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Newsletter - 21st December 2023  
Cylchlythyr - 21st Rhagfyr 2023

Value for this half term is Perseverance



Gwerth yr hanner tymor hwn yw Dyfalbarhad

# Diary dates

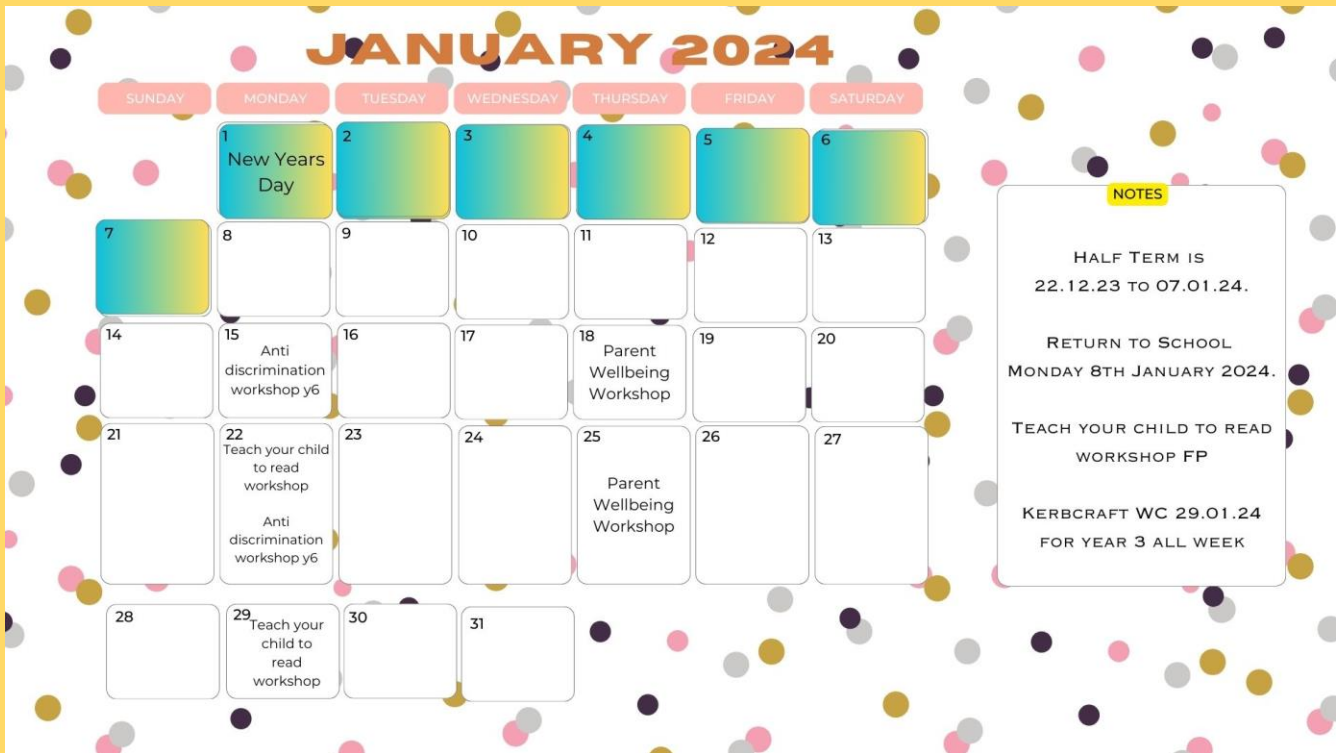
INSET DAYS

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

January Diary

Return to School

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Parent Workshops

We have organized two workshops for parents/carers in January 2024.

A reading workshop, where this will teach you about the reading methods, we use at Garnteg to help your child improve their reading skills. This session will be 90 minutes for parents then 30 minutes with your child(ren) to put what you have learnt into practice. This workshop is open to parents/carers of Nursery to Year 2 students only and will take place over six weeks. It will run in the afternoons from 1:15 pm - to 3:15 pm.

