



GARNTeg PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter - 23rd October 2026

Cylchlythyr - 23rd Hydref 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

Dear Parent and Carer,

What a busy term it has been finishing with our spooky disco today which was fantastically frightful, A huge thank you for attending our amazing food for growth sale last week in total you helped us raise 571.54 well done to everyone.

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

Abersychan Cluster Schools Numeracy Website

Exciting news, our Abersychan Cluster Numeracy Website is now live. It is a learning platform for all cluster schools to access to support pupils and parents & carers with Maths& Numeracy. Please read attached letter for more information and the link to our website.

<https://www.garntegprimary.co.uk/information-zone/abersychan-cluster-schools-numeracy-website/>

Alternatively you can access using the following:

www.garntegprimary.co.uk

Information Zone/Parth Gwybodaeth

Abersychan Cluster Schools Numeracy Website

Click link

COMMUNICATION AT GARNTEG

Do you have a question, or need to speak to someone?

1. SPEAK TO THE CLASS TEACHER

- There is a teacher on the gate each morning in a high-vis vest who can pass messages on.
- All staff will be at the gate at dismissal time and can talk to you or arrange a meeting.

2. SPEAK TO THE PHASE LEADER

- If you still have a query you can speak to phase leaders;
- Mrs Messore (Foundation phase)
- Mrs Parker-Evans (KS2)
- Mr Phillips (KS2)



Half term reminders message for parents and carers:

In the forthcoming weeks we will be sharing some information on new policies that have been written with you we would be grateful if you could give us your feedback on these as we publish them relating to Educational Visits and Adult visitors on site .

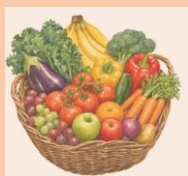
The link to the website and policies can be found below

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Torfaen Parent and Carer Survey

The survey is designed to gather valuable feedback on childcare needs, experiences, and preferences from all parents and carers, including those who do not currently use childcare services. Your feedback helps ensure that our plans, services and future provision reflect the needs of schools, children, young people and families across Torfaen. To complete survey please click on link below:

[Survey of parents and carers - 2027 Childcare Sufficiency Assessments](#)



A Message from your School Pupil council Healthy Snacks at Garnteg .

We are a Healthy School and are working towards our next award.

A Garnteg Primary children benefit from having one healthy snack at morning or afternoon break to help keep them energised and ready to learn throughout the day.

We encourage all pupils to bring **one** healthy snack to school each day that provides essential vitamins and minerals with no added sugar or salt. These snacks can contribute towards our five daily portions of fruit or vegetables helping us stay alert and maintain concentration.

How parents and Carers can Help. With support from you please can you encourage **one** piece of fruit or vegetable to brought into school for each day for your children to eat.

These can sometimes look like - apples, oranges, celery, cucumber sticks or other items around the same design.

Thank you very much

School Council Garnteg

Attendance

#NotInMissOut

#DdimYnoColliAllan

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!

Attendance

	<u>This week</u> <u>W/c 19.10.26</u>	<u>Autumn Term</u> <u>Sept-Oct 2026</u>
Year 1	88.06%	91.67%
Year 2	89.49%	89.80%
Year 3	96.00%	94.00%
Year 4	95.00%	93.99%
Year 5	95.92%	93.37%
Year 6	92.30%	90.74%
Whole School	91.77%	91.69%

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mrs A Phillips	AM- whole class PM- whole class	Dosbarth 6 - Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell	Braea
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs C Lewis	Ashton	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs N Rogers	Noah M.P
Dosbarth 2 - Mrs I Williams	Theo	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Z Williams	Charlotte
Dosbarth 3 - Miss M Dalton	Rex	Dosbarth 9 - Mrs K Ngwenya	Kade
Dosbarth 4 - Mr E Key	Eleanor	Dosbarth 10 - Miss K Matthews	Isobelle
Dosbarth 5 - Miss S Brooks	Madison	Dosbarth 11 - Mrs H Lee	Dayton
		Dosbarth 12 - Mr A Phillips	Ruby

