



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 25th September 2026

Cylchlythyr - 25th Medi 2026

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 Diary 2026



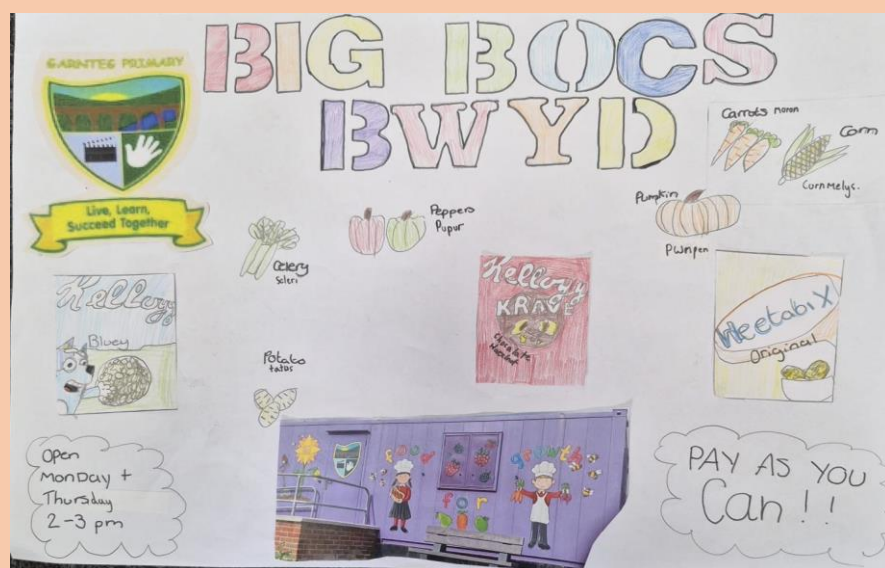
October Diary 2026



Thursday 1st October - Year 3 Class Assembly
Class 6 - 10am

Class 8 - 2pm

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



Big Bocs Bwyd project is about Food Literacy and reducing wastage of food and is available to the whole community. **Every Monday 2:00-3:00pm and every Thursday 2:00-3:00pm** we have a shop open to everyone in our Food For Growth classroom with a range of food available such as fruit and vegetables, refrigerated foods (such as garlic bread, yoghurts, drinks) non-perishable foods such as tins

(fruit, soups, beans etc) and packets (chocolate, bread, pasta, rice) which has been received from Fareshare and various supermarkets. Each week we have different products available, all we ask for is a 'Pay As You Feel' donation. Please support the project at Garnteg.

Harvest Collection At Garnteg

We would welcome donations for our harvest collection this year. Donations will be shared between Garnteg Big Bocs Bwyd and Noddfa Food Bank. If you would like to donate, please send your donations in by the 2nd of October, ready for our Harvest celebrations the following week.

Pasta
Rice
Cereal
Jars and tins
Pasta sauces
Soup



PIC•COLLAGE



Good for your wallet,
good for your community,
good for the planet. ♡

COOKING DEMO

Tasty recipes,
less waste,
more impact! ♡



DELICIOUS MEALS
MADE WITH SURPLUS FOOD
SIMPLE • AFFORDABLE • SUSTAINABLE



SAVE MONEY
Make your food
go further



REDUCE WASTE
Turn surplus
into something
delicious



SUPPORT COMMUNITY
Strengthening local
communities across
Wales



PROTECT OUR PLANET
Small changes,
big difference

Please inform the school office if you would like to attend!

JOIN US!

DATE Tuesday 13th October

TIME 1.15pm

VENUE Garnteg Primary

Everyone welcome! ♡

NO GOOD FOOD
GOES TO WASTE

Together we can build
stronger communities.

f i t
fareshare.cymru

Attendance

#NotInMissOut

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).

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, **please note the office lines are extremely busy.**

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.

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.

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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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

The School Nursing Service will visit the school to offer pupils a **nasal flu spray vaccine on 29/09/2026**

The online consent form and more information can be found here: [E- Consent Form Link](#)

We encourage all parents/carers to complete a consent form for their child or young person, regardless of whether they wish them to receive the vaccination.

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



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.



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	73.78	0	73.78	3	96	6	95.91
Reception	91.43	1	88.57			7	96.09

		2	94.59	4/5	96.25	8	95.19
Year 1	94.17	3	93.60	5		9	95.48
Year 2	86.50	4	90		90.83	10	89.33
		5	86.80			11	88.67
				6	88.03	12	87.42

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs A Phillips	AM- Osian PM- Xander	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell	Joby
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs C Lewis	Frankie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs N Rogers	Takota
Dosbarth 2 - Mrs I Williams	Siena-Rae	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Z Williams	George
Dosbarth 3 - Miss M Dalton	Florence	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs K Ngwenya	Jaydan
Dosbarth 4 - Mr E Key	Poppy	Dosbarth 10 - Miss K Matthews	William
Dosbarth 5 - Miss S Brooks	Freddie	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs H Lee	Dayton
		Dosbarth 12 - Mr A Phillips	Jasmine

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	95.08
4	95	91.72
5	95	89.69
6	95	93.88
7	95	97.16
8	95	96.44
9	95	95.16
10	95	91.79
11	95	90.83
12	95	87.70

