GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tachwedd

Newsletter – 6th November 2026
Cylchlythyr – 6th Tachwedd 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

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

Important Dates

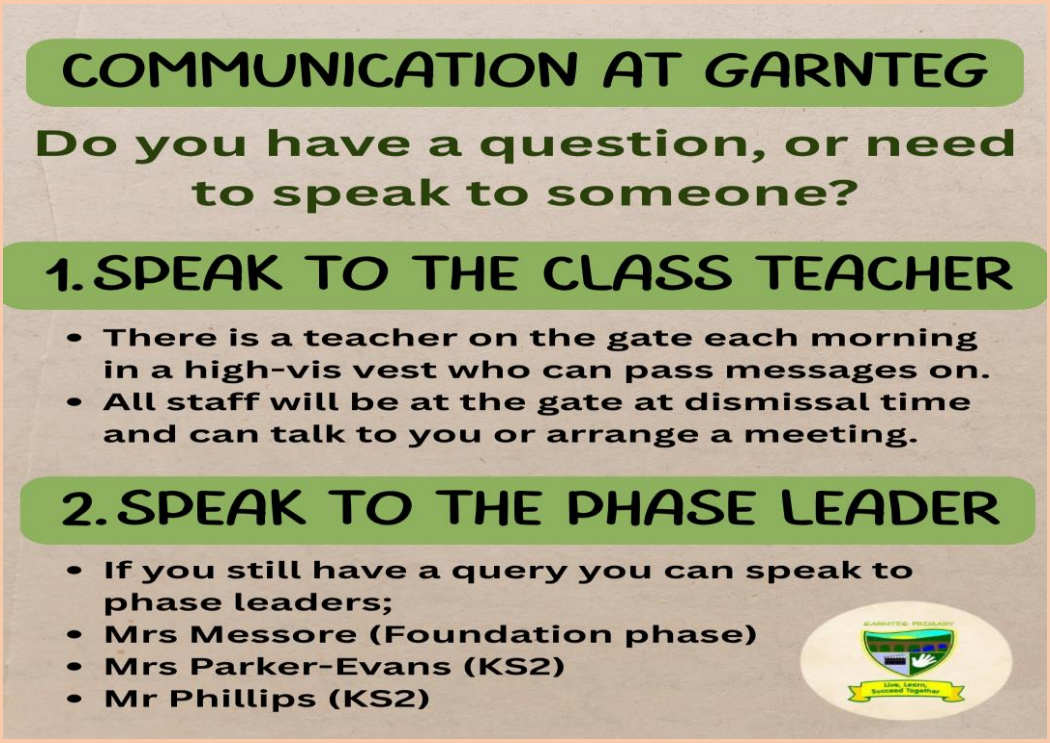
November Diary

Wednesday 11th November 2026 – Remembrance Assembly **Class 9 (10:30am) and class 10 (2:00pm)**
Friday 13th November 2026 – Children in Need

December Diary

Thursday 3rd December 2026 – Elf Day
Thursday 3rd December 2026 – **Class 4 (9:45am)** and **Class 5 (1:45pm)** Christmas Assembly
Friday 4th December 2026 – **Class 11 and Class 12** Carol Service at Noddfa Church at 10.30am
Wednesday 9th December 2026 – Christmas Dinner
Thursday 10th December 2026 – **Class 1 (9:45am)** and **Class 2 (1:45pm)** Christmas Assembly
Thursday 10th December 2026- Greenmeadow Community Farm Carols and Nativity
Friday 11th December 2026 at 3.15pm - Christmas Event in Hall
Monday 14th December 2026- Christmas Raffle
Tuesday 15th December 2026 – **Nursery** stay and play - Christmas Activities am and pm

Communication at Garnteg



Remembrance Parade Blaenavon



The Annual Remembrance Parade in Blaenavon will be held on Sunday 9th November 2026 and will commence at 10.45 from the car park at the top of Broad St. After the parade our pupils will be laying a wreath at the Memorial Garden. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pupils can meet staff from 10.30 am.

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
Home | Garnteg Primary School

Changes to school menu

Week 2

Wednesday 11th November will be serving chicken with stuffing

Thursday 12th November will be serving Sausage and mash

Friday 13th November will be serving Quorn dippers

Children in Need



On Friday 13th November pupils are invited to wear their own clothes (non-school uniform) or yellow or spots to school to raise money for children in need. There will be collection buckets at the school gates, a donation would be greatly appreciated. Thankyou

Anti-Bullying week

Anti-Bullying week is starting Monday 16th November 2026. This year we are building our awareness of anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks to school.

