 10:00am to 3:00pm, for children aged 5 to 11 years. A 'FREE OF CHARGE' lunch is provided. The camp is located at 'Garnteg Primary School, Hillcrest, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7SJ'. A QR code is provided for pre-booking. The poster includes images of children playing on a wooden climbing structure and two children making peace signs. The Torfaen Play logo is at the top right, and social media links for Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter are at the bottom.

School Messaging and Communication

Use of 'X' (Twitter)

After February half term we will no longer be using X as a platform to share information and class posts. We will be moving over to Instagram as our main platform. We will share our new pages with you once these have been set up.

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.

If your child attends breakfast club and you have messages to pass on, please can these be given to the main office so that they can be passed on 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.

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

   Torfaen

Noddfa Church



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)



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

A allai fod yn sepsis?

Could it be sepsis?

Mae sepsis yn gyflwr sy'n peryglu bywyd. Gorymateb y system imiwnedd i haint neu anaf.

Symptomau plant

- Byddant yn anadlu'n gyflym iawn
- Byddant yn cael 'ffifl'
- Yw eu croen yn edrych yn frith, yn las, neu os byddant yn edrych yn welw iawn
- Oes ganddynt frech nad yw'n pylu pan fyddwch chi'n rhoi pwysau amo
- Byddant yn swrth iawn neu'n anodd eu deffro
- Byddant yn teimlo'n anarferol o oer pan fyddwch yn eu cyffwrdd

Symptomau oedolion

Llefydd aneglur neu ddryswnch
Cryndod eithafol neu boen yn y cyhyrau
Pasio dim wrin (mewn diwrnod)
Diffyg anadl dirifol
Teimlo eich bod chi am farw
Croen brith neu liw anarferol

Gall newidiadau i liw ymddangos mewn mannau â phigmentau goleuach, megis y tu mewn i fraich neu gledrau'r llaw, mewn pobl sydd â chroen twyllach.

Amau sepsis?

Ceisiwch gymorth meddygol ar frys.

Ffoniwch 999 neu ewch i'r
Adran Achosol Brys yn Ysbyty
Athrofaol y Faenor.

Os ydych yn poeni am haint ond nad ydych yn amau sepsis, ffoniwch 111.

Sepsis is a **life-threatening condition**. It is the immune system's overreaction to an infection or injury.

Child symptoms

- Are breathing very fast
- Have a 'fit' or convolution
- Look mottled, bluish, or very pale
- Have a rash that does not fade when you press it
- Are very lethargic or difficult to wake
- Feel abnormally cold to touch

Adult symptoms

Slurred speech or confusion
Extreme shivering or muscle pain
Passing no urine (in a day)
Severe breathlessness
It feels like you're going to die
Skin mottled or discoloured

Darker pigmented skin may show colour changes in more lightly pigmented areas, like the inside of the forearm or palms.

Suspect sepsis?

Seek medical help urgently.

Call 999 or visit the **Emergency Department at The Grange University Hospital.**

If you're worried about an infection but don't suspect sepsis, call 111.



Sganiwch y cod QR i gael rhagor o wybodaeth.



To find out more, scan the QR code.

blpab.glg.cymru/sepsis sepsistrust.org abuhb.nhs.wales/sepsis



Attendance Winners 02nd-06th February 2026

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Dalton who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 95.31% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Lee for KS2 with 97

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are



Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.04	0	87.04	3 / 4	91.03	5	93.57
Reception	91.94	1	91.94			6	88.33
				4	93.54	7	95.52
1	91.43	2	91.43			8	82.76
1 / 2	95.43	3	91.43	5 / 6	90.16	9	94.84
		4	95.94			10	95.67
				5 / 6	91.18	11	88.89

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.23
4	95	91.96
5	95	92.87
6	95	92
7	95	94.87
8	95	88.39
9	95	92.55
10	95	93.08
11	95	92.30

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Chester PM- Ava S	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Freddie
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Ffion	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Georgia
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Felicity	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Joseph
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Myla	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Talia
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Adaleigh	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Aliya
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Dayton & Jamie
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Jaydee-Leigh

Meithrin – Gwaith bendegedig pawb for an amazing week of completing your Eisteddfod entries in school. You have impressed us with how creative you have been especially with the artwork. Just a reminder that the craft homework based on the theme of 'What Wales means to me' and that it needs to be returned by Monday 23rd February ready for judging. We hope you have a lovely half term.

Dosbarth 1 – The Reception children have been working incredibly hard on their handwriting in preparation for the Eisteddfod. They have been concentrating carefully on forming their letters correctly, taking their time to make each word neat and clear. As part of their writing, they created their own wonderful versions of the story *Dilwyn the Dragon*, showing great imagination and creativity. It has been lovely to see how much pride they are taking in their work, and how their confidence as young writers is growing every day. We hope everyone enjoys the half-term break and has lots of fun making their Eisteddfod craft! Diolch. ☺

Dosbarth 2 - We have worked extremely hard this week working on our Eisteddfod entries. After exploring the Tale of the Red Dragon, we created our own tales into story books. We are blown away with the final creations. Alongside this, have begun our artwork. Your creativity has shone through the creation of emblems, dragons and castles all linking to our topic 'Dragon's Roar, Children Soar'. A kind reminder that children are invited to create their own craft entry at home based on their Welsh knowledge, this may link to our recent trip to Caerphilly castle or something they have learnt about whilst exploring our class topic.

