



GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 22nd Mai 2026

Cylchlythyr - 22nd Mai 2026

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Croeso Yn Ôl

INSET DAYS

Friday 17th July 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

June

Monday 1st June 2026 - Reception Hearing Screening

Tuesday 2nd June 2026 - Class 5, 6 & 7 Trip to St Fagans



Monday 22nd June 2026 - Foundation Sports Day all Nursery and Reception - **9.30am**

Year 1 & 2 - **1.30pm**

Wednesday 24th June 2026 - KS2 Sports Day Year 3 & 4 - **9.30am**

Year 5 & 6 - **1.30pm**

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

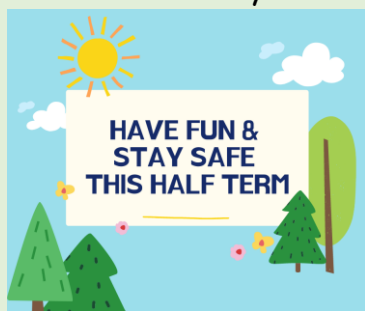
Term Dates - 2025/2026 Academic Year

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

2026/2027 Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Tuesday 01.09.26	Monday 26.10.26	Friday 30.10.26	Friday 18.12.26
Spring	Monday 04.01.27	Monday 08.02.27	Friday 12.02.27	Friday 19.03.27
Summer	Monday 05.04.27	Monday 31.05.27	Friday 04.06.27	Tuesday 20.07.27

Have a wonderful half term in the sunshine. We look forward to seeing you all when we return to school on Monday 1st June, for an exciting last term ahead! 🌞 📅



Breakfast Club

A reminder that our breakfast club begins at **8.20am** and finishes at **8.50am**. Please ensure children arrive on time. 🕒 🍴

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.

Here comes the sun 🌞


Please can children bring a drink, hats and make sure they wear sunscreen to school as the weather becomes hotter.

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.

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 COUNTY BOROUGH **PRYDDESTEF SIOG TORFAEN**

School Admissions 2027

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2027?


In Torfaen, there are a number of Welsh Medium, English Medium and Voluntary Aided (VA) Faith based Schools your child could attend.

Applications for school/nursery can be made online via our website. In submitting an online application, you will receive an instant acknowledgment that your application has been received and you will be notified of the outcome of your application via email on the decision date, rather than waiting for a letter in the post!

There is a deadline for making your application. If you miss this deadline, or change your preference after the closing date, it may increase the possibility of not achieving a place at the school of your choice.

September 2027 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	8 June 2026	20 July 2026, 5pm	18 September 2026
Reception	13 November 2026	15 January 2027, 5pm	16 April 2027*
Secondary	18 September 2026	30 October 2026, 5pm	1 March 2027*

*This is a common offer date across all Welsh admission authorities.



Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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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 Garteg 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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citizens
advice

Torfaen

Abersychan School Moving Up Day



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 & 5 Secondary School Preparation Evening



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

The ABUHB School Nursing Service

Parent/CarerLine



07507 330 206

Parent/CarerLine

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

School Nursing Service
Llochesfaeth
Yr Ysgol

Looked After Children
Plant Sŷ'n
Deddfys Gofal

GIG
Cymuned
NHS
Sŷ'n

Serdded Ysgol Pen-y-bont
Aberystwyth
University Health Board

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)

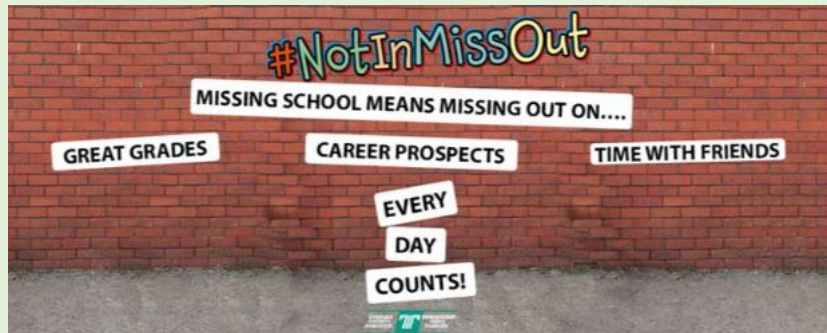


LEARN LOVE SHARE
NODDFA JUNIORS
FRIDAYS 6-8PM
TERM-TIME
FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY
ASK QUESTIONS
Team AWARDS Individual PRIZES Cost **FREE**
Activities
✔ Storytelling & Crafts
✔ Games and Singing
✔ Tuck Shop
✔ Pizza and snacks
✔ Seasonal trips
Noddfa Church
Abersychan
NP4 7EF
All are welcome
You do not need to be a "Christian" to come.
More Information www.NoddfaChurch.com