Vacancy for Parent Governor

Would you like to be more involved in your child's education? If so, why not consider becoming a school governor. All schools have places for Parent Governors, and we currently have a vacancy of 1 of these positions at Garnteg Primary,if you are interested, please contact the school office for a nomination form. Governors make decisions about many aspects of the school including the curriculum, staffing and the school's finances. This role is essential to the education of children in the Borough of Torfaen so please consider applying. In case you feel a little apprehensive about the responsibilities of the role the Education Achievement Service for SE Wales (EAS) offer training to assist you.
Please click on the following link for further information.

https://sites.google.com/hwbcymru.net/school-governors/could-you-be-a-school-governor

If you would like to be considered as a Parent Governor please contact the school office for a Nomination Form

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



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

	This week W/c 02.11.26	Autumn Term Sept-Oct 2026
Year 1	97.92%	91.67%
Year 2	92.31%	89.80%
Year 3	90.00%	94.00%
Year 4	94.38%	93.99%
Year 5	95.41%	93.37%
Year 6	90.16%	90.74%
Whole School	92.53%	91.69%

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	**Seren Yr Wythnos**	**Class**	**Seren Yr Wythnos**
Nursery – Mrs A Phillips	AM- Marato PM- Colby	**Dosbarth 6 – Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell**	Oliver
Dosbarth 1 – Mrs C Lewis	Rae Rae	**Dosbarth 7 – Mrs N Rogers**	Darcie-Leigh
Dosbarth 2 – Mrs I Williams	Chester	**Dosbarth 8 – Miss Z Williams**	Frankie
Dosbarth 3 – Miss M Dalton	Finley	**Dosbarth 9 – Mrs K Ngwenya**	Lexi W
Dosbarth 4 – Mr E Key	Archie	**Dosbarth 10 – Miss K Matthews**	Miyah
Dosbarth 5 – Miss S Brooks	Myla	**Dosbarth 11 – Mrs H Lee**	Harley P
		Dosbarth 12 – Mr A Phillips	Nylah

Meithrin – Bendigedig Meithrin! What a fantastic week you have had settling back into our nursery routines beautifully following the half-term break. We have made a fantastic start to our new mini topic, 'Me, You and Online Safety Too!' Inspired by the story *Chicken Clicking*, the children have been exploring the importance of staying safe online, making sensible choices and using technology responsibly. Through stories, discussions and practical activities, we have been developing our understanding of how to keep ourselves safe in an increasingly digital world. We look forward to sharing more of our learning over the coming weeks as we move into Winter. Thank you for your support - Have a lovely weekend!

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2- What a brilliant and productive first week back we have had! We have a busy and exciting term ahead. This week, we have started our Online Safety topic. The children have been learning how to keep themselves safe when using technology and have shown a fantastic understanding of how to stay safe online. As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please could all children bring a pair of wellies and waterproofs to be kept in school for Forest School sessions and outdoor play. We would also like to remind parents and carers to ensure that all belongings are labelled with names to help avoid any mix-ups in class. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another fun-filled and successful term ahead!

Dosbarth 3 – Dosbarth 3 have had a wonderful first week back, and it has been lovely to see everyone settling back into school! We have started exploring our new genre of writing, Poetry, by listening to and reading a range of poems. The children have also enjoyed creating artwork to show the mood of each poem and how it makes them feel. We are excited to continue this learning and have a go at writing our own rhyming poems. As the weather gets wetter, please could you ensure your child brings their wellies and wet weather gear into school so we can continue to enjoy our outdoor exploration time. Diolch yn fawr for your continued support! ⭐

Dosbarth 4 – Da iawn Dosbarth 4 for another wonderful week of learning, and welcome back! We have had a busy week, exploring the features of instructional writing, using place value with addition and exploring our art skills when creating our autumn art challenges. New spellings have been sent home this week, and please continue to complete your learning log challenges – we have seen some fantastic examples recently, da iawn! Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 5 –Gwaith da Dosbarth 5! What a wonderful week we've had. The first week back we have been looking at tens and ones in maths and using our addition skills to help us and in Literacy we have been looking at instructions and what the features are. This week we have also been looking at our Christmas concert, and we chose our own roles and how many lines we have. We are really excited to start practicing and if you could practice at home this would really support our rehearsals in school. Can you please make sure children have coats as they are still outside in the wetter weather learning. Have a wonderful weekend.

Dosbarth 6 & 7 – Diolch yn fawr for a fantastic week of learning in year 3. You have been amazing literacy detectives, predicting what our new book 'The Secret Beast Club' is about, as well as being good stewards and discussing ways that we could care for the school and understanding how we recycle in our class and at home. In maths you have been mastering the skill of reading the scale on a weighing to measure items in the classroom. Just a reminder that our PE days are on Monday and Thursdays. Have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth – 8

What a fantastic week we have had in Dosbarth 8! We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in cricket sessions and exploring different mediums in art this week. 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. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Dosbarth 9 & 10 – We have had a fantastic first week back! The children have enjoyed their final cricket session this week and have shown a fantastic increase in confidence with the sport. Our PE days will remain as Tuesday and Wednesday - please ensure pupils are bringing sensible clothes that are also warmer for outdoor PE as the weather turns colder. A reminder that our class assemblies take place next Wednesday 11th November, with Dosbarth 9 at 10:30am and Dosbarth 10 at 2:00pm. We look forward to seeing you there 😊

Dosbarth 11&12 – We have enjoyed our first week back in school and have quickly settled down to work. We are looking forward to working with DJ Susie over the next few weeks as we prepare for the Carol Service we will lead at Noddfa Church in December. We will still be having outdoor PE sessions during this half term so please can pupils bring in sensible clothing that can be work for outside sessions. Reminder that we will be at the Remembrance Service in Blaenavon on Sunday for those who wish to attend. Have a lovely weekend

Community Notices



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