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Newsletter - 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
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Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

## INSET DAYS

Thursday 17th October 2024

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## Important Dates

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September - Flu Immunisations for pupils Reception to Year 6

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 - Parents Consultations in school

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - Pupil Photos

## Term Dates 2024/2025

### Academic Year

Term	Term Begins	Half Term Begins	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Monday 02.09.24	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 01.11.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring	Monday 06.01.25	Monday 24.02.25	Friday 28.02.25	Friday 11.04.25
Summer	Monday 28.04.25	Monday 26.05.25	Friday 30.05.25	Monday 21.07.25

## School Notices

### Sporting Achievements

A big congratulations to one of our Year 4 pupils who achieved a gold medal placement at a Jui Jitsui competition in Cardiff last weekend.

Also a big congratulations to a Year 6 pupil who has been chosen for Pontypool Schools District team in rugby this season.

Llongyfarchiadau, we are all so very proud of your achievements.

### Medical/other appointments

At Garnteg we are celebrating attendance weekly with many positive rewards and initiatives. Medical/other appointments need to be limited during the school day and parents/carers will need to provide medical evidence of appointments in advance of this in order for it to be authorised.

### Flu Immunisations

The school nursing service will visit the school to offer pupils a **nasal flu spray vaccine on 27/09/2024**

**The NHS recommends that your child has a flu vaccination every year.**

It's very important to protect your child from flu to make sure they stay as healthy as possible. The best flu vaccine for most children is a nasal spray. This is the vaccine that will be given on the day.

The online consent form and additional information can be found here:

<https://linktr.ee/schoolfluab>

To help make sure the vaccine is suitable for your child, and they don't miss out, please take time to read the information and **follow the link to complete the electronic consent form as soon as possible, before the planned vaccination date**, no later than **48 hours** before the above date. Any consent forms submitted after this time may result in your child not receiving their vaccine on the day.

Should you have any difficulties accessing the above link, please contact 01633 431685 for further support.

## School Admissions 2025

**School Admissions 2025**

Will your child be starting Nursery, Reception or Secondary school in 2025?

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 2025 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	10 June 24	15 July 24, 5pm	16 September 24
Reception	6 November 24	9 January 25, 5pm	16 April 25
Secondary	25 September 24	13 November 24, 5pm	3 March 25

Scan the QR code now to view the application process!

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## School Lottery

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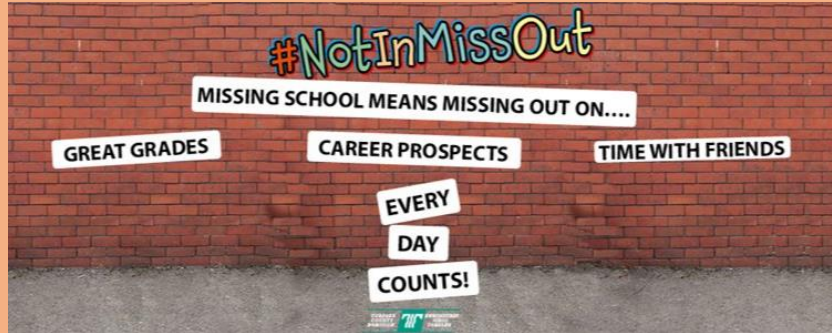
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Visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garnteg-primary-school> for more information.

## Attendance Winners - 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Congratulations to Dosbarth 2 Miss Dalton who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.33% and Dosbarth 10 Mrs Ngwenya who were Key Stage 2 attendance winners for last week with 97.86%

WELL DONE!  
DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	95.5%	0	95.5%	3	94.22%	6	96.92%
Reception	91.4%	1	93.2%			7	90.77%
		2	91.67%	4	93.56%	8	95.38%
1	93.73%	3	89.29%			9	92.31%
		2	95.53%	4	98.89%	5	93.27%
5	94.29%			11	97.78%		
6	90.39%					12	88.4%
				13	92.31%		

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	90.25%
4	95	96.44%
5	95	97.1%
6	95	97.78%
7	95	94%
8	95	94.97%
9	95	93.5%
10	95	93.82%
11	95	94.87%
12	95	88.46%
13	95	95.86%