Then a well-being workshop which will take place over four weeks and is open to parents of all-year groups. The workshop will be held on Thursdays from 3:15 pm to 4:15 pm.

Sign up for Parent Wellbeing Workshop  
[Wellbeing Workshop](#) today!



**Parent Workshops**  
Aims for each Parent Workshop

Garnteg Primary school are teaming up with the Child & Family Community Psychology and Torfaen Families First to present a series of workshops for parents to support their child's emotional wellbeing.

Workshops will take place in person at Garnteg Primary School.

Thursday 18th January 2024 3:15-4:30pm	<b>Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing at home, at school, online and with transitions</b>
Thursday 25th January 2024 3:15-4:30pm	<b>Understanding why our children may sometimes act in concerning or challenging ways</b>
Thursday 1st February 2024 3:15-4:30pm	<b>Supporting our children when they are distressed or agitated</b>
Thursday 7th February 2024 3:15-4:30pm	<b>Understanding why our children can struggle with sleep and how we can support them to get better sleep</b>

If you would like to book on to these workshops please click on the link below or scan the QR code

**Family Learning** Garnteg Primary School

**Helping your Child Learn to Read**  
Monday 22nd January 2024  
1.15pm - 3.15pm  
For 6 Weeks  
At Garnteg Primary School

Share ideas and discover new ways to work with your child in a friendly and relaxed environment to support their learning.

- ✓ Discover ways to help your child with their reading.
- ✓ Experience and enjoy the value of sharing books.
- ✓ Make your own games and activities to use with your child to support reading.

Tel: 01633 647734  
Torfaen Adult Community Learning

TORFAEN COUNTY BOROUGH BWRDEISTREF SIROL TORFAEN

Sign up for Help your child to read Workshop [Help your child to read](#) today!



**Swimming Lessons**

Year 5 pupils will start their swimming lessons after February half-term. Please remember to pay your one-off charge of £24 for swimming this will be accessible in the new year. This should be paid through your Civica Pay Account.

**School Reading Books & Learning Logs**

Please can children bring in all home reading books into school at least 3 times a week and learning logs weekly. We would also be grateful if you can return any additional school reading books too.

**School Raffle**

Congratulations to all our prize winners from our raffle. There have been some amazing prizes sent home in time for Christmas.

Thank you again for all your support both in purchasing tickets and providing prizes. We have been overwhelmed with generosity from our Garnteg Families. Again, Thank You and Congratulations to all.

## School Menu

Our Autumn/Winter Menu is below. January 8<sup>th</sup> is Week 2

**Autumn/Winter Menu 2023**

**Why not try our Salad Bar?**

Pick one baguette, tortilla wrap or jacket potato

Pick two from: turkey, cheese, ham or egg

variety of salad and baked beans

As an alternative to the dessert: Fresh Fruit, yogurt or cheese and crackers are available