Meithrin - 🍁 Bendigedig Meithrin, what a fantastic start the year! We are so proud of how well the children have settled in and how much they have grown in confidence over the past few weeks! We have been exploring our topic, 'Me, you and Autumn too', through lots of exciting, hands-on activities and showing wonderful curiosity, creativity, and enthusiasm. It has been lovely to see them learning, playing, and growing together as they continue to climb to sparkle! We hope all our families have a wonderful, restful half-term break. Enjoy some special time together, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for more exciting learning adventures after the half term 🍁🍁

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2- What a fabulous start to Reception we have had! ☀️ We can't believe how quickly this half term has flown by. The children have settled brilliantly, and we are so proud of all their hard work. We are looking forward to our spooky disco on Friday 23rd October. 🎃👻 Please also remember to bring wellies and a spare change of clothes into school due to the changing weather. 🍁 Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you all soon!

Dosbarth 3 - Dosbarth Tri have had a fantastic week! We have been so impressed with everyone's Welsh speaking skills, especially when using Welsh phrases to serve one another in our farm shop role play. In Maths, we tackled our prove it questions, checking that we had the correct number of cups needed for our cooking activity and explaining our answers. In Literacy, we uplevelled our first drafts of *The Enormous Turnip* recounts to create our final versions. We focused on using capital letters, full stops, time connectives such as *first*, *next*, *then* and *finally*, and describing words to make our writing more interesting. We end our week celebrating at the spooky disco. What a fantastic week! Have a wonderful half term break!

Dosbarth 4 - This week Dosbarth 4 have been working super hard to write our own story books, based on our improved recounts about our class story 'A kid of their own'. We loved designing and making our own front covers, writing our recounts and a blurb to share what our book is all about. We have also been super excited for our spooky disco this week! Have a lovely half term and see you all when we return!

Dosbarth 5 -Gwaith da pawb! This week we have been working really hard and have re-written our class story 'A kid of their own'. They have used adjectives and similes within their writing and have produced some amazing stories! In maths we have used weight to make our own playdough to use in our shelter this week and even added colouring and glitter. We hope you have a lovely half term off.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - What an amazing half term. It has been wonderful to see how much the children have grown in confidence. It was lovely to showcase their performing talents in our class assemblies and their work during parents evening. This week the children have written their stories of overcoming a fear and creating their own. In maths we have been using a ruler to find the length of different objects. Thank you for your support. Have a lovely half term.

Dosbarth - 8

What a fantastic and busy half term we have had in Dosbarth 8! We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in cricket sessions, performing for everyone at Harvest Festival and cooking for our farm shop as well as working extremely hard in class every week. We will be continuing our topic 'Leaves are falling autumn is calling' after half term, just a quick reminder for learning logs and reading books to be returned to school regularly so we can add dojo's for your amazing work. Have a lovely half term everyone!

Dosbarth 9&10 - Another fantastic week in Dosbarth 9 and 10. We have worked hard making apple turnovers using apples from our orchard. We have also explored reading and writing coordinates as well as writing playscripts based on our stories. A reminder that Year 5 will be visiting Abersychan on Monday 19th October. They will be having lunch before leaving school as normal 😊 Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 11&12 -

We have had a lovely final week in Year 6! The Food for Growth sale was extremely successful for both classes and we hope that you enjoyed tasting what we made! After half term we will be carrying on with our topic "It's just a matter of fact!" but the homework log will be updated for the new half term. Please could all homework logs be returned in the first week back in preparation for this. Have a wonderful half term everyone!

Community Notices

**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 Tyllgoed |
Fairwater Leisure Centre

JUMPINGYM
Stadiwm Cwibrân | Cwibrân Stadium

**BOWNSIO A CHWARAE |
BOUNCE & PLAY**
Canolfan Byw Egniol Pont-y-pŵl | Stadiwm
Cwibrân
Pontypool Active Living Centre | Cwibrân
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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We hope you have a very rested enjoyable half term enjoy all the half term activities but most of all stay safe with the darker evenings approaching.

Kindest Regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School