

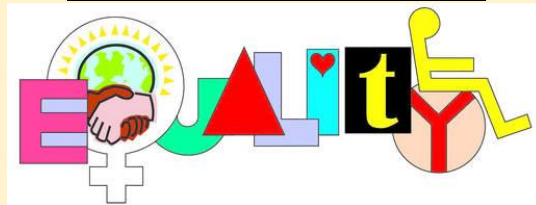


**GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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Newsletter - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Cylchlythyr - 27<sup>th</sup> Mawrth 2026

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor  
Croeso Yn Ôl

INSET DAYS

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

April

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - 3.20pm Year 6 Residential Trip meeting

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 - Citizens Advice in the main hall

2-4pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 - Year 5 Residential Trip

## May

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 6 Residential Trip

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Year 6 Class Photos

## 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

## 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!

## Parking when dropping/collecting pupils

Please can we ask if parents and carers can be considerate when parking cars to drop children off at top gate and bottom gate for the safety of children and residents. A few local residents have asked if we can politely ask parents & carers not to block their driveways as they need continuous access to their properties. **A reminder that the Millennium Hall have kindly said that we can use their carpark which is a one minute walk from bottom gate.** We appreciate your support with this.

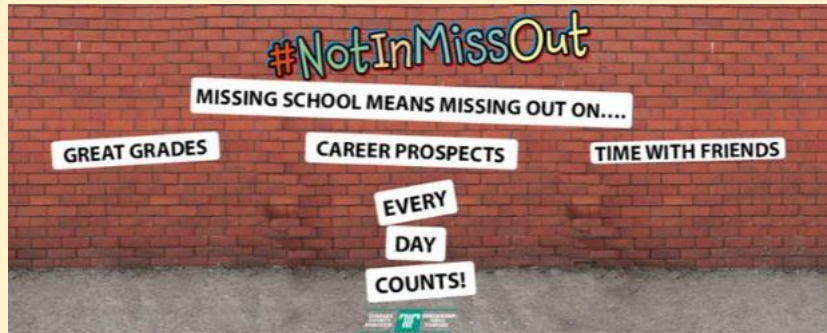
## Late Arrivals

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.

## Easter Activities at Garnteg

We have had a fabulous week celebrating Easter at Garnteg including lots of fun filled activities. Thank you to the School Council and Ambassadors for an excellent Easter Egg Hunt, the Easter headgear parades were amazing. Thank you so much for your continued support with the Easter Raffle, there were nearly 70 prizes this year.

## Attendance Winners



Llongyfarchiadau to our 104 attendance winners with 100% attendance for the Spring Term who each received a certificate and sticker. Da iawn pawb, keep up your efforts!

7 pupils each received certificates for most improved attendance.

37 pupils have achieved 100% attendance in both Autumn and Spring terms.

## KS2 Attendance Winners 🌟

A big congratulations to Mr Phillips Dosbarth 7 for winning the highest-class attendance the most for Autumn and Spring term.

As a reward they will be visiting Pontymoile Canal Basin through the Forest Schools Programme.

## FP Attendance Winners 🌟

A big congratulations to Dosbarth 4 for winning the highest-class attendance the most for Autumn and Spring term.

As a reward they will have fun activities and can wear pyjamas.

