



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 11th 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

September 2027

Tuesday 29th September 2026 - Flu Immunisations

Afterschool Clubs

Afterschool clubs begin from **Monday 14th September**. Acceptance slips have been sent home today, if you have not received a slip please note your child will be on the reserve list for their chosen club and when a space becomes available you will be notified.

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

#NotInMissOut

Attendance

A reminder of the importance of good attendance as we begin the new academic year. Supporting Torfaen strategy for attendance at Garnteg, we Strive for 95% + attendance, therefore everyday counts!

Requests for holidays

You must make a formal request to the Headteacher to take children on holiday during the school term; the school will only consider the category of exceptional circumstances for holiday requests.

Therefore, general holidays during school time will not be authorised in line with the Local Authority.

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

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.

Breakfast Club

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

#DdimYnoColliAllan

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.

Gwent Music Tuition 2026-27: A Parent's Guide

Tuition Options & Costs



34 Annual Sessions

Lessons delivered individually or in small groups throughout the academic year.

Wide Instrument Selection

Tuition for Strings, Brass, Guitar, Percussion, Harp, Piano, Woodwind, and Voice.

Music Access Fund

Families receiving Free School Meals or Universal Credit can access significantly reduced rates.

Lesson Type	Standard Fee	Access Fund Fee
Group Tuition	£77	FREE
20-Min Individual	£154	£77
30-Min Individual	£232	£154

How to Enrol Your Child



1. Access the Online Portal

Visit gwentmusic.co.uk and select 'School Direct Tuition' via the Parent Portal.

2. Select School and Instrument

Search for your school and enter your child's details for their chosen instrument.



3. Confirm and Pay

Submit your application to join the waiting list and pay once offered a place.



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

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

*Age on 31 August



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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
ffliw 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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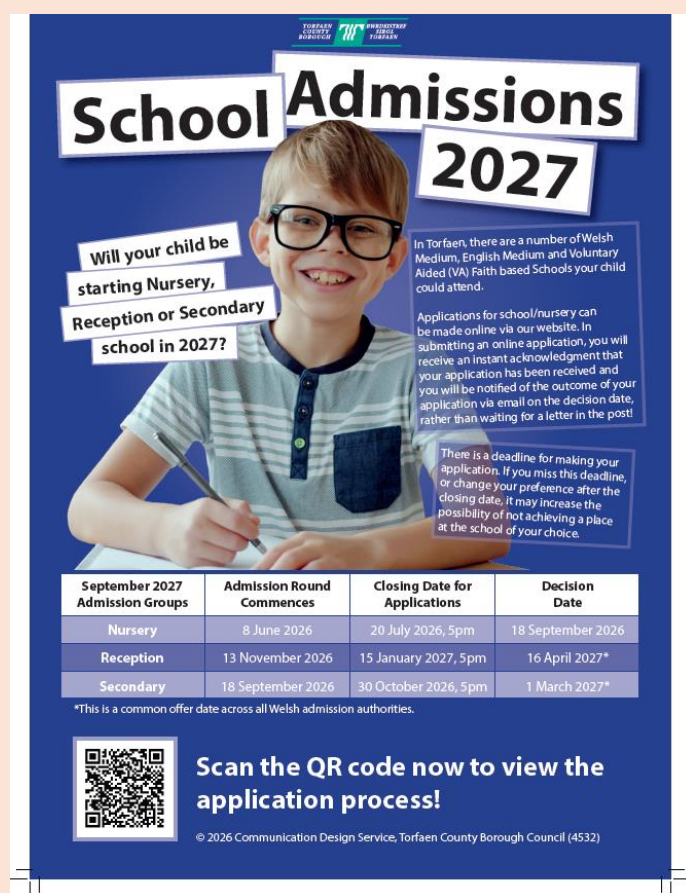
Public Health Wales Notice

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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Destination

