



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 04th September 2026

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Value for this half term is
Co-operation



Gwerth yr hanner tymor
Croeso Yn Ôl

INSET DAYS

2026-2027

Friday 25th September 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Friday 19th March 2027 - Cluster Training Day

Monday 19th July 2027

Tuesday 20th July 2027

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

Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,
Annwyl Rhieni ac ofalwyr,

We would like to say a big welcome back to our pupils and we hope everyone had a lovely Summer Holiday. We wish them an enjoyable and exciting new school year in Garnteg Primary.



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.

Pupil Absence

Please remember to contact the school office via our answerphone or email by 9.30am if your child is going to be absent, if we do not receive a message and your child is absent, they will be marked as unauthorised, and this could lead to intervention from the Education Welfare Officer.

Please make any dental or medical appointments after school where possible.

Attendance in school time

A reminder of the importance of good attendance as we begin the new academic year. Everyday counts!

Please contact the school office as soon as possible from 8.20am to inform of your child's absence.

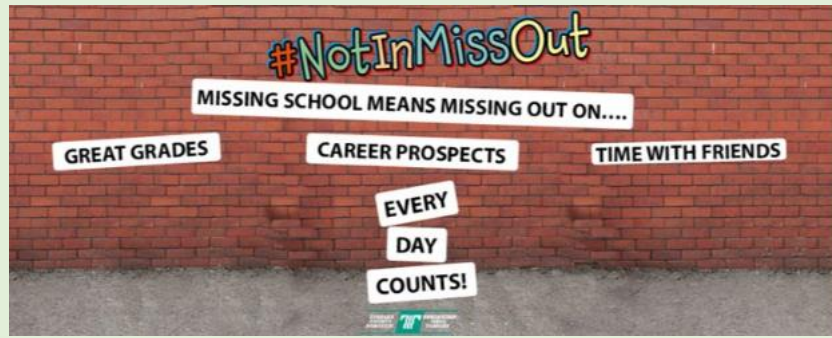
The Welsh Government recommends that family holidays are taken outside school terms as this counts as a school absence even if it is authorised or un-authorised and this effects pupils' attendance.

Torfaen guidance and Welsh Government state that all learners should have attendance between 100% and 95% anything below will be monitored by the school and the Local Authority Education Welfare officer.

You must make a formal request to the Headteacher to take children on holiday during the school term this will then consider the reasons for the holiday, the pupil's past attendance, and the effects the absence will have on the pupil's learning.

If the request is declined, it will be classed as unauthorised, and you may be issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.

#NotinMissOut



Important - Pupil Data

Please can all parents/carers inform school immediately of any changes/additions to address or contact details, it is important that we are able to make contact quickly should we need to.

We also need to have all relevant Medical Details concerning your child including any Medical Conditions, allergies etc.

It is also important that we receive parental consent forms regarding the use of images, videos and photographs being used on our website and in other printed publications. Along with permission to take your child on any school visit.

Busy Bees

Please can parents/carers let school know in advance which days children are being collected by Busy Bees private childcare. If there are changes, can you also let the office know by lunchtime so they can inform relevant staff before the end of the day.

Mae Brechu yn achub bywydau
Vaccination saves lives

Plant ifanc a'r fflw
Young children and flu

Gall fflw fod yn ddifrifol iawn i blant.
Flu can be very serious for children.

Chwistrell drwynol ddi-boen
A painless nasal spray

Os yw eich plentyn yn ddwy* neu dair* oed, gallwch ei amddiffyn gyda brechlyn fflw chwistrell drwynol ddi-boen.

Siaradwch â'ch ymwelydd iechyd, meddyg teulu neu nyrs practis i gael rhagor o wybodaeth.

If your child is two* or three* years old, you can protect them with a painless nasal spray flu vaccine.

Talk to your health visitor, GP or practice nurse for more information

Gallwch gael rhagor o wybodaeth am frechu rhag y fflw yn:
icc.gig.cymru/brechlynffliw

*Oedran ar 31 Awst

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Plant, pobl ifanc a'r fflw
Children, young people and flu

Gall y fflw fod yn ddifrifol iawn i blant a phobl ifanc.
Flu can be very serious for children and young people.

Yr hydref yma, bydd pawb o'r dosbarth derbyn i flwyddyn ysgol 11 yn cael cynnig brechlyn fflw chwistrell trwyn.