Meithrin – We have had another fantastic week in Meithrin! We have been working incredibly hard and have enjoyed exploring our topic, 'Me, You and Autumn Too'. The children have been very creative, using

loose parts to build and design their houses for their loved ones, and have continued to impress us with their growing independence. Just a reminder that our exciting Topic Immersion Day will take place on Monday. Please send your child to school dressed in autumnal clothing to help us celebrate and immerse ourselves in our new learning theme. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to an exciting day together on Monday! 🍁🍁

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2- We have had another fantastic week in Dosbarth Derbyn! Our classes have been working incredibly hard and have enjoyed exploring our topic, 'Me, You and Autumn Too'. They have been very creative, using loose parts to build and design their houses for their loved ones, and have continued to impress us with their excellent knowledge and recognition of their RWI sounds. Just a reminder that our exciting Topic Immersion Day will take place on Monday. Please send your child to school dressed in autumnal clothing to help us celebrate and immerse ourselves in our new learning theme. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to an exciting day together on Monday! 🍁🍁

Dosbarth 3 - What a fantastic week in Dosbarth 3! We have been busy developing our writing skills, using our knowledge of capital letters and full stops to write clear sentences. In Mathematics, we have been exploring place value, learning about the value of numbers and identifying how many tens and units are in each number. Our Field to Fork topic has also got off to a great start! We have shared what we already know, thought about what we would like to find out and created our own questions to help guide our learning. It has been wonderful to hear the children's ideas and curiosity as we begin our new topic! 🌱🚜

Dosbarth 4 - Diolch dosbarth 4 for another wonderful week! We have been learning how to order events in a recount using time connectives such as first, next, then and finally. We have also continued our learning when understanding the place value of numbers and answering problem questions. Spellings have been sent out and the children will be assessed on these next week. Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday!

Dosbarth 5 - Prynhawn Da Pawb! Yet again another wonderful week! This week we have been learning how to use time connectives correctly and how we can improve our sentences using adjectives! In Maths we have continued to look at place value and have been able to show how we can see the value behind our digits. Just a reminder that PE is on Thursdays. PE kits can be left in school. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Da Iawn for another wonderful week of learning. We have written some fantastic biographies this week, including key features and uplevelling to make our work wow! We are really pleased with how our class concert is coming along, with super singing with DJ Suzie. Please continue to support your child to learn their lines and practise their songs. Have a lovely weekend! 😊

Dosbarth - 8 Da iawn Dosbarth 8 for another fantastic week. We thoroughly enjoyed our first cricket session and were so impressed with your catching skills. Just a quick reminder that our P.E days are Tuesday and Wednesday and for learning logs and reading books to be returned to school regularly so we can add dojo's for your amazing work. Our Class performance will be on Monday 5th October at 2pm, we are looking forward to seeing you all there. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 9&10 – We have been working our socks off in Dosbarth 9 & 10 this week. We have applied the skills we developed last week in analysing data to create our own data sets and use them to create bar charts and line graphs. In literacy we have begun planning for our narrative big write and are getting ready to write some exciting adventure stories about a group of children shipwrecked on an uninhabited island. There are some wonderful ideas and I can't wait to read the finished stories. We had our first cricket session this Wednesday which the children thoroughly enjoyed and were able to learn some valuable new skills. Our PE days are every Tuesday and Wednesday and children need to bring in their PE kits on these days to change into for the lessons.

Dosbarth 11 – Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 11! This week we have enjoyed looking at states of matter and how these can be changed. We have also looked at historical evidence and whether or not we can trust a source – is it first hand evidence? Just a reminder that PE is on a Monday and Thursday and learning logs to be returned every Friday. Have a lovely weekend all.

Dosbarth 12 –

We have had an enjoyable week in Dosbarth 12, writing an autobiography and exploring illusion art. Keep working on your learning logs at home, we love seeing what you have completed. PE days are a Monday and Thursday, so please make sure PE kits are brought into school on those days. The children have brought home their residential letters. Reminder that the deposit needs to be paid by Friday 9th October. Enjoy your weekend!

Community Notices



Pontypool Community Council
supported by Torfaen Play

MILLENNIUM ACTIVITY CLUB

**FREE
OF CHARGE**

A range of fun activities and workshops
that are young person centred, including:
VR Headsets, Sports, Arts & Crafts,
Games and lots lots more!

WEDNESDAYS
4:00PM - 5:30PM
8-14 YEARS OLD

Garndiffaith
Millennium Hall,
Top Road, Garndiffaith,
Abersychan, NP4 7LT

A safe environment for young people to meet up with
and spend time with friends outside of school.
For more information please contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk



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@torfaenplayservice



torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk



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.

- 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.

Please visit 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

LIGHT
— THE —
SKY

LASER
LIGHT SHOW

SATURDAY
10TH OCTOBER 2026

— GATES OPEN —

5.00PM

AT

THE BAKERY FIELD TALLYWAIN

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 Teens - Noddfa Church 8pm - 10pm Old Time Modern Dancing - Millennium Hall
THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
10am - 11.30am Shellite (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 Feetparent 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	



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

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School