Attendance Winners 11th May - 15th May 2026

Congratulations to Dosbarth 4 Miss Brooks who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 95% and Dosbarth 11 Mrs Parker-Evans with 95.56%



WELL DONE! DA IAWN!

This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	78.69	0	78.69	3 / 4	83.96	5	90.69
Reception	78.14	1	78.14			6	77.24
		1	80.37	2	80.37	4	99.31
1 / 2	90.82					3	90.71
		4	90.94	9	84.52		
				5 / 6	86.66	10	83.33
						11	90

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.97
4	95	92.88
5	95	92.96
6	95	90.93
7	95	95.49
8	95	88.03
9	95	91.95
10	95	92.63
11	95	92.49

Seren Yr Wythnos

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	
Nursery - Mrs Rogers	AM-Patrick PM-George P	Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key	George
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Ffion	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams	Olivia
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Ollie	Dosbarth 7 - Mr Phillips	Miyah
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Attewell	Brody	Dosbarth 8 - Mrs Ngwenya	Jaxon
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks	Darcie	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs Emanuel	Rylan
		Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Lee	Harley
		Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Lily

Meithrin - Meithrin have enjoyed finding minibeasts in our garden and finding out where they live. They have been learning about their habitats and the different foods that they eat. It has been lovely to listen to the children using their Welsh in the Vet role play area. Have a lovely half making amazing memories. We can't wait to hear about them when you come back.

Dosbarth 1 - Reception have had a wonderful time learning about different minibeasts and the habitats where they live. The children have worked very hard exploring where minibeasts can be found and learning lots of new facts. We have also been practising more Welsh in our role play area and enjoying new Welsh games that Mrs Emmanuel has taught us. We have had so much fun learning together this half term! Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 1st June. Diolch. 😊

Dosbarth 2- This week in dosbarth dau, we used our previous learnt knowledge of facts to create our own fact files, we chose a minibeast to research and create our own fact files to share with our peers. We enjoyed testing our ICT skills to log into the chrome books to access the internet. After developing our multiplication knowledge last week, we then used this to explore division. We enjoyed using objects to share between different amounts to create division sums. What a wonderful way to end our first half of the summer term, have a restful break 😊

Dosbarth 3 - This week we have been super busy writing our newspaper reports. We included key newspaper features and wrote all about 'The Perfect Ribbet.' We even uplevelled our newspapers using Wow words and adjectives. We have also been mathematicians and answered reasoning questions about division! 😊 Da iawn! We have had a wonderful half term exploring our topic 'Little seeds, Big changes' and are super excited to continue after the holidays. We wish you a happy half term in the sun!

Dosbarth 4 - This week in dosbarth 4 we have been writing our very own newspapers using the features we learnt last week. We were able to base our newspaper on our class book "The Perfect Ribbit" and the children really enjoyed creating their own headlines and captions to draw the attention of the reader. We have also looked at division and how we can use groups of to support us. Have a fantastic half term in the sun!

Dosbarth 5 - Da iawn dosbarth 5 for a fantastic end to our half term. This week we have been planning, recording and carrying our own science investigations to investigate what happens to our bodies when taking part in exercise. We have also been learning about time and converting time between 12 hour and 24-hour clocks. Have a lovely half term! Don't forget our trip is on Tuesday 2nd June when we return. Diolch!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - A big da iawn to everyone in Dosbarth 6 & 7 for another fantastic half term. We are so pleased to see your enthusiasm for our new topic 'Healthy Heroes Unite' grow and look forward to learning more about it after the holiday. This week we have been looking at the heart and what happens when we exercise. A quick reminder that our trip is on Tuesday 2nd June when we return and that Year 3 pupils will be taking part in a workshop exploring different cultures on Thursday 11th June. Have a lovely half term everyone!