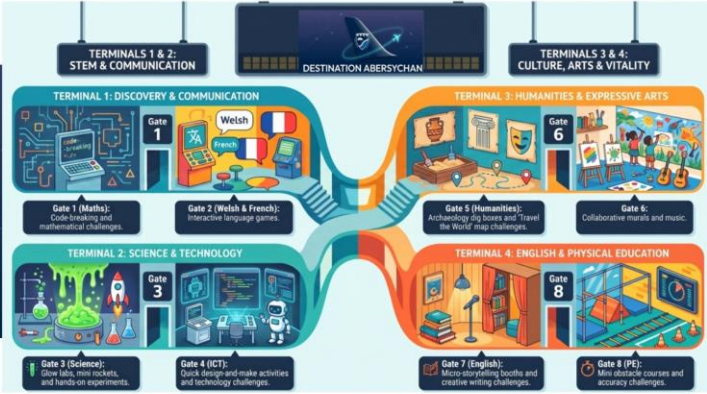


ABERSYCHAN

Thursday 1st October
5pm - 7pm
Pupils in Year 5 and 6

Check in and receive your flight ticket and passport.

2 hour itinerary



Book your ticket now!



www.abersychan.org.uk school.office@abersychanschool.co.uk

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
 Looked After Children
 GIG NHS Wales

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](https://www.111.nhs.uk/contact-us/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.



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	87.20	0	87.20	3	97.11	6	94.55
Reception	94.42	1	92.65			7	99.57
		2	96.38	4/5	95	8	97.04
Year 1	95	3	94.40	5	97.08	9 95.48	
Year 2	90.25	4	93.85			10	96
		5	89.20	6	89.02	11	94.33
						12	83.87

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs A Phillips	AM- Harlow PM- Oakley	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell	Aria
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs C Lewis	Fallon	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs N Rogers	Harrison
Dosbarth 2 - Mrs I Williams	Reggie	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Z Williams	Joey
Dosbarth 3 - Miss M Dalton	Mason	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs K Ngwenya	Paisley

Dosbarth 4 - Mr E Key	Darcy-Mae	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs K Matthews	Alexis
Dosbarth 5 - Miss S Brooks	Kobie	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs H Lee	Harley B
		Dosbarth 12 - Mr A Phillips	Isaac

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	96
4	95	92.79
5	95	91.50
6	95	92.61
7	95	97.83
8	95	97.22
9	95	94.96
10	95	93.33
11	95	93.33
12	95	86.29

Meithrin - Bendedig Meithrin! This week we have been busy continuing our learning through our topic 'Me, you and Autumn too'. You have shared more learning ideas for our topic, created self-portraits and have made your sparkle profiles too! This year our PE day will be on a Tuesday. Please can the children wear their PE kits to school on this day. On Monday 28th September we are going to be having a topic immersion day. We please ask can the children come to school wearing Autumn themed clothing. We will be completing Autumn based activities on the day and taking part in exciting workshops with animals interactive who will be bringing farm animals into the school site. Have a lovely weekend!

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2- Da iawn Dosbarth Un a Dau on a fantastic full week in Reception! We are so proud of how well the classes have settled into school life and our daily routines. We have loved started our PE sessions this week and sharing ideas for our new topic, *You, Me and Autumn Too*. On Monday 28th September, we will be having a Topic Immersion Day. Please can the children come to school wearing Autumn themed clothing. The children will enjoy a range of exciting Autum activities and a special visit from Animals Interactive, who will be bringing farm animals into the school site. Homework books will be given to the children on Friday with activities given out throughout the term. We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 3 - What a wonderful week we have had in Dosbarth Tri! 🌞 The children have shown great maturity when choosing their own learning in our classroom areas. We have also been busy collecting data linked to our topic, *Field to Fork*, by asking our peers where they buy their food from. The children enjoyed making marks, counting and finding totals from the information they collected. **A few reminders**

for next week: PE: Our PE day is Thursday. Please send your child to school with their PE kit in a named bag. The children will change in school. **Home learning:** Tasks have been set and can be found in your child's homework pack. **Reading:** Reading books have been sent home. Please return them once read on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, so that they can be changed. Diolch 😊

Dosbarth 4 – Diolch and Da iawn Dosbarth 4 for a fantastic week continuing our learning. This week we have been sharing learning questions for our new topic and what we know so far, as well as practicing our data collection and interpretation skills when asking our friends about their food preferences! Diolch for all reading books returned so far, just a reminder our reading books are due on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Our PE days are on Monday (Outdoor) and Thursday (Hall). Please can the children bring kits into school, where they will get changed prior to the session. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 – Gwaith da Pawb for a brilliant first full week back to school. This week we have carried on learning about our classroom and have delved into our new topic 'Field to Fork'. The children were really excited to give their ideas, and we have a fantastic term ahead of us!

