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Newsletter - 13th December 2024  
Cylchlythyr - 13<sup>th</sup> Rhagfyr 2024

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

# Diary dates

## INSET DAYS

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

## December Diary

Every Friday in December is Christmas Jumper day!  
(Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December will also be Christmas Jumper day)

### Events

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Christmas Dinner

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Christmas Raffle Draw

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Foundation Phase Christmas Party

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - KS2 Christmas Party

Party clothes can be worn all week!

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Class 8 & 9 festive afternoon tea at 1.30pm

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Christmas Jumper day on the last day of term!

We can't wait to celebrate the last week of term with Christmas activities!  
Please note there will be no after school clubs this week.



## 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

### Panteg Nursing Home and Ty Bryn Care Home

A big well done to all the children who sang songs from their concert and Christmas carols to the residents of Panteg Nursing Home last week and Ty Bryn Care home today. Residents and staff thoroughly enjoyed listening to and joining in the singing with the children.



### Class Parties

We would be grateful for any donations of prepacked (shop bought) food for class parties Eg. Crisps, cakes, biscuits. The parties are on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - Foundation Phase Christmas Party** and **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - KS2 Christmas Party**. Many Thanks.

**Christmas Clothing can be worn all week for the last week of term for festive celebrations, a one-off £1 donation will be greatly appreciated.**

### Christmas Dinner

For our Christmas Dinner day on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please could parents/carers complete the poll using the following link; <https://smarpolls.co.uk/p/105153> to inform us of your child's choice of lunch. **Please note that pasta bar will not be available on this day.**

### Christmas Concerts

A huge da iawn to the children from **Dosbarth 1 & 2, 4 & 5, 10 & 11 and 12 & 13** at Nodffa Church, who took part in their Christmas concerts, they all did brilliantly! A big thank you to parents / carers and family who came to watch and supported school with buying items made in classes and raffle tickets.

### Christmas Raffle Donations

As Christmas is fast approaching, our school is gearing up for our annual raffle. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. We have some fabulous prizes to be won including a 33-inch tv! Raffle tickets are still available to purchase! If you can donate or are able to ask companies for

donations, please would you bring them into the school office. Thank you for all the wonderful donations we have received so far.

Last year the response was tremendous, and we were able to use money raised to buy many new books and outdoor equipment for all classes. The raffle will be draw on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**.



### Carols Under the Arch 2024

Carols Under the Arch lead by Noddfa Church is taking place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 19:00-20:00. We look forward to seeing you there and singing carols together as a community.

### Gwent Music Vox Choir

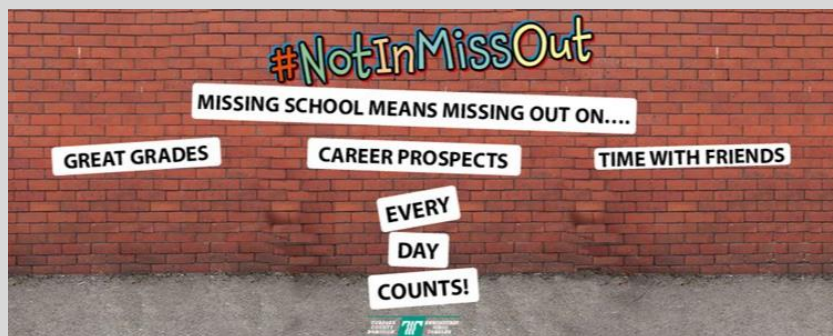
Are you looking for a new exciting choir for your child? DJ Susie will be directing Vox choir at Torfaen Music Centre for ages 10-18 starting in the new year.

Register using the following link; [LIVE Portal](#)

### Attendance Winners

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones / Mrs Messore with 97.78% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week and Dosbarth 6 Mr Key who were KS2 winners with 97.69%

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



**This week's attendance figures are:**

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	74.04	0	74.04	3	89.33	6	86.15
Reception	89.53	1	94.80			7	92
		2	83.33	4	81.53	8	75.38
1	90.42	3	87.41			9	86.30
				5	87.14	10	92.50
2	92.11	4	93.60			11	81.79
		5	93.57	6	90	12	86.80
						13	93.08

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.43
4	95	92.51
5	95	92.80
6	95	94.72
7	95	92.98
8	95	89.27
9	95	90.35
10	95	92.54
11	95	91.64
12	95	87.84
13	95	94.92

