

GARNTeg PRIMARY



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Newsletter - 24th April 2026

Cylchlythyr - 24th Ebrill 2026

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

INSET DAYS

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

April

May

Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday School Closed

Monday 11th - 13th May 2026 - Year 6 Residential Trip

Tuesday 12th May 2026 - Pupil Class Photos

Tuesday 19th May 2026 - Dance Festival Cwmbran Congress Theatre at 6pm

Wednesday 20th 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

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.

Allotment Donations

We would be grateful for any plants or seeds for our allotment this Summer Term. Donations can be brought to the office. Thank you! 🌸 🌻 🌻

Torfaen Dance Festival



This year's Torfaen Dance Festival will take place on **Tuesday 19th May 2026 at 6pm** at the Congress Theatre in Cwmbran. Selected pupils will be participating.

If you wish to attend the festival, tickets will be available to purchase from **Friday 1st May from 9am** online at <https://congresstheatre.co.uk/> or at the Congress Theatre for £6 each. Diolch!

Appropriate Footwear 🦿

A reminder to ensure children are wearing appropriate footwear in school, closed toe shoes are necessary for daily mile and climbing frame activities.

Diary Dates

🤝 Community Support in School! 📅

Citizens Advice will be available in the school hall on **19th May 2026** from 2.00-4pm. 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.

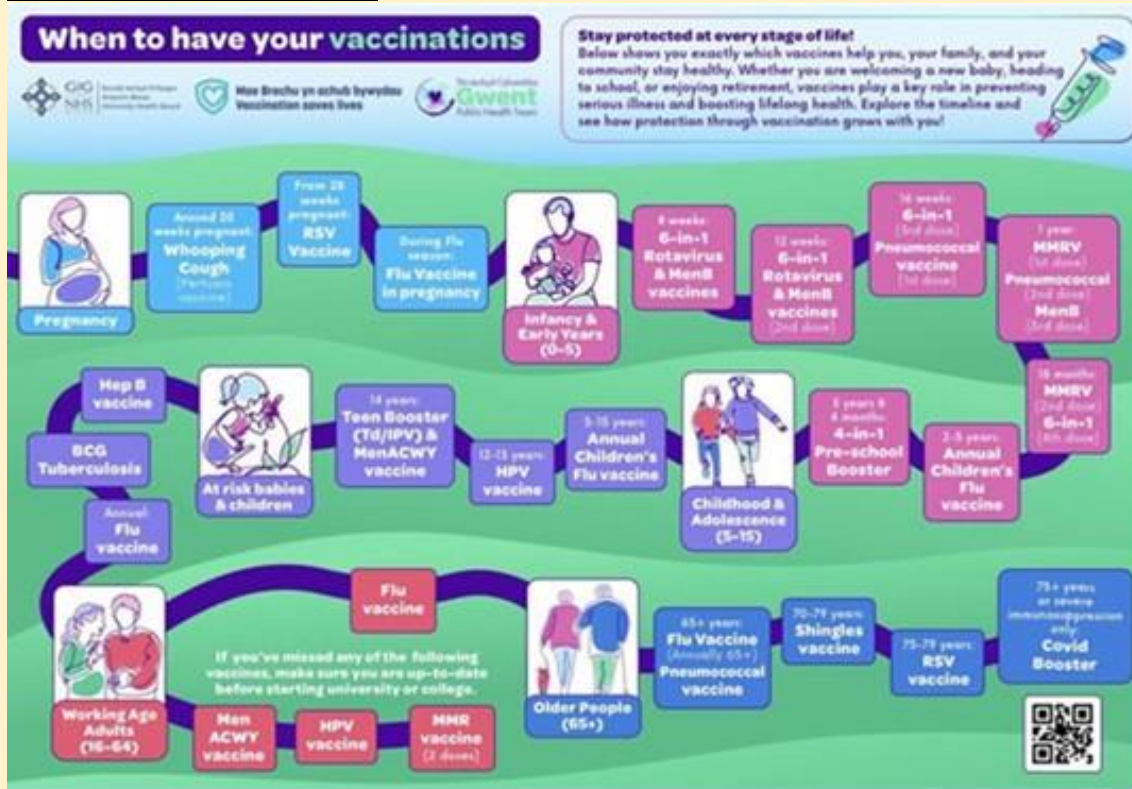
You can meet with our dedicated advisor at Garnteg Primary School on the following dates:

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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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.

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

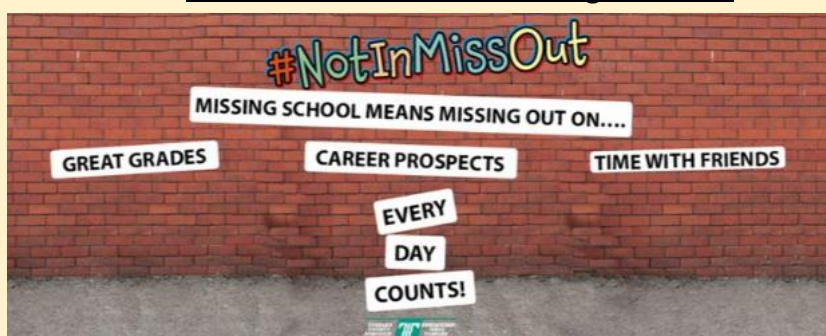


Attendance Winners 13th April- 17th April 2026

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with % and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips for KS2 with %