Efallai y bydd rhai'n cael y brechlyn fflw trwy bigiad (heb gelatin) yn lle.

Siaradwch â'ch nyrs ysgol, ymwelydd iechyd neu feddygfa am fwy o wybodaeth.

This autumn, everyone from reception class age to school year 11 age will be offered a nasal spray flu vaccine.

Some may have the flu vaccine by injection (gelatine free) instead.

Talk to your school nurse, health visitor or GP surgery for more information.

Gallwch gael gwybod mwy am frechu rhag y fflw yn:
icc.gig.cymru/brechlynffliw

You can find out more about flu vaccination at:
phw.nhs.wales/flu vaccine

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Public Health Wales Notice

As we approach flu season, we want to ensure all families have the information they need to help protect their children's health. Flu can spread quickly in nursery and school environments and can cause serious illness in young children. This autumn, all children aged 2 and 3 on 31 August 2026 and all school children from Reception to Year 11 (inclusive), will be offered a free and quick, nasal spray flu vaccine at school. The flu nasal spray vaccine is safe, painless, and helped protect over 220,000 school-aged children in Wales last year.

Giving consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, helps keep them healthy, reducing the risk of illnesses that could disrupt their learning, play and your family life. The nasal spray flu vaccine is the recommended vaccine for children and young people, but if they can't have the flu vaccine or you'd prefer a gelatine-free vaccine, they can have the flu vaccine by injection instead.

Give your consent for your child's flu vaccine to help keep them healthy this winter.

For more information about the flu vaccination visit: www.phw.nhs.wales/flu vaccine

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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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
Gwasanaeth Nyswyrdd Ysgol

Looked After Children
Plant fy'n Bwrdd Gofal

GIG
NHS
Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Amguedd Breich
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.

Meithrin - Da iawn Meithrin for a fantastic start to our school year and school journey! This week we have enjoyed getting to explore our new classroom environment and continued to build friendships with new and existing friends. We are beginning to learn our new routines and make a strong start with our topic '**Me, You and Autumn Too!**' This week we started our learning by exploring what we look like, creating self-portraits in different ways. We have also shown perseverance in our independence by taking responsibility in our snack, selecting what we need to prepare and eat it. It really has been a great start to the school year and we are extremely proud of you all! Have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to see you all shine next week!

Derbyn:-Dosbarth 1 & 2- We have had a wonderful first few days in Reception and have loved settling into our new routines. The children have embraced the classroom environment with such enthusiasm, exploring the different areas and becoming familiar with our daily routines. We have particularly enjoyed getting to know one another and learning all about our topic, '**Me, You and Autumn Too!**' We have been busy talking about ourselves, our friends, our families and the changes we can see around us as autumn begins. It has been a fantastic start to the year, and we are so proud of how confidently the children are settling in and beginning their Reception journey! Have a lovely weekend! Diolch! 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Dosbarth Tri have had a wonderful first few days in Year 1! We have enjoyed getting to know each other and exploring our new classroom. We have started talking about our exciting new topic, 'Field to Fork', and have already come up with so many lovely ideas for our learning. We have also thought about what we would like to achieve this year and set our own targets to work towards throughout the year. What a fantastic start to Year 1! We look forward to seeing you again for a wonderful learning week. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 4 - A huge da iawn and bendigedig to all members of Dosbarth 4 for a wonderful first few days in Year 1 and Year 2. We have had a wonderful time getting to know each other, making new friends and exploring our classroom environment, as well as beginning our learning journey by thinking about our class charter, our targets for the term and introducing our new topic 'Field to Fork'. We can't wait to continue this learning next week! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 - A huge Bendegedig Pawb for this week! We have loved exploring the new classroom with you and getting to know each and every single one of you this week. We have been able to explore our areas

and find out about each other along the way. Our topic this term is 'Field to Fork' where we will be exploring where our food comes from. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Bendedig pawb for a fantastic start on your learning journey in year 3. You have thought of amazing ideas that we can explore in our new topic 'Ein Byd, Ein Dyfodol'(Our World, Our Future). You have made new friends and have used your time to explore the areas in the classroom. You demonstrated good teamwork when creating our class charter. We are looking forward to a super week of learning next week with you. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 8 - Da iawn everyone for a fantastic first week in Dosbarth 8! We are very impressed with all the work you have completed this week. You have thought of fantastic ideas for our new topic 'Leaves are falling, Autumn is calling' and cannot wait to explore it more. Enjoy your weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 9 - The Year 5s have had an excellent beginning to our time in Dosbarth 9. Our topic this term is 'Wilderness Warriors' and we have collectively come up with some exciting ideas for our learning. We are looking forward to a busy term filled with learning and fun. Enjoy the weekend!