A reminder to Strive for 95! The classes with the highest attendance for the week receive a whole class reward (e.g. squash and biscuits) and any class who achieves over 90% attendance gets extra play. Individual classes also give rewards and prizes to pupils with fantastic attendance. #notinmissout

**✧ Seren Yr Wythnos ✧**

Foundation Phase		Key Stage 2	
Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Class	Seren Yr Wythnos
Nursery - Mr Tully	AM - Florrie PM - Carter	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Paisley
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Poppy	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Jaxon
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Toby	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Mali

Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messore	Joby	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Kaiden
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Sophia-Lily	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Ellie
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Harley	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Henry
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Leia	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Zac

**Nursery** - This week the Nursery have been working hard to prepare our classroom for next week's Parents' Day. A reminder that all children will attend the session as usual, and parents and carers can join for the end of the session have an opportunity to engage with festive activities. We have been using our Makaton sign to show our actions in our Christmas songs that we are practicing and using our threading skills to make Christmas bags to bring home ready for the Winter Holidays. Well done for all your hard work Meithrin! Enjoy the weekend :)

**Dosbarth 1 & 2** - Dosbarth un and dau, your teachers are so proud of your achievements towards our Christmas concert's. You all spoke so loudly and had so much fun. Diolch families for your support. We have also enjoyed using our time connectives to retell the Christmas story. Some children have ordered pictures, some children have used ICT to record, and others have acted out the Christmas story on the stage. Gwaith Wow pawb! We are looking forward to spending our last week before Christmas together with lots of exciting thing planned! Have a lovely, festive weekend 🎄

**Dosbarth 3** - Da iawn Dosbarth 3 for a brilliant week, you have been working so hard! We are ready and excited for a week of festive celebrations for the last week of term. A reminder our Christmas Party is on Monday, party clothes can be worn. Changes today to spelling test, please keep practising over the weekend ready for Monday. Have a lovely, festive filled weekend! 🍷

**Dosbarth 4 & 5** - Bendigedig Dosbarth 4 & 5 for an amazing week! You were all superstars in our class assemblies, and we are so proud of you. We wish we had the confidence you all showed in front of so many faces! You have enjoyed exploring the true meaning of Christmas through text maps of the nativity, conducting surveys with other classes and researching Christmas traditions around the world. We are very much looking forward to our final week of learning before a well-earned Christmas break. Have a lovely weekend, stay safe 😊 We will see you in the classroom again Monday.

**Dosbarth 6 & 7**- Bendigedig pawb for a fantastic week of learning. Just a reminder that our party day is on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. The children can wear their party clothes to school. Wednesday is Christmas dinner day and the children can wear their Christmas jumpers on this day. We have loved reading the children's stories about the magic pencil. The children have also challenged themselves by learning to read the time on the digital and analogue clocks. Hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Dosbarth 8 & 9**- Da iawn to everyone for another excellent week. We look forward to welcoming you all to our festive afternoon tea on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. Any donations of Christmas baubles or decorations

to be upcycled would be greatly appreciated for our craft. We will be celebrating our Christmas parties on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and are very much looking forward to the Christmassy week ahead.

**Dosbarth 10 & 11** - Arddechog Blywddyn 5 for another wonderful week. This week has felt very Christmassy, writing the Christmas story in Welsh and from the point of view from another character. We will be celebrating our Christmas parties on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Have a lovely weekend!

**Dosbarth 12 & 13** - Well done on another fabulous week. We will be celebrating our Christmas parties on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We look forward to the Christmassy week ahead.

## Community Notices



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**Welsh Government**

The **School Essentials Grant** is available for **all children looked after** by the local authority.

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**5-11 years old**

**Garnteg Primary School**  
Hillcrest, Garndiffaith,  
Pontypool,  
NP4 7SJ

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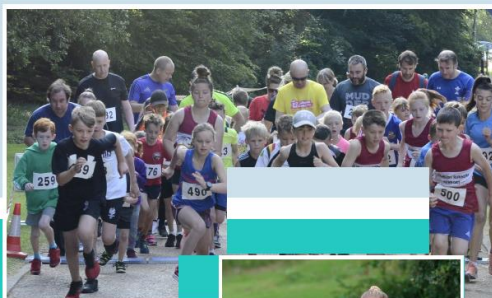
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## 2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am  
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