



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 02nd 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 18th December 2026

Friday 19th March 2027 - Cluster Training Day

Monday 19th July 2027

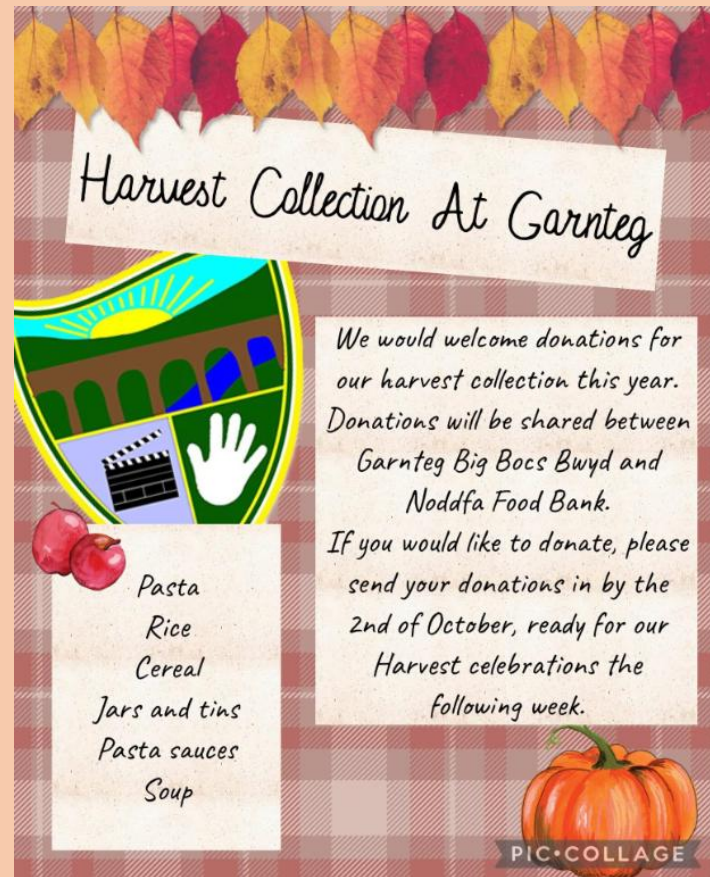
Tuesday 20th July 2027

October Diary 2026



Monday 5th October - Year 4 Class Assembly

Class 8 - 2pm



Parent Consultations

A poster for a Parents Evening. The background is a light grey and white checkered pattern. At the top, there is a small logo with the text "LIVE, LEARN, SUCCEED TOGETHER". Below it, the text "Parents Evening" is written in a large, bold, black font. Underneath, "Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th October" is written in a red font. Below this, the text "Please join us in the school hall, we will be joined by the following:" is written in a black font. Below the text, there are three logos: "Big Bocs Bwyd", "USBORNE", and "Bron Afon". At the bottom, a red box contains the text "Please note: no afterschool clubs will take place on Tuesday 6th October."

Parents Consultations will be held in school on Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th October. You will have recieved your appointment slots. We have Usborne Books joining us in the main hall with a wonderful selection to choose from if you wish, as well as food items from our Fareshare Big Bocs Bwyd to pay as you feel. Bron Afon will also be attending to support with any housing related queries. We look forward to seeing you!

Parent
Consultations

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

Drop off and collection times

Once pupils have been dropped off in the mornings and collected at end of day from gates, please can parents and carers move away to avoid congestion.

Torfaen Play & Wellbeing Camp October 2026 Half Term

Please register using link or QR code below if you would like your children to attend:

<https://my.torfaen.gov.uk/icustomer/?cuid=CCA8599AE222B64E553E3059431401AB98COB98E&lang=en>

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

PLAY & WELLBEING CAMP 2026

Tuesday 27th October
Wednesday 28th October
Thursday 29th October
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