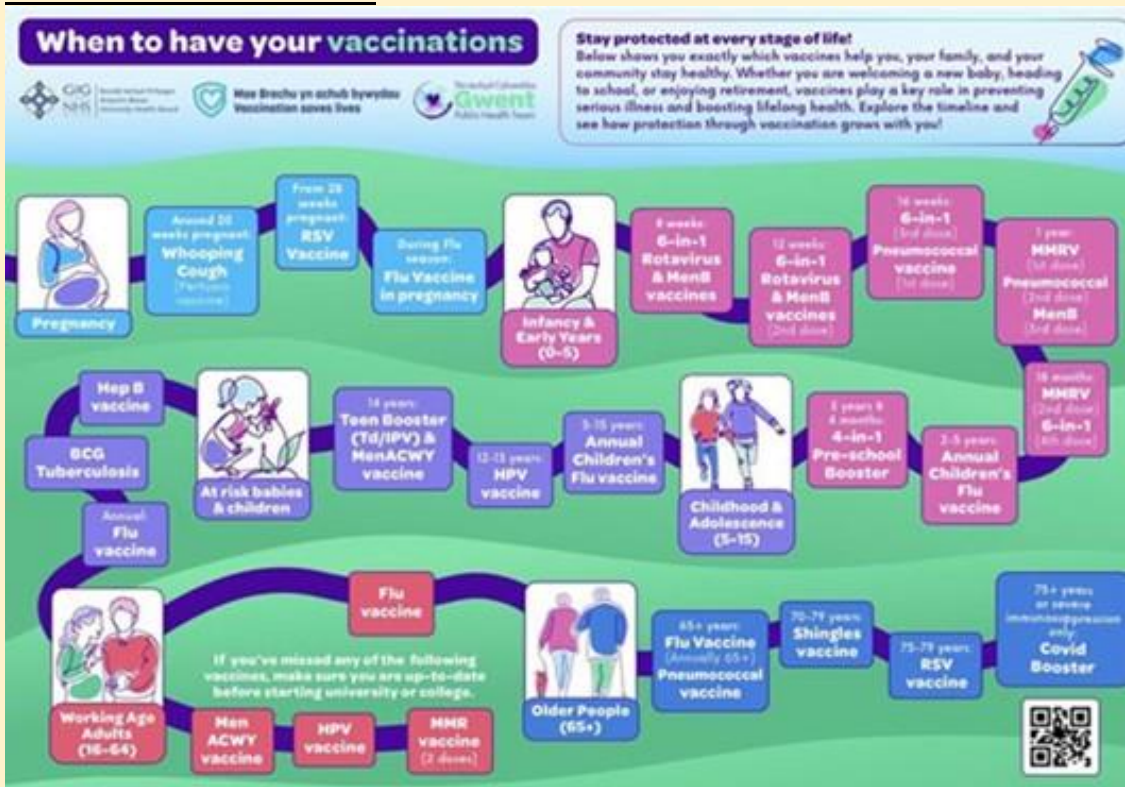
Da iawn pawb, keep it up! 🙌🏆

## Tesco Stronger Starts

Please support our school for stronger starts available until the end of March.



## Vaccination Information



Director of Public Health, Professor Tracy Daszkiewicz, is urging parents and carers to make sure children and teenagers are protected against meningitis, following recent tragic cases in Kent

Meningitis can develop very quickly and can be life-threatening. Vaccination is the best way to prevent it.

Key meningitis protection includes:

- MenB for babies and young children
- Pneumococcal vaccine (can also prevent meningitis)
- MenACWY for Year 9 pupils and young people under 25 starting university

**Young children, teenagers and students in shared accommodation are at the highest risk.**

- Check your child's vaccination record by contacting your GP or our Vaccination Service: 0300 303 1373
- Book any missed doses
- Learn the symptoms and seek urgent help if concerned

"Vaccination saves lives," says Professor Daszkiewicz- please take up your vaccinations.

More information: ["Check Your Children's Vaccination Status" -Gwent Director of Public Health Urges Parents, following Meningitis news in the UK - Aneurin Bevan University Health Board](#)

## The ABUHB School Nursing Service

### Parent/CarerLine





The ABUHB School Nursing Service are excited to launch Parent/CarerLine, a new SMS text service for parents and carers of children aged 5 to 16!

Parents and carers can text our school nurses on [07507330206](tel:07507330206) for expert advice and support with a child's health and wellbeing. \* Texts are replied to Monday - Friday 9:00 - 16:00 (excluding bank holidays)

### **Who are School Nurses?**

School nurses are specially trained public health nurses who can help with a range of physical and emotional health issues, such as emotional wellbeing, toileting, immunisations, low mood, exam stress, self-harm, behaviour, relationships, healthy eating and more.

## Diary Dates

 Community Support in School! 

Citizens Advice will be available in the school hall on 21st April 2026 from 2.30-4pm. Their family advice project is here to provide support, answers, and guidance.

We hope to see you there!



**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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 **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](http://www.NoddfaChurch.com)

# A allai fod yn sepsis? Could it be sepsis?

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

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

## Symptomau plant

- Byddant yn anadlu'n gyflym iawn
- Byddant yn cael 'ffit'
- 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 arno
- Byddant yn swrth iawn neu'n anodd eu deffro
- Byddant yn teimlo'n anarferol o oer pan fyddwch yn eu cyffwrdd

## Child symptoms

- Are breathing very fast
- Have a 'fit' or convulsion
- 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

## Symptomau oedolion

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

## 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

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

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

## Amau sepsis?

Ceisiwch gymorth meddygol ar frys.  
**Ffoniwch 999** neu ewch i'r **Adran Achoslon Brys yn Ysbyty Athrofaol y Faenor.**

## Suspect sepsis?

**Seek medical help urgently.**  
**Call 999** or visit the **Emergency Department at The Grange University Hospital.**

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

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



Sganiwch y cod QR i gael rhagor o wybodaeth.



Bendall Iechyd Prifysgol Anafurth Bevan  
University Health Board



To find out more, scan the QR code.