Dosbarth 8, 9 & 10 - A huge well done to Dosbarth 8 for another brilliant half term. We have been enjoying our topic 'Jurassic Journey' and look forward to continuing with this after half term. This week we have explored the continents and how they have changed over time. A reminder to bring healthy snacks to school. Now that the weather is warming up, please can children bring a drink, hats and make sure they wear suncream to school. Have a wonderful half term! 😊

Dosbarth 11 - Another fantastic week, you have continued to excel within our topic of 'Jurassic Journey' and are putting your knowledge into practise, this week learning about adaptations of living things and the

continental drift. We have had some fabulous homework in so far this topic, please keep it coming! Have a wonderful half term ahead of our final few weeks at Garnteg.

Community Notices



BABY & ME EXERCISE CLASS

Shelite PERSONAL TRAINER

Pontypool Community Council
Cyngor Cymuned Pont-Y-Pwll

FREE BABY & MUM EXERCISE CLASS!

★ **STARTING THURSDAY 4th JUNE at 1PM** ★

Contact me at shelitefitness@live.co.uk to register!

Benefits for the Mother

- **Physical Recovery:** Restores strength and tones abdominal and pelvic muscles.
- **Weight Management:** Helps with losing post-pregnancy weight.
- **Mental Well-being:** Reduces stress, anxiety, and symptoms of postpartum depression.
- **Increased Energy:** Improves energy levels and sleep.
- **Social Connection:** Meet other new mums in a supportive setting.

Benefits for the Baby

- **Bonding:** Builds emotional connection with mum.
- **Development:** Stimulates social awareness, fine motor skills, and balance.
- **Comfort:** Soothes colic and aids digestion.
- **Relaxation:** Helps babies relax and sleep better.

Funded via
Pontypool Community Council



CAMHS
Mental Health & wellbeing
WORKSHOPS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. ONLINE.
MAY HALF TERM

Understanding your emotions

A 1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions and learning new ways to regulate our emotions. Suitable for year 5 and older.

Thursday 28th
May 13:30-15:00

5 ways to wellbeing

1.5 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well being

Wednesday 27th
May 13:00-14:30

Transition

1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions associated with transition and change. We look at common worries associated with transition and discuss some coping strategies to positively manage. For year 6s.

Tuesday 26th
May 11:00-12:30

Looking after yourself during exam season

1.5 hour workshop supporting students to understand what stress is, how it can present itself in the body and providing strategies to combat the impact of exam stress.

Thursday 28th
May 11:00-12:30

Scan to book on



Public Health England
Community Wellbeing
Improving Health & Lives



SPOTLIGHT DANCE FITNESS

Gentle Spotlight Dance Fitness

Move at your own pace with simple choreography, uplifting music,
and a relaxed, supportive atmosphere.

A softer take on the classic Spotlight session – same fun, less intensity.



Thursdays - 10:30am Garndiffaith Millennium Hall

Fridays - 11am Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

No experience needed. Everyone welcome.

Contact Rachael: 07484 737410



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



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

Mill Lane Childcare in Garndiffaith are running a holiday club for children aged 4-11 this May half term and summer. For more information, please see the attached poster



The poster features a purple background with white speech bubbles. One bubble says 'Croeso' (Welcome), another 'Bore da' (Good morning), and another 'Hwyl' (Bye). The central logo for 'CLWB Cwtsh' includes a stylized figure and the website 'meithrin.cymru/clwbcwtsh'. A white card with a teal ribbon at the top reads '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'. At the bottom, it says '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, eboostiuch / To register, email: clwbcwtsh@meithrin.cymru'.



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

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 Communitu Hub

Weekly Schedule

LET'S TALK

Monday 10am - 3pm	Drawing & Talking 10am - Middyay Open House Art 12:30 - 14:30
Tuesday 10am - 3pm	To Be Confirmed
Wednesday 10am - 3pm	Coffee Morning 10:00 - Middyay 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!

FootiCubs 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