



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

Hillcrest Garndiffaith Pontypool Torfaen NP4

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www.garntegprimary.co.uk



Newsletter - 08th Mai 2026

Cylchlythyr - 08th Mai 2026

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

Diary Dates

INSET DAYS

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

May

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

June

Monday 1st June 2026 - Reception Hearing Screening



**Monday 22nd June 2026 - Foundation Sports Day all Nursery and Reception - AM
Year 1 & 2 - PM**

Wednesday 24th June 2026 - KS2 Sports Day Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Friday 26th June 2026 - Year 5 Blenheim Bomber Walk

July

Thursday 2nd July 2026 - Nursery Leavers Assembly

Friday 3rd July 2026 - Year 6 Prom

Thursday 9th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 10th July 2026 - Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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 £7 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.



TORFAEN PLAY & SHORT BREAKS SERVICE
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMP

HALF TERM 2026

Tuesday 26th May
Wednesday 27th May
Thursday 28th May
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

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



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 @torfaenplayservice  torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk


Pontypool Community Council
Cynghorir Cymuned Pontypool

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🤝 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

   Torfaen

Abersychan School Diary Dates



MOVING UP DAY

Ysgol Abersychan School

Wednesday 1st July

We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters to Abersychan School on Wednesday 1st July!

- MEET THE TEACHERS
- TOUR THE SCHOOL
- EXPERIENCE LESSONS

school.office@abersychanschool.co.uk

www.abersychanschool.org.uk



YEAR 4 & YEAR 5

THE NEXT STEP

Preparing for Secondary School

18TH JUNE 4PM - 5.30PM

- Meet the Senior Leadership Team
- Meet with students ambassadors
- Q & A with students and Senior Leadership Team
- Student led activities

We look forward to welcoming **Year 4 & 5** pupils and their families to Abersychan School! Scan the QR code to register your attendance



school.office@abersychanschool.co.uk @abersychanschool

School Nursing Service Parent/CarerLine



07507 330 206

Parent/CarerLine

SMS Text Service for parents/carers of children aged 5-16

School Nursing Service
Llanelli After School Club
GIG NTRU

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



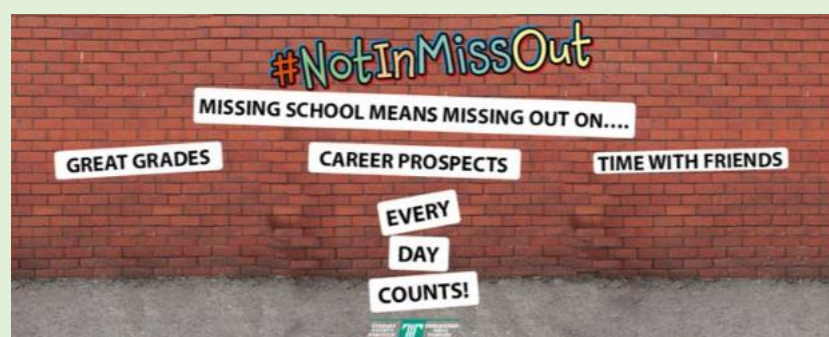


Attendance Winners 27th April - 01st May 2026

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 92.5% and Dosbarth 7 Mr Phillips for KS2 with 94.8%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are



Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	81.36	0	81.36	3 / 4	85.75	5	95.26
Reception	87.73	1	87.73			4	95.26
		2	91.67	7	95.26		
1	91.67			5 / 6	92.27	8	91.81
1 / 2	91.38	3	90.18			5 / 6	93.86
		4	92.58	10	89.58		
						11	98.15

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.86
4	95	92.87
5	95	92.95
6	95	91.26
7	95	95.44
8	95	88.11
9	95	92.37
10	95	93.06
11	95	92.47

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Riley PM-Sophia	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	Joey
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Eli	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Lexi
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Keano	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Ella
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Tyler	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Joshua/Ariyan
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Noah MP	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Finnley
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Harvey
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Skylah-Rae

Meithrin – Bendedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning linked to our topic 'Yn y Goedwig'. They used their senses during our explore time in the forest school area to help them write a poem about what they could hear, see and touch-they even used Welsh sentences in them too. Just a reminder as the weather is changing that the children are bringing a sun hat (labelled with their names), drinks bottle as well as sun cream if it can be applied by themselves. Have a lovely weekend

Dosbarth 1 – Derbyn have had a fantastic week learning and exploring more about our topic Yn y Goedwig. This week, Dosbarth Un have been using their senses on a trail through our outdoor area and the wetlands to create their own 'senses poems'. We have been so creative, carefully thinking about what we can see, hear, smell, touch and even feel in our environment. Some children have even impressed us by describing what they could see and hear in Welsh - ardderchog Derbyn! Just a reminder to continue completing the tasks on our homework log, and please keep supporting your child with reading and spelling practice at home. Have a lovely weekend. 😊

Dosbarth 2- Dosbarth Dau have had a great week of learning. We explored the difference between facts and fiction and wrote factual and fictional sentences about chosen items. We also began writing our recounts of *The Little Ladybird* story. In Maths, we worked hard grouping items and writing multiplication sums. Da iawn, Dosbarth Dau! Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Da Iawn Dosbarth 3 for some Bendigedig work this week. You have been speaking Welsh in our new Flower role-play shop, having conversations, using Welsh vocabulary and extending your sentences. We have also been mathematicians, grouping and multiplying by 2's, 5's and 10's and recording it in lots of different ways 😊 Ardderchog! Please keep supporting your child with reading and spelling practise at home. Diolch! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 4 - Da Iawn Dosbarth 4! This week we have been really focusing on our Welsh oracy skills in our role play area and have really shown how much we have learnt over the last year. We could hold a conversation all in Welsh and we made our teachers very proud! We have also been looking in at newspapers and what features they have ready to write our own! Have a lovely weekend.

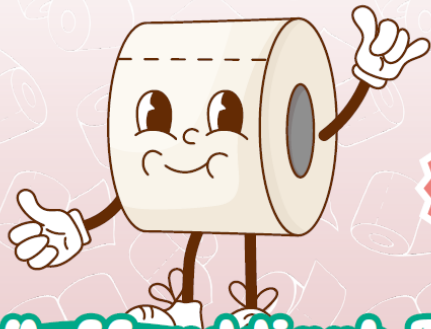
Dosbarth 5 - Da iawn dosbarth 5 for a wonderful week. This week we have been super impressed with your use of Welsh in our role play area. In our literacy learning we have been learning about conjunctions and prepositions and in our maths we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes in our environment. Da iawn pawb, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Da iawn dosbarth 6 and 7 for another fantastic week. You have all been working very hard exploring our new topic Healthy Heroes Unite, exploring conjunctions and prepositions in LLC and identifying the properties of 2D and 3D shapes in maths. Learning logs have been sent, please can all children be completing these and bringing them in on a weekly basis so that dojos can be awarded. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 8, 9 & 10 - We are really enjoying our new topic "Jurassic Journey" and preparing our research for our ethical poetry unit. Just a reminder that year 5 swimming sessions are continuing until the end of the academic year (July). Please can all year 5 children ensure they have their kit and a towel/goggles. Learning logs have been sent out, please can children be completing these and bringing them in on a weekly basis so that dojos can be awarded. Have a great weekend!

Dosbarth 11 - We are enjoying our new topic "Jurassic Journey" and researching lots of information. New learning logs have been sent home, please can children be completing these and bringing them in on a weekly basis so that dojos can be awarded. Have a great weekend!

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



BLAENAVON ON THE MOVE!

Launching Our New Bike Recycling Project & Community Bike Library



DONATE & RENEW!
BIKE RECYCLING PROJECT

Sustainable Transport -
Give Old Bikes New Life!



FREE WHEELS!
BIKE LIBRARY

Access to Bikes -
Borrow, Ride, Explore!



JOIN THE MOVEMENT!

VOLUNTEER
OPENING DAY

Community Building -
Make a Difference!



We have Teamed Up With
Active Travel.

Join us as we launch an exciting new community initiative focused on **sustainable transport, accessibility, and hands-on skills.**

WHAT'S HAPPENING?

- Live Bike Repairs And Demo
- Volunteer Sign Ups
- Donation Station
- Bike Library Registrations
- Refreshments
- Information And Advice
- And So Much More

Event Details


Location: Circulate Recycling
Unit 14, Gilchrist Thomas

Industrial Estate, Blaenavon

Date: Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

Time: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM





WHAT'S ON Gwent Carers Hub

May 2026

Monday - Friday, 10am - 3pm

The Hub is open to provide advice, information and support on your caring role in a relaxed, friendly and informal environment.

Gwent Hub Closures This Month:
Monday 4th May
Monday 25th May




May Support Groups:

Unpaid Carers Support Group

Every Monday
10am-2pm

Unpaid Carers Support Group

Every Wednesday 10am-2pm please contact the Hub to let us know you are coming



Upcoming Activities

Reflecting On Our Service

Reflecting On Our Service - What Does Our Service Mean To You?

Wednesday 6th May 2026 10am-2pm

Unpaid Carers Bracelet Making

Come And Join Us To Make A Bracelet

Wednesday 13th May 2026 10AM - 2PM

Unpaid Carers Mosaic crafting

Wednesday 20th May 2026 10AM-2PM

Unpaid Carers Scrapbook Making

We Will Be Doing This Every Last Wednesday Of The Month. Please Contact Us To Let Us Know You Will Be Attending

Wednesday 27th May 2026 10AM - 2PM

To book onto any of the activities, please contact the Gwent Carers Hub on 01495 367564 / gwentcarershub@adferiad.org





MILL LANE Holiday Club

**STILL SORTING CHILDCARE FOR HALF TERM OR SUMMER?
WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED.**

A FUN-FILLED HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE WITH THEMED DAYS, OUTDOOR PLAY AND CREATIVE ACTIVITIES
AGED 4-11

 GARNDIFFAITH
 MAY HALF TERM & SUMMER HOLIDAYS
 7:30AM - 6:00PM

OUTDOOR PLAY, GAMES, CRAFTS & ACTIVITIES IN A RELAXED, FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

HALF DAYS - £18
FULL DAYS - £37
 ALL FOOD INCLUDED

LIMITED SPACES - NOW TAKING BOOKINGS

 GARNDIFFAITH@MILLLANECHILDCARE.COM
 01495 825317
 @MILLLANECHILDCARE



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




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PONTYPWL

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

Cylch Meithrin Pontypwl, St James Hall,
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, ehostiwch / To register, email:
clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru



● 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](#)

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 Community 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

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

01495 774453

PONTYPOOL!

EARLY YEARS FOOTBALL

AGES 18MTHS - 5YRS

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

FREE TRIAL!

www.footicubs.co.uk/early-years

kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School