**Keep your eye out for the new menu here coming in mid!**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (V) served with Mashed Potato, Baked Beans, Bread and Spinach Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with Custard	Homemade Beef Spaghetti Bolognaise or Quorn Bolognaise (V) served with Assorted Vegetables and Garlic Bread Chocolate Brownie and a Milk Drink	Chicken Breast Fillet or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Arctic Roll and Fruit Cocktail	Salmon Fiddlers or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans Jam and Coconut Sponge with Custard	Ham and Pineapple Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Chips and a Side Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins
<b>Week 2</b>	Beef Meatballs or Veggie Plant Based Balls (Ve) served with Mashed Potato, Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy Pear and Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Cottage Pie served with Seasonal Vegetables and Gravy or Cheese and Potato Pie (V) served with Baked Beans or Peas Three Fruit Crumble and Cream	Roast Turkey or Quorn Fillet (Ve) served with Stuffing, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Welsh Cake and a Milk Drink	Cheese and Tomato Pizza or Vegetable Nuggets (Ve) served with Potato Wedges, Baked Beans or Peas Sticky Toffee Sponge and Custard	Jumbo Fish Finger Subs or Vegetable Sausage Sub (Ve) served with Chips and a Side Salad Raspberry Flavour Ice Cream and Fruit
<b>Week 3</b>	Savoury Minced Beef or Quorn Sausage (V) served with Mashed Potato and Seasonal Vegetables Spicy Peach Cake and Custard	Salmon Fish Fingers or Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V) served with Herby Diced Potatoes, Baked Beans or Peas Carrot Cake topped with Cream	Pork Sausage or Quorn Sausage (Ve) served with Yorkshire Pudding, Seasonal Vegetables, Roast Potatoes, Boiled Potatoes and Gravy Fruit Jelly	Chicken Curry or Vegetarian Curry (V) served with Savoury Rice, Naan Bread and Vegetables Chocolate and Coconut Flapjack (Ve)	Chicken Burger in a Bun or Southern Quorn in a Bun (V) served with Chips and Salad Ice-Cream and Mandarins

**Catering for Medical Diets/ Food Allergies**

For special diets requests please e-mail: [ops@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:ops@torfaen.gov.uk) or request@torfaen.gov.uk

**Menus may vary in faith schools, please check with your individual school for details**

	November 2023	December 2023	January 2024	February 2024	March 2024
M	1	1	1	1	1
T	2	2	2	2	2
W	3	3	3	3	3
T	4	4	4	4	4
F	5	5	5	5	5
S	6	6	6	6	6
S	7	7	7	7	7
M	8	8	8	8	8
T	9	9	9	9	9
W	10	10	10	10	10
T	11	11	11	11	11
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W	24	24	24	24	24
T	25	25	25	25	25
F	26	26	26	26	26
S	27	27	27	27	27
S	28	28	28	28	28
M	29	29	29	29	29
T	30	30	30	30	30
W	1	1	1	1	1

Every effort is made to provide the correct balance of choices to our customers but we cannot guarantee that all choices will be available right to the end of service.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING  
*Torfaen Play Service's*  
**COMMUNITY PLAY CLUBS**

OUR LAST PLAY CLUB WILL BE ON:  
**THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER**

WE WILL BE BACK ON  
**THURSDAY 11TH JANUARY**

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

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**COMMUNITY PLAY TORFAEN**

# Attendance



### Lateness

We are currently having a lot of pupils arriving late to school in the mornings, please ensure your child is on time as these impact on their learning and wellbeing in school.

### Appointments

If you need to take your child to an appointment in school hours, please bring an appointment card/letter to the school office or you can email the office [garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk](mailto:garntegschool.office@torfaen.gov.uk). We understand this is not always accessible in some circumstances.

### Reporting illness

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please remember to contact the school as soon as possible to report the absence. Failure to do so will result in your child being marked as unauthorised, and if this occurs for 10 or more sessions (5 days), the Education Welfare team may take legal action against you.

**Pupil Zone**

Thank you to some of our amazing choir who went and visited Mrs Roynon and the residents of Panteg Nursing home this morning. You sang beautifully and the residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There wasn't a dry eye in the house.



We are proud to announce a Christmas Mashup from Garnteg Primary. Listen in live to Singergise #DJ4aDay at 4pm on Friday 22nd December to hear your class!!

**Attendance Winners 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023**  
**Congratulations to Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker Evans who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners with 98.2%**

**WELL DONE!**

**DA IAWN!**

**This week's attendance figures are**

Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% Overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery		0	79.9	3	83.1	6	80.6
Reception	91.4	1	88.9			7	85.4
		2	94	4	91	8	87.5
Year 1	82.2	3	79.9			9	94.7

		<b>4</b>	<b>91.8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>81.5</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>94.6</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>94</b>
				<b>6</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>92.7</b>
						<b>13</b>	<b>93.5</b>

