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Newsletter - 24th January 2025
Cylchlythyr - 24th Ionawr 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

[Valentines Disco's](#)



Disco's will take place in school on;
Thursday 13th February 2025 - Foundation Phase
Monday 17th February 2025 - Key Stage 2

Pupils can wear something red to celebrate. A £1 donation will be appreciated.

INSET DAYS

Monday 21st July 2025

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

Reporting Absences and Lateness

A polite reminder that absences are to be reported through the main office number; **01495 742934** where you also have the option to leave a message. Please be aware any absences without a provided reason will be unauthorised. Thank you.

A reminder that registration is at 9.00am, please ensure children arrive before this to avoid any late marks. If children arrive after 9:00 am all children need to be brought to the school office to be taken to safely to class.

If you are unsure if to send your child to school with illnesses, please check the Healthier Together website for advice.

Check it out before you miss out

#NotInMissOut

Should my child go to school today?

For advice about common childhood illnesses, visit the **Healthier Together** website or speak to a school nurse.

Scan the QR code or visit <https://abbhealthiertogether.cymru.nhs.uk>

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School Notices

Year 4 Cricket Sessions

Cricket Wales are due to begin sessions with Year 4 commencing in February.

Gwent Music Vox Choir

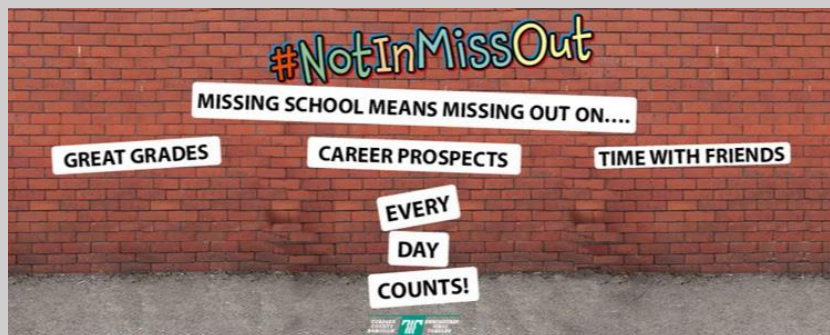
Are you looking for a new exciting choir for your child? DJ Susie will be directing Vox choir at West Mon School from ages 10-18. A trial session on Monday at 4.30pm is available.

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

Attendance Winners - 13th - 17th January 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 3 Miss Bones/Mrs Messore who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.52% and Dosbarth 6 Mr Key with 97.04%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	85.05	0	85.05	3	94.04	6	92.96
Reception	83.18	1	85.60			7	94.23
		2	80.77	4	8	81.54	
1	88.16	3	94.44		9	89.63	
				5	10	87.50	
2	90.26	4	83.60		11	84.29	
		5	90.36	6	12	84.62	
					13	86.54	

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	92.90
4	95	91.76
5	95	93.15
6	95	94.64
7	95	92.70
8	95	88.75
9	95	90
10	95	91.78
11	95	90.96
12	95	87.91
13	95	94.23

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 -	AM - Raven-J PM - Elodie	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Hallie
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Jaxon	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Ceinwen
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Ewan	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Louie
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Aria	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Ethan
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Finley	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Jaydee
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips		Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Leyla
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Joshua	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Willow

Nursery – Bendigedig Meithrin for another wonderful week full of learning and exploring! This week we've been working hard to build our houses using crafting materials and the building blocks around the classroom. We've started learning about Wales and all things Welsh, so if the children could bring in something that represents Wales to them and their families for Friday next week that would be amazing so that we can do a show and tell and learn all about them! Diolch and have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn pawb for a wonderful week of fun learning. This week all learners have been enjoying exploring our topic. We have also been blown away by the effort and pieces of work produced in the homework logbooks. Diolch. Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 3 - Arddechog blant for another wonderful week of learning. You have all been very busy learning lots of new things about Chinese New Year and using your imagination in our creative areas. The children have begun the national Birdwatch in school and are enjoying identifying the different species around the school. Just a reminder that P.E. is on a Friday afternoon, so please can pupils bring in their kits. Have a lovely weekend.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - Bendigedig blant for another fabulous week of learning. You have all really enjoyed exploring our new class text "Rhys and the Cuckoo of Risca" and have worked hard creating your own bird nests using natural materials, as well as weaving. Just a polite reminder to bring in PE kits on a Tuesday and to keep returning your reading books and learning logs - we love to celebrate the fantastic work you've done at home too! Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dosbarth 6 & 7 - Diolch blant for another fantastic week of learning about our topic 'A Tale of Two Lands'. This week we have been exploring Wales through our topic investigation and writing a diary entry imagining that we were passengers aboard the ship 'Mimosa' travelling to Patagonia! In our maths learning we have been developing our times tables skills including 3's and 4's and we have also had our first cornet music lesson this week! Please can we have PE kits in school on a Wednesday for our hall PE session. We would also like to collect in all home learning journals next week on Friday 31st so that we can see how the children are getting on with their new learning logs and celebrate their work. Thank you, have a lovely weekend!

Dosbarth 10 & 11 - Arddechog blant for another great week! We have loved reading your non-chronological reports full of interesting facts about the circulatory system. You have worked really hard to find the total cost of ingredients and work within a budget. A reminder to return reading books regularly, we also look forward to seeing your fantastic home learning! Have a wonderful weekend 😊

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - Yet another fantastic week in Blwyddyn chwech. We have loved learning about forces and the impact these have on rollercoasters. We have all made our own digital adverts for our theme parks and cