GARNTEG PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tachwedd

Newsletter – 13th November 2026
Cylchlythyr – 13th 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

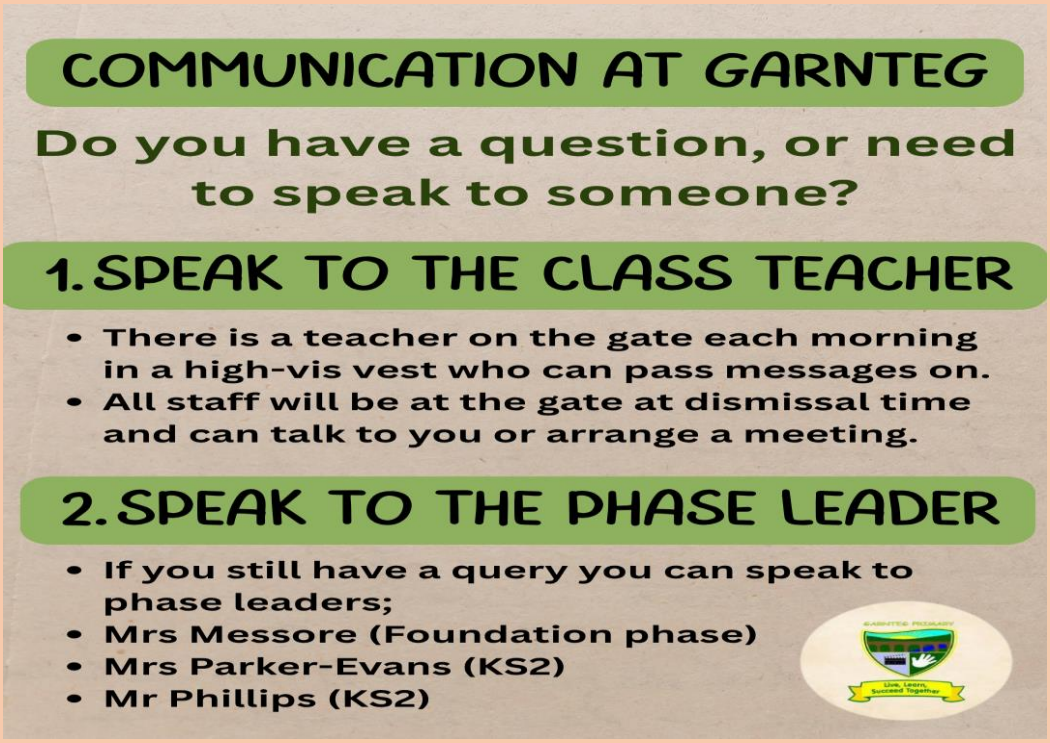
Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	**Tuesday 01.09.26**	**Monday 26.10.26**	**Friday 30.10.26**	**Friday 18.12.26**
Spring	**Monday 04.01.27**	**Monday 08.02.27**	**Friday 12.02.27**	**Friday 19.03.27**
Summer	**Monday 05.04.27**	**Monday 31.05.27**	**Friday 04.06.27**	**Tuesday 20.07.27**

Important Dates

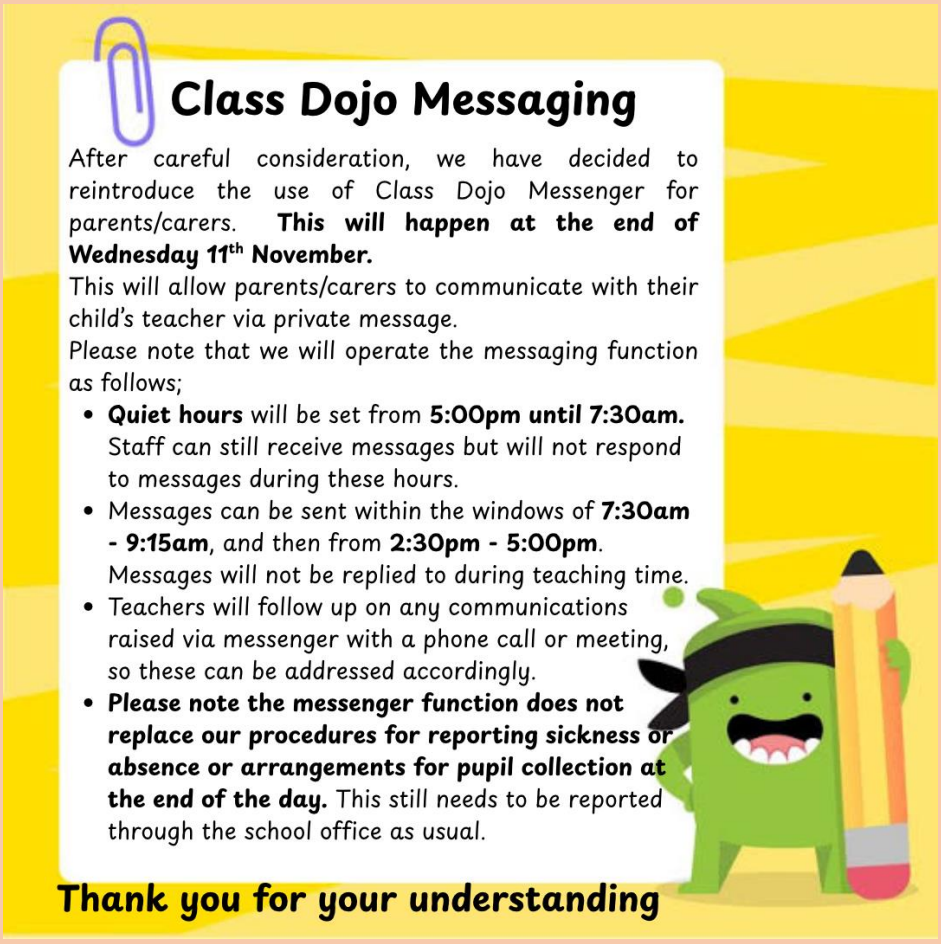
December Diary

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



Class Dojo Messenger



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

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

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

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

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	**Seren Yr Wythnos**	**Class**	**Seren Yr Wythnos**
Nursery – Mrs A Phillips	AM- Neveah D PM- Sophia	**Dosbarth 6 – Miss Bones/Mrs Attewell**	Gracie F
Dosbarth 1 – Mrs C Lewis	Tyler-Jay	**Dosbarth 7 – Mrs N Rogers**	Maisie-Leigh
Dosbarth 2 – Mrs I Williams	Raven-J	**Dosbarth 8 – Miss Z Williams**	Harley
Dosbarth 3 – Miss M Dalton	Theya	**Dosbarth 9 – Mrs K Ngwenya**	Whole Class
Dosbarth 4 – Mr E Key	Kiera	**Dosbarth 10 – Miss K Matthews**	Whole Class
Dosbarth 5 – Miss S Brooks	Sam	**Dosbarth 11 – Mrs H Lee**	Ariyan
		Dosbarth 12 – Mr A Phillips	Amelia

Meithrin – Bendegedig Meithrin! This week we have been learning about Remembrance Day and have been busy learning through all the different classroom areas. We have also started to think about Christmas and have started learning our songs ready for our stay and play session which is taking place on Tuesday 15th December. Timings and information will be posted on ClassDojo in due course about this session. We are thankful for your donations of jigsaws, and the children are really enjoying using them. Thank you for your continuing support, have a lovely weekend!

Derbyn: -Dosbarth 1 & 2-

Reception have loved exploring Forest School and learning about Remembrance Day, sharing thoughtful reasons why we should be thankful. The children have been amazing at learning their Christmas songs, and concert lines have now been given out for them to start learning!

Christmas Concert – Thursday 10th December

- **Morning:** Dosbarth Un (Mrs Lewis' Class)
- **Afternoon:** Dosbarth Dau (Mrs Williams' Class)

Times will be confirmed in due course.

Diolch, and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 3 – What a fantastic week we have had in Dosbarth 3. We have put our creative hats on and become artists this week, we created artwork based on our focus book 'The Enormous Turnip'. We used a range of techniques to present our artwork. In Mathematics, we have created addition sums using our place value knowledge. We have had lots of fun using our outdoor environment to challenge our addition skills. A kind reminder that children bring 1 healthy snack in daily, we would like to ensure that all children are accessing classroom activities and challenges and are not spending lots of time eating their snack. Da iawn Dosbarth 3, have a wonderful weekend 😊

Dosbarth 4 – Da iawn all, you have been shining in your learning this week! We have continued using our skills when using verbs for instructional writing this week and using place value to help us add tens and ones together in our maths. We have also been busy using our art skills when creating wonderful collages, mixing the colours to create our own backgrounds. We have also started preparations for our class Christmas concert! The children have helped to write a script, sharing their ideas about what they wanted to include, and have been choosing their parts and starting to practise lines. Please can the children now practise their lines at home too, thank you for your support! Further information about our concert will be posted on class dojos. **Thursday 3rd December 2026 – Class 4 (9:45am).**

Dosbarth 5 – Bendegedig dosbarth 5! We have had a wonderful week where we have looked at tens and units in maths and how we can add these together using our previous knowledge. In literacy we have been looking at instructions and how we can write our instructions for items we wish to cook next week. We are in full practice mode for our Christmas concert and if you could keep practicing at home, we would be really grateful. **Our class concert is Thursday 3rd December at 1.45pm.**

Dosbarth 6 & 7 – Bendigedig pawb for another fantastic week of learning. You showed resilience and amazing teamwork during our STEM workshop with Lemmiout by creating your own rocket and catapults.

Just a reminder our PE days are on Mondays and Thursday. Also, we would love to see the children's homework logs in school. From next week the children will be having a times tables test on MONDAYS and a spelling test on FRIDAYS. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth – 8 - A big Well done to everyone in dosbarth 8 for another fantastic week. We have had a wonderful week looking at area and perimeter in maths, exploring biographies and their features in LLC and creating artwork using leaves and researching different species of trees in topic. A quick reminder for reading books and learning logs to be returned regularly for Dojo's to be given and that P.E kits are needed for Tuesday's and Wednesday's, please remember appropriate clothing for the outdoors. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

Dosbarth 9 & 10 – A huge well done to all pupils in Dosbarth 9 and 10 for fantastic Remembrance class assemblies this week. You all shone brightly and we are so proud of you all. A big thank you to all parents/carers for supporting with learning lines at home. The Year 5 residential trip is now live on Parent Pay for you to begin making payments. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 11&12 – What a fantastic week of learning we have had in Year 6! The children have thoroughly enjoyed continuing to explore our new class text, sharing some wonderful ideas and thoughtful responses. In Maths, we have been busy representing decimals in a variety of ways, developing our understanding and confidence. A little reminder that our **Year 6 Carol Concert** will take place on **Friday 4th December at 10:30am at Noddfa Church**. We hope you can all join us for this lovely festive occasion! Children are asked to wear their **Christmas jumpers** for the concert. Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

Community Notices

Big Pit

We have received the following information and poster from Big Pit:
For the first time EVER, families can now visit Santa underground in a real coal mine and explore the wonder of Christmas in a setting unlike any other.
Also, a warm welcome awaits children for Storytime with Mother Christmas in her cosy cottage. The events are available in English and Welsh and each child will receive a gift and an opportunity for photos.



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