Dosbarth 3 - Gwaith da Dosbarth tril! Super effort from you all this week in preparation for our School Eisteddfod. We have created our mythical stories in creative ways and they look Bendigedig! 😊 You have also worked hard on your handwriting and recitals. A reminder to bring in your Welsh craft on 23rd February ready for judging. This can be linked to Caerphilly Castle or something about Wales. We loved our Valentines Disco too ❤️ Have a great half term and thank you for your continued support.

Dosbarth 4 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 4! We have been really working hard to get our entries ready for our school Eisteddfod. Your myths are looking fantastic, and you have really taken your time with them. A reminder that the children can complete a craft entry at home on Wales or their trip to Caerphilly Castle and bring it into school after half term for their craft entry in the School Eisteddfod. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 5 - Diolch for a fantastic last week of half term! We have been busy getting ready for our school Eisteddfod and have been working hard on our entries! A reminder that the children can complete a craft entry at home on "What Wales means to me" and bring it into school after half term for their craft entry in the School Eisteddfod. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 6 - Da iawn for another fantastic week in dosbarth 6! We are now preparing for the school Eisteddfod and have been working very hard on our entries for the competition. A reminder that the children can complete a craft entry at home on "What Wales means to me" and bring it into school after half term for their craft entry in the School Eisteddfod. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 7 - It has been a very busy week in class working on our Eisteddfod entries. Reminder that the pupils can complete their craft entries at home over the half term and bring into school after the break. The theme is "What Wales means to me." I look forward to seeing how creative you have been when your entries come in. Enjoy your half term break and see you back in the classroom on Monday 23rd February.

Dosbarth 8 - Bendigedig Dosbarth 8, another wonderful week in class. We have been working hard on our Eisteddfod entries this week, creating different genres of writing based on Wales and creating our own artwork. You have all worked so hard and we are so proud of you! A reminder that after half term Year 5 will be starting swimming every Wednesday. We hope you have an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing lots of Eisteddfod crafts coming into school on our return. This can be anything based on the theme "What Wales means to me" 😊

Dosbarth 9 – Da iawn to dosbarth 9 on their hard work towards their Eisteddfod entries. We look forward to the wonderful craft entries brought back after half term on the theme "What Wales means to me". Just a reminder that year 5 will begin swimming lessons every Wednesday morning after half term. We hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Dosbarth 10 – We are having another wonderful week getting ready for our Eisteddfod this year. A reminder that after half term Year 5 will be starting swimming every Wednesday. We hope you have an enjoyable half term and look forward to seeing lots of Eisteddfod crafts coming into school on our return. This can be anything based on the theme "What Wales means to me" 😊

Dosbarth 11 – We've had a wonderfully busy and creative week with our Eisteddfod entries. Children are welcome to complete their craft projects at home over half term and bring them into school after the break. The theme is "What Wales means to me." Have a wonderful half term break!

Community Notices

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to share with you details of the next series of Talks in Torfaen for parents/caregivers - (please see flyer attached).

These are FREE 1-hour wellbeing talks that take place weekly on Fridays from 9.30 - 10.30am, and start on Friday 27th February 2026. Talks take place online using Microsoft Teams and are facilitated by NHS Clinical Psychologists.

Talks are targeted towards ALL parents of children who are nursery or primary-aged (1-10 years).



Primary
3-7

Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers

Spring 2026

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)

27th February
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's emotional well-being

6th March
9:30 - 10:30am

NEW!

Supporting your child's emotions

13th of March
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's development

20th March
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child's relationship with screens & devices

27th March
9:30 - 10:30am

Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school

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/W9hYPF9x2J>





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CYMRU
NHS
Wales

Bord Iechyd Prifysgol
Aneurin Bevan
University Health Board



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Talks in Torfaen for
Parents & Caregivers
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gyfer rhwng a gofalyr

Seicoleg
Cymunedol Plant
a Theuluedd



Child & Family
Community
Psychology

SPARKLE STAY & PLAY

Torfaen Community Venues

WHO ARE SPARKLE?

Sparkle supports children and young people with disabilities and developmental difficulties across Gwent.

Offering specialist leisure activities, play clubs and support to local children and their families to ensure every child gets access the same opportunities and experiences.



WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT

A relaxed, welcoming space for parents, carers and children

Meet the Sparkle team and learn about our support for children and families

Stay and play activities, including arts, crafts, toys and games

Complimentary tea and coffee

COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL STAY & PLAY SESSION



SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY - BLAENAVON ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 9AW)
SUNDAY 22nd FEBRUARY - PONTYPOOL ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 8AT)
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BLENAVON ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE (NP4 9AW)

SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY
1PM - 4PM





● WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ● GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN

MONDAY

10 am - 11am Yoga - Cwmavon Village Hall
Baby & Me - Millennium 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 - Millennium Hall
Midday - 2pm Lunch club - Talywain Rugby Club

WEDNESDAY

10 am - 11am Tai Chi - Millennium Hall
10am - 2.30pm Men's shed - Coedwedd Community Hub
2pm - 4pm Prize Bingo - Victoria Village Hall
Cwmavon & Blaenavon Crafters - Cwmavon Village Hall
10.30am - 11am Noddfa Teens - Noddfa Church
6pm - 8pm Old Time Modern Dancing - Millennium Hall
8pm - 10pm

THURSDAY

10am - 11.30am Shelite (gentle exercise class) - Millennium 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 - Millennium Hall

FRIDAY

9.30 - 10.30am Pop in & Play (family with pre-school children) - Millennium 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





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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



Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School