Dosbarth 10 -The Year 5s have had an excellent beginning to our time in Dosbarth 10. We have hit the ground running and started as we mean to go on with our Welsh oracy and the class have enjoyed playing some new games. Our topic this term is 'Wilderness Warriors' and we have collectively come up with some exciting ideas for our learning. We are looking forward to a busy term filled with learning and fun.

Dosbarth 11 - We have had a great start to the new school year in year 6. The children have settled in so well. We are excited about exploring our new topic, "It's Just a Matter of Fact" this term. Reminder that next Thursday morning, the children will be going on their first transition visit to Abersychan School. Enjoy the weekend!

Dosbarth 12 - We have had a lovely start to the new school year in year 6. The children have settled in so well. We are excited about exploring our new topic, "It's Just a Matter of Fact" this term. Reminder that next Thursday morning, the children will be going on their first transition visit to Abersychan School. It is great to be back in school after the summer break. Enjoy the weekend and see you back in the classroom on Monday.

Community Notices

You are invited to join our free virtual swap shop:



FREE SCHOOL CLOTHES.com

Join our **growing community**. Easy to adopt with significant benefits for schools and families:

FreeSchoolClothes.com is a free, not-for-profit "virtual swap shop" helping families share and reuse school clothes and other essentials locally within your school community, for free.

- Help families to save money.
- Protecting our planet by reducing waste.
- Strengthening our communities.

Founded in 2022 at Ysgol Treganna, Cardiff. Now covering all UK schools.

It's easy to get started. Simply share this message and QR code with your families.

Please visit [FreeSchoolClothes.com](https://freeschoolclothes.com) to join our new virtual swap shop.

Offer outgrown school clothes to other families in our school community. Browse and request things that you need, for free. Save money and protect the planet.

- Your school is already live on the platform and ready to go.
- Free to join and use. Not-for-profit.
- No storage or handling of clothes, redistribution happens directly between families.
- Sustainability goals: live impact data show money saved and carbon offset for your school.
- Always open: when families need it most, evenings, weekends and school holidays.
- Compliments existing physical swap shop initiatives, if you have one.



For support or to volunteer as a school champion please contact: support@freeschoolclothes.com



You could save up to £300 on your annual water bill.

Support for families

Summer holidays can be a challenging time for families, juggling the kids being off school with work and other commitments, as well as managing money during what can be an expensive few weeks.

Did you know?

Working families, low-income families and families receiving a means tested or disability benefit may be entitled to money off their water bill.



We're here to help

Call us to talk through your options: 0800 052 0145

Visit us online for more information: dwrcymru.com/supportwithbills



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Find us on  @Blaenavonrfcunder11's and @blaenavonRFCminiandjuniors



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Gentle Spotlight Dance Fitness

Move at your own pace with simple choreography, uplifting music,
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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



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



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a chymhellir eu bod yn
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Upcoming Activities

Reflecting On Our Service



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

Gwent Carers Hub, 3 Central Mews, Off
Market Street, Pontypool, NP4 6JN

Wednesday 6th May 2026 10am-2pm

Unpaid Carers Bracelet Making

Come And Join Us To Make A
Bracelet



Wednesday 13th May 2026
10am-2pm

THE GWENT CARERS HUB 3 CENTRAL
MEWS, OFF MARKET STREET
PONTYPOL NP4 6JN
EMAIL: GWENTCARERSHUB@ADFERIAD.ORG
01495 367564

Unpaid Carers Mosaic crafting



Wednesday 20th May 2026
10am-2pm

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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
THE GWENT CARERS HUB 3 CENTRAL
MEWS, OFF MARKET STREET PONTYPOL
NP4 6JN EMAIL:
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To book onto any of the activities, please contact
the Gwent Carers Hub on 01495 367564 /
gwentcarershub@adferiad.org



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● 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



Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School