Our pe days are Thursday's children can bring their pe kits into school, and they will get changed in school. We will then send their pe kits home at the end of term. Reading books have all gone home and these are due back in Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 – Bendegedig pawb! You have been superstars this week! You have explored the key features of a biography along with some amazing work to support these. Along with this, you have started learning songs with DJ Suzie in readiness for our class assemblies on Thursday 1st October. The learning log activity books have been sent home today and will need to be returned in two weeks' time. Our PE days are Mondays and Thursdays-please ensure that the children bring in their kits, with names clearly stated on the clothing. As we will be doing PE both indoors and outdoors the children will require joggers, hoodies as well as shorts. Have a lovely weekend and we can't wait to see you for another week of learning.

Dosbarth - 8 Da iawn dosbarth 8 for another fantastic week in class. We have thoroughly enjoyed listening to all of your ideas about our new topic 'Leaves are falling, autumn is calling', place value in maths and our literacy work based on our class book this week. Learning logs and spellings have been given out this week and we will be having our weekly spelling test on a Friday. Please can learning logs be returned regularly so we can see your lovely work and award dojo's. Our P.E days will be Tuesday and Wednesday, please the children have appropriate P.E kits and shoes for the weather. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 9 – We have had a great week in Dosbarth 9 and have shown great excitement for our new topic 'Wilderness Warriors'. We have practised place value in maths and have started to explore our new class book 'The Explorer' in literacy. We've also been learning how to stay safe online using the SMART rules. Learning Log activities have been shared on Class Dojo and will be sent out this week along with spellings.

Dosbarth 10 – Wow, what a busy week! We began our first full week in Dosbarth 10 with excellent enthusiasm for learning. In LLC we have started to learn about our narrative writing topic and have enjoyed beginning our book *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We have focused on Place Value in Maths

and Numeracy and the children have been able to use some wonderful mathematical language to explain the value of digits in numbers up to 100,000 - gwaith wych! Leaning logs will be going out on this week with weekly spellings and home learning activities for the term.

Dosbarth 11 - We have had a fantastic start to Year 6, and the children have settled into their new routines really well. It has been a busy and exciting week, with lots of brilliant discussions and ideas about our new topic, 'It's Just a Matter of Fact!' We are really looking forward to exploring this further over the coming weeks. A little reminder that PE sessions will take place on Mondays and Thursdays, so please ensure PE kits are in school ready for these days. Thank you for a lovely first full week and we hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Dosbarth 12 - What a great week we have had in Year 6! The children have settled back into the class brilliantly and we couldn't be prouder 😊 We have been excited discussing ideas for our new topic 'It's Just a Matter of Fact!' and can't wait to get started! Our PE sessions will take place on Mondays and Thursdays so please ensure PE kits are in school ready for these days. Just a reminder, learning log activities have been posted on ClassDojo for this term. Have a lovely weekend and we will see you all 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.

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

Ysgol Abersychan School

Autumn DISCO

TUES 22ND SEPT
5PM - 6.30PM MAIN HALL
OPEN TO PUPILS IN Y4, Y5 AND Y6
Free Entry * Free Treats

Scan the QR code to book!

This is a drop off event, parents & carers are not required to stay.



 Dŵr Cymru
Welsh Water

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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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




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

● WEEKLY ACTIVITIES IN ● GARNDIFFAITH AND ABERSYCHAN

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
10 am - 11am Yoga - Cwmavon Village Hall Baby & Me - Millennium 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	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 - Millennium Hall Midday - 2pm Lunch club - Talywain Rugby Club 2.30pm - 4.30pm Pensioners Club - Victoria Village Hall	10 am - 11am Tai Chi - Millennium 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 Teirno - Noddfa Church 8pm - 10pm Old Time Modern Dancing - Millennium Hall
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
10am - 11.30am Shelife (gentle exercise class) - Millennium 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 - Millennium Hall	9.30 - 10.30am Pop in & Play (family with pre-school children) - Millennium 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](#)



Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School