**Statutory School age attendance for the year, to date is 92.4%**

### **Seren Yr Wythnos 2023**

<b>Foundation Phase</b>		<b>Key Stage 2</b>	
<b>Class</b>	<b>Seren Yr Wythnos</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Seren Yr Wythnos</b>
<b>Nursery - Mrs Attewell</b>	<b>AM - Whole Class PM- Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 1 - Mr Tully</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 8 - Miss Channing</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 3 - Miss Brown</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 4 - Miss Brooks</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 11 - Mrs Messore</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 5 - Mr Key</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>
<b>Dosbarth 6 - Miss Williams</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>	<b>Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans</b>	<b>Whole Class</b>

**Nursery** - A big well done Meithrin for a fantastic half term. We have had lots of fun celebrating Christmas with you and we wish you a lovely Christmas break with your families. Thank you for your continued support 😊

Our spring term topic is 'Mynd Allan - Go Outside.'

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Nadolig Llawen Derbyn. What a wonderful week we have shared and what a worthy celebration of all the hard work the children have put into their first term in Reception. We have enjoyed welcoming you into the school to join in with the learning. Have a safe and Happy Christmas and we are so excited to bring our learning home in our Spring topic 'Dw I'n Byw'. Homework for Christmas break is to bring a photo of you and your family enjoying a place in our locality. Thanks, we look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year 😊

**Dosbarth 3** - Bendegedig Dosbarth Tri! What a lovely end to the Autumn term. You have wowed us with your Christmas card making, calendars for 2024, Christmas crafts and even making your own personalised wrapping paper. In the spring term our new topic is 'Fy ardal i', this translates to 'My area'. We look forward to beginning our new topic after the Christmas holiday. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy new year!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Da iawn Dosbarth 4+5! What a fantastic end to the Autumn term, your Christmas projects have been wonderful. When we come back after the break we will be learning about our new spring topic 'Catref, Melys, Catref' or 'Home sweet home'. As a winter challenge, we would love any photos or information you might want to find and bring in relating to your family ties to our local area, such as places that are special to you, or historical information about our local area. Diolch, have a lovely and safe Christmas and New Year!

**Dosbarth 6 & 7** - Nadolig Llawen a Blywddyn Newydd Dda pawb. We have had a fantastic last week in school of 2023 where you have continued to impress us with your creativity and super writing skills. We are looking forward to learning new and wonderful things in our Spring topic 'Taith diferyn y glaw-the journey of the rain... Have a fantastic break with your families and we can't wait to see you in 2024!

**Dosbarth 8 & 9** - What an amazing term it has been in Blwyddyn 4 with lots of highlights including our class assemblies, working with DJ Susie and producing the very first edition of our class magazine! We are looking forward to our spring topic 'Wales Rocks from Above.' Have a wonderful Christmas, relax and enjoy spending time with your families and we will see you all in the New Year.

To Matvii, we wish you and your family the best of luck as you return home. We hope to see you again soon.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Arddechog Dosbarth 10 & 11 for a wonderful Autumn term! Both classes have been incredible, and you have really shined with your knowledge and creativity. We are looking forward to our new topic 'The Big Picture - Y Llun Mawr' in the Spring Term. Have a wonderful Christmas with your families and enjoy the break. We can't wait to see you in 2024! Nadolig Llawen!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - What a fantastic term we have had in Blwyddyn 6! You have all really impressed us with your mindful crafts and how beautifully you performed in your Christmas concert at Noddfa last week. We look forward to starting our new topic "Dathliad o Gymru" - "A celebration of Wales". Have a wonderful Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

**Class**

**Target by end  
of year**

**Current  
percentage  
to date**



3	95	89.8
4	94	95.3
5	94	92
6	93	92.3
7	95	90.4
8	95	93.4
9	95	93.9
10	93	90.1
11	93	92.7
12	95	92
13	95	94.5

Kind regards

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**NADOLIG LLAWEN A BLWYDDYN NEWYDD DDA**

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School