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are



Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	83.33	0	83.33	3 / 4	91.42	5	95.52
Reception	92.84	1	92.84			4	95.86
		2	88.52	7	95.86		
1	88.52			5 / 6	85	8	80
1 / 2	91.92	3	90.71			5 / 6	91.72
		4	93.13	10	92.33		
						11	91.11

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	91.24
4	95	92.92
5	95	93.27
6	95	91.91
7	95	95.49
8	95	88.25
9	95	92.81
10	95	93.68
11	95	92.82

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM- Junior PM-Hudson	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Melyssa
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Theya	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Thomas
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Charlie G	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Whole Class
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Jayden	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Idris
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Joby	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Llewellyn
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Evan
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Castiel

Meithrin - The Children have had a fantastic week exploring the Hindu festival Holi-which is their festival of colour. The children have tasted food eaten at the festival and collected data to which was their favourite as well as creating a colourful piece of art and recording what they remembered that happened in the festival. Have a lovely weekend

Dosbarth 1 - This week Reception/Derbyn have really enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival of Holi, the festival of colour. The children have loved discovering new facts about the celebration and learning why it is such a special festival. They also enjoyed tasting different foods and exploring new flavours as part of their learning. Have a lovely weekend. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 2- This week we have enjoyed finishing our diary entries as the Highway Rat. You used wonderful language, remembering your key punctuation skills. Da iawn! You have also asked other classes your own data. You were able to delve deep into your data to analyse your findings and make conclusions. A

kind reminder for reading books to be brought back into school each week so we can change these to support the children progress in their reading. Gwaith da Dosbarth 2 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Another excellent week of learning in Dosbarth 3! We have really enjoyed gathering data and choosing our own graphs, we also had lots of fun conducting our science experiments. Polite reminder to send in your reading books to be changed. Have a lovely weekend, diolch for your continued support.

Dosbarth 4 - Da Iawn Dosbarth 4! This week we have taken part in science experiments all about eggs after easter. We looked at how we can create towers to hold an egg without it falling and breaking and how we could make one float in water. We had a brilliant time prediction what would happen and then testing our theories! We have also this week looked at our ideas for our new topic called 'Little Seeds, Big Changes' and gave our ideas on what we would like to learn about. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 5 - Da iawn Dosbarth 5 for another fantastic week! Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic day at the multi-sports event at Abersychan and we are very proud of how they represented our class. This week we have been learning about carroll diagrams in our maths, writing our newspaper articles and sequencing events from religious celebrations. We explored symbols of different celebrations and festivals. Da iawn pawb!

Dosbarth 6 - Well done to everyone for another fantastic week. Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the multi sports event at Abersychan and represented Garnted brilliantly. This week we have been working on our newspaper articles and exploring Carroll diagrams in maths. Da iawn everyone, have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 7 - What a fantastic week we have had in Dosbarth 7! You all did fantastic at the multisports day at Abersychan comp and were excellent representatives of our school. We have been busy writing instructions and creating our own Carroll diagrams this week and have enjoyed exploring different recipes from around the world. Da iawn pawb, have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 8, 9 & 10 - Pupils and staff had a fantastic time at the Year 5 residential trip at St Briavels castle. Da iawn to everyone for their efforts in activities. We had a brilliant time, the weather was beautiful. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and getting to know each other outside of school! 🏰 😊
We look forward to returning to class on Monday.

Dosbarth 11 - A fantastic week, you have all worked so very hard and applied yourselves to every task. Keep up the wonderful work as we start our new topic 'Jurassic Journey'. Please remember to return any sponsorship forms as well as residential letters. Not long to go now!

Community Notices



No need to book, just turn up!

Hyfforddiant Toiled
Dydd Llun 18 Mai, 9:30 -10:30

Toilet Training
Monday 18 May, 9:30 -10:30

Blaenavon Integrated Children's Centre
Middle Coed Cae, Blaenavon, NP4 9AW

Addas ar gyfer gofalwyr plant dros 15 mis oed
Suitable for carers of children over 15 months of age



PONTYPWL
 DYDD MERCHER / WEDNESDAY
13:00 - 14:00
 29/04/26 - 24/06/26

Cylch Meithrin Pontypwl, St James Hall,
 St James Field, Handbury Road,
 Pontypool, NP4 6JT

Clwb Cwtsh is a fun-filled and informal programme focusing on speaking Welsh with young children.
 Mae Clwb Cwtsh yn gwrs blasu Cymraeg sydd wedi'i anelu at ddysgwyr newydd ac sy'n canolbwyntio ar iaith magu plant yn y cartref.

I gofrestru, ebostiwch / To register, email:
clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru

m mudiad meithrin
 arbenigwr y Myrddoddi cymor

Y Ganolfan
 Dysgu Cymraeg
 Genedlaethol
 National Centre
 for Learning Welsh

CYMRAG
 Dysgu
 Lethu

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.

Fun, safe & supportive environment.
 Build confidence, teamwork & friendships
 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!

Location: Lasgarn View, Varteg, Pontypool
 Torfaen
 NP4 7SF

Message us on Facebook
 @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](#)

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 diethriaid 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

LET'S TALK

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

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

GARNDIFFAITH 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

01495 774453

kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School