FREE OF CHARGE

OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026

A refillable drink and packed lunch is required

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







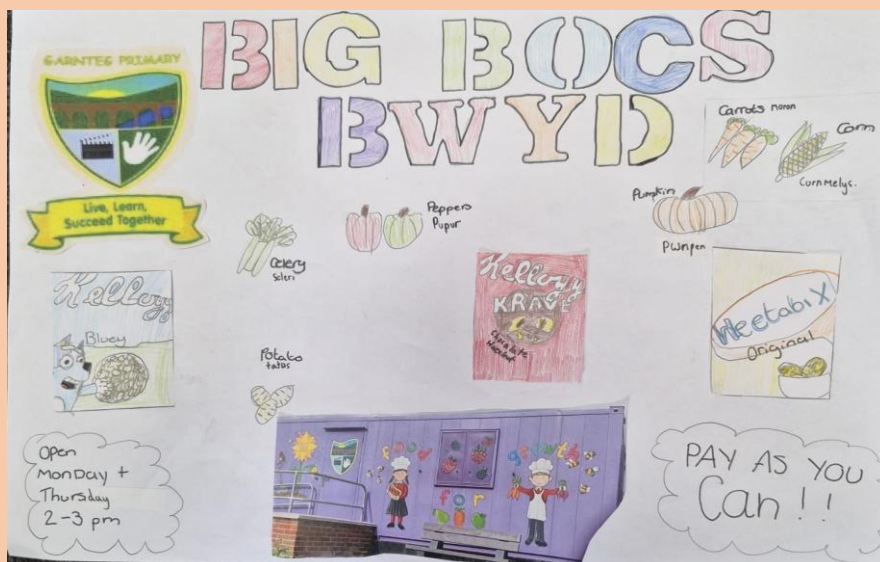




@chwaraeortorfaenplay
Chwarae Torfaen Torfaen Play
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

A packed lunch and refillable drink must be provided daily.

Big Bocs Bwyd



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.

FareShare
Cymru

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.

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.

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
Sgobetaeth Wyrdd Ysgol

Leased After Children
Plant fy'n Sgôrfa Safon

GIG Cymru NHS
Sgôrfa Iddyd Wylgust
Amodau Sgôrfa
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.



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	82.48	0	82.48	3	93.22	6	90.46
Reception	94.34	1	94.97			7	95.85
		2	93.67	4/5	94.20	8	94.95
Year 1	93.31	3	92	5	92.52	9	94.79
Year 2	90.35	4	90.40			10	90.23
		5	92.91	6	89.49	11	92.05
						12	87.02

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs A Phillips	AM- Oscar PM- Olivia-Leigh	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell	Whole class
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs C Lewis	Bellamy	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs N Rogers	Whole class
Dosbarth 2 - Mrs I Williams	Violet	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Z Williams	Poppi
Dosbarth 3 - Miss M Dalton	Otis	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs K Ngwenya	Grace W
Dosbarth 4 - Mr E Key	Ollie	Dosbarth 10 - Miss K Matthews	Marang
Dosbarth 5 - Miss S Brooks	Ollie	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs H Lee	Beau
		Dosbarth 12 - Mr A Phillips	Evan

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92
4	95	90.40
5	95	92.91
6	95	90.46
7	95	95.85
8	95	94.95
9	95	94.79
10	95	90.23
11	95	92.05
12	95	87.02

Meithrin – This week in Meithrin has been magical. On our WOW day we loved meeting our wonderful farm animals and learning lots of new and exciting things together. The children enjoyed exploring, discovering, and experiencing lots of new things throughout the day. We have also begun our new mini topic, #SeizeTheSeason, and have been exploring all the wonderful changes that autumn brings. We are looking forward to continuing our autumn adventures and making the most of this beautiful season together. Da iawn, Meithrin! Have a lovely weekend! 🍁 🐣

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2- What an amazing WOW Day we have had in Reception! We have loved meeting our wonderful farm animals and learning lots of new and exciting things. We have also had a fantastic time getting to know our new class book, *The Leaf Man*, and we are already enjoying exploring its magical story together. Da iawn, Reception! You have been amazing! Have a lovely weekend! 🍁 🐣 🌟

Dosbarth 3 – What a fantastic week we have had in Dosbarth Tri! We have been so impressed with everyone's wonderful Welsh language communication. Our phrase of the week, "Ga i", has been heard all around school, from our classroom to the hall at lunchtime. It has been lovely to see everyone having a go at using their Welsh independently and confidently! In Literacy, we have been learning to use time words to order familiar routines and events from our class story, *The Enormous Turnip*. The children's growing confidence when using words such as first, next, then and finally has really shone through this week. We have also seen some fantastic independence during our learning tasks. A little reminder that Parents' Evening is taking place next week. All appointment times were sent home at the beginning of the week. We look forward to seeing you and sharing your child's progress and achievements so far. 😊 Well done, Dosbarth Tri, for another brilliant week!