[bipab.glg.cymru/sepsis](http://bipab.glg.cymru/sepsis) [sepsistrust.org](http://sepsistrust.org) [abuhb.nhs.wales/sepsis](http://abuhb.nhs.wales/sepsis)



**Attendance Winners 16<sup>th</sup> March - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 97.86% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips for KS2 with 97.41%

**WELL DONE! DA IAWN!**

**This week's attendance figures are**



Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	85.19	0	85.19	3 / 4	96.92	5	93.57
Reception	82.69	1	82.69			6	94.67
		1	87.86	2	87.86	7	97.24
1 / 2	94.35					3	87.14
		4	98.13	9	94.19		
5 / 6	93.81			10	96.67		
		5 / 6	94.11	11	94.44		

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.30
4	95	92.84
5	95	93.12
6	95	92.34
7	95	95.36
8	95	88.52
9	95	92.81
10	95	93.64
11	95	92.87

### Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- George PM-Evelyn	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Georgia and George
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Neveah	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Kade
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Whole class	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Hallie
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Jacob	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Evan
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Whole Class	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Madison
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Callie
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Freya

**Meithrin -** Meithrin have had an amazing Spring term where they have learnt so many new skills and made so many new memories too. The children have enjoyed the Easter activities especially the Easter egg hunt as well as singing lots of Easter songs. We would like to thank parents/guardians for your continuing support. Have a lovely Easter break!

**Dosbarth 1 -** Reception have loved taking part in our Easter activities this term. We have enjoyed learning about the Easter story, singing new Easter songs, and getting creative with our Easter art and Easter egg patterns. Da iawn pawb—well done everyone! Have a lovely and well-deserved Easter break.

**Dosbarth 2-** We began our week celebrating in style with our wonderful Easter Assembly. All children joined in beautifully, spoke and sang clearly and put on an eggcellent show. We hope that our families and carers enjoyed celebrating with us. Da iawn for another successful term. Have a restful and safe break. Pasg Hapus! 🐰

**Dosbarth 3** - What a fabulous term we have had in dosbarth tri! We are super proud of the progress you have made and the hard work this term. You have climbed to Sparkle! We wish you an eggcellent Easter! 🐣

**Dosbarth 4** - Gwaith Da Dosbarth pedwar!! You have excelled this term and it has been wonderful to see your hard work on display in the Eistedfodd! We have had an amazing day celebrating our attendance award and have very much enjoyed wearing our pyjamas and cooking easter cupcakes. Have a lovely Easter with lots of chocolate!

**Dosbarth 5** - Bendigedig Class 5, what a fabulous term. Well done for another wonderful week, we are so proud of you for the progress you are making. This week we have enjoyed celebrating Easter through our egg hunt and bonnet parade, and exploring Ramadan, Eid and Easter. We are looking forward to continuing our learning in the summer term. Have a lovely break!

**Dosbarth 6** - A big well done to everyone in Dosbarth 6 for working so hard this term! Have a lovely Easter holiday to you all and we look forward to seeing everyone in the Summer Term!

**Dosbarth 7** - Da iawn Dosbarth 7 for an amazing Spring term and for winning the best class attendance award the most for the Autumn and Spring terms. We had a brilliant time today on our trip to Pontymoile Canal Basin as our class reward! Keep up your hard work! Have an eggcellent Easter break 🐣

**Dosbarth 8** - What a fantastic term we have had, da iawn pawb! A reminder that any outstanding payments for residential to be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Have a wonderful Easter, see you in 2 weeks! 😊

**Dosbarth 10** - Da iawn for a brilliant Spring term! A reminder that any outstanding payments for residential to be made by the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Have a lovely Easter 😊

**Dosbarth 11** - well done on working so hard this term class 11, you have truly sparkled! Please remember we have a residential meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 3.20 in the school hall. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and get plenty of rest ahead of the summer term.



# NEW PLAYERS WANTED

**Kids Rugby – Come & Give It a Try!**  
Looking for a fun, active sport for your child?

Our Mini & Junior Rugby Team is welcoming new players of all abilities.

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Open to all kids who want to give rugby a try

Bring your child along on a Wednesday training night for a free taster session to see if rugby is for them — no pressure, just fun!



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Torfaen  
NP4 7SF



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@Garndiffaith Mini and Juniors

# ● 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

## 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](#)



Everyone is welcome  
Coedwedd

# 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

**MEN'S SHEDS**  
CYMRU

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

Coedwedd  
Communitu Hub

## Weekly Schedule



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

Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon. NP4 9RL

GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP

# Community Hub

Monday - Friday 9am - 4:30pm

- Coffee Corner
- FREE WIFI and Computer Library
- Community Kitchen
- Pantry
- FoodBank
- BabyBank
- Fuel Support
- Prescription and Welfare Support Packages
- Befriending Calls
- Volunteering
- Training Courses
- Bike Recycling
- Furniture Retail Shop

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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

kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School