## ❁ Seren Yr Wythnos ❁

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Thea May PM - Mia	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Katriona
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Caden	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Jasmine
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Braea	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Lavanah
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Darcie	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Tyreece
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Harrison	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Travis
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Louie	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Theo
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Scarlett	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Seren-Leigh

**Nursery** - Marvellous Meithrin, another fantastic week together in our morning and afternoon sessions. This week we have been writing/typing/speaking/singing/making and exploring our RWInc sounds in our classroom and beyond. Thank you to all those who have remembered their snack money please continue to bring in £1 each Wednesday. A message for all parents and carers Nursery P.E will take place each Friday. Please make sure to come into school dressed in suitable home clothes and trainers. All other days are uniform only. Thanks, have a brilliant weekend, The Nursery team :)

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Ardderchog Dosbarth 1 and 2! We have had another successful week in our reception classes. Everybody is trying hard to become more independent when working in the classroom. Lots of children have been using Welsh in the classroom. Da iawn pawb! Just a little reminder to continue reading at home and help your child to complete the home log learning tasks. There has been some lovely work being brought into school. We are so proud of you all 😊 Have a great weekend and enjoy the sunshine!

**Dosbarth 3** - We have had a very busy week in class. The children have loved our new role play area, the airport, and if you have anything we could use for our role area this term we would appreciate the extra resources. Also, if you are out on walks over the walk, can you look out for autumn items, like acorns, pinecones, conkers for our season area. Finally, our P.E. time for the hall has changed. From next week P.E. will be on a Thursday and Friday. Enjoy the weekend!

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Gwaith wow Dosbarth 4 & 5, what another fantastic week! This week in mathematics and numeracy you have continued to use your data skills by turning your collected natural objects into graphs and pictograms. You were able to say what you noticed and answered further questioning. In languages, literacy and communication you have been exploring characters from the story 'Mathematician like me'. You were able to use your imagination and explored what questions the characters may ask and created character descriptions. A friendly reminder that health snacks and drinks are needed every day! Have a lovely weekend 😊

**Dosbarth 6 & 7-** Bendigedig Dosbarth 6+7 for another super week! This week we have been finding out about biographies and practising the skills to use the past tense, and third person to help us write our own. We have been exploring data to answer questions about our classes, and exploring how different roles have changed over time, to answer our questions about the characters in the hidden figures story. Please check your spelling lists for next week's spellings and thank you for your continuing support with learning logs and home readers. Please can we ask for any donations of autumn natural items the children might want to collect, e.g. acorns, pumpkins, pinecones over the next few weeks to help us seize the Autumn season within our classrooms. Thank you!

### **Dosbarth 8 & 9-**

Well done to everyone in Blwyddyn 4 for another successful week. We have been working very hard looking at our new topic 'It's Just Not Fair' and have produced some beautiful pieces of work. Just a reminder for P.e kits to be brought into school on P.E days and for reading books and learning logs to be returned to school to be updated. Have a lovely weekend everyone!

**Dosbarth 10 & 11 -** What another wonderful week in Blywddyn 5! We have completed fantastic work on our topic 'Epic Explorers' and are continuing to sparkle in all areas of the curriculum! A reminder that TT Rockstars logins have been sent home, please encourage your child to access this so they can practise their times tables. Learning logs have also been sent home and we can't wait to see the wonderful work that you produce, we've already had some lovely pieces! PE takes place on a Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor) for both classes. Please can children bring PE kits into school and wear school uniform on these days. We would love for you to bring in anything that represents Autumn for you, so that we can add these to our seasonal displays in class (natural objects, cosy items etc). Diolch! Have a wonderful weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13 -** We have had another fantastic week in Year 6! We have continued to work on our topic "gogledd a de" (north to south) and have produced some fabulous pieces of work. Just a reminder that swimming continues every Wednesday and PE will be on Fridays for Mrs Parker Evans' class and Monday for children in Mrs Lee's class. Please can the children ensure they are bringing kits to school and still wearing school uniform for those days. Homework books to be brought in when an activity is completed so that these can be checked and dojos added. Have a lovely weekend all.

### **Year 6 Swimming**

Starting back Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, children need to bring their kit and towel. Please make payment of £24 on your child's Civica Pay account.



## Community Notices



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kindest regards,

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School