Dosbarth 4 – Da iawn pawb for another wonderful week! This week we have been continuing our descriptive writing skills to help us when writing our own recount. We have begun an exploration of measures of mass, using balance scales to find the heaviest and lightest objects and ordering using our

measures, and we have explored the parable of the Sower and how we are grateful for our food through our RVE and topic learning. Please can pupils continue to bring in their reading books to change on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. A reminder that weekly spellings are set for the children to practice too - well done to our super spellers this week! We are looking forward to meeting with you at consultation meetings next week, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 – Bendedgedi Dobsarth 5! We have had another fantastic week where we have really got stuck into our learning and tried our best in all areas. In maths we have been looking at weighing and how we can tell on a balance scale what is heavy and what is light and we have had great conversations about how we are grateful for farmers who grow our food. Just a reminder to send home learning logs in and reading books as much as possible. Have a fantastic weekend!

Dosbarth 6 & 7 – Wow Bendigedig! Our class concerts were amazing this week! We are so proud of everyone. You were fantastic performers singing your hearts out and saying your lines with confidence. This week we have also been writing instructions on how to make pumpkins and autumn biscuits that we sold at our class concerts. Thank you so much to parents for your continued support 😊 We look forward to seeing you all again at parents evening next week. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth – 8 Da iawn Dosbarth 8 for another fantastic week. We thoroughly enjoyed our cricket session this week and practised our batting 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 and for you to see our lovely string and cinnamon pumpkins and magnets for our sale. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 9&10 – We have had a week of hard work this week. We have been working on writing and refining our adventure stories. We have seen some incredible ideas, imagination and descriptive detail - well done Year 4 and 5, your creativity has shone. In maths we have been working on refreshing column addition and subtraction, including exchanges. This will support our learning next week when we move onto grid method multiplication. All three skills will then be utilised in problem solving linked to our topic. In humanities, we have been embracing the harvest and looking at food-inequality and how different religions work to attempt to support those less fortunate. Finally, in science, we have been following our topic theme of being shipwrecked on an uninhabited island by exploring buoyancy and density to plan for an investigation into designing the ideal boat or raft. Phew! What a busy week.

Dosbarth 11&12 – We have had another enjoyable week in Year 6- writing a biography and exploring ways of separating materials. 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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GWEITHGAREDDAU HANNER TERM HYDREF! OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES!

MEWN CANOLFANNAU YM
MWRDEISTREF SIROL TORFAEN | AT
CENTRES AT TORFAEN COUNTY
BOROUGH

NOFIO I'R TEULU | FAMILY SWIM

Canolfan Hamdden y Tylgoed |
Fairwater Leisure Centre

JUMPINGYM

Stadiwm Cwmbrân | Cwmbran Stadium

BOWNSIO A CHWARAE | BOUNCE & PLAY

Canolfan Byw Egniol Pont-y-pŵl | Stadiwm
Cwmbrân
Pontypool Active Living Centre | Cwmbran
Stadium

TEGANAU CHWYDDADWY YN Y PWLL | POOL INFLATABLES

Canolfan Byw Egniol Pont-y-pŵl | Pontypool
Active Living Centre

NOFIO A SLEID | SLIDE & SWIM

Canolfan Byw Egniol Pont-y-pŵl
Pontypool Active Living Centre



SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE

Or visit: haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on



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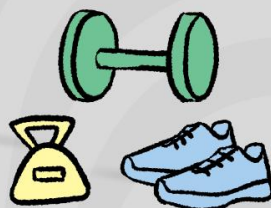


TORFAEN
COUNTY
BOROUGH



BWRDEISTREF
SIROL
TORFAEN

**TORFAEN
HEALTH, SPORT
& FITNESS**



Join us for



Family Fun Fitness

FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN
8+ YEARS OLD

Moving together for a healthier happier tomorrow

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

L A S E R
L I G H T S H O W

S A T U R D A Y

10TH OCTOBER 2026

— G A T E S O P E N —

5.00PM

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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:
dwr.cymru.com/supportwithbills



[Help with your bills | Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water](#)



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 Garrafffaith Millennium Hall

Fridays - 11am Blaenavon Workmen's Hall

No experience needed. Everyone welcome.

Contact Rachael: 07484 737410



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

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 GAP 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
Sheltee (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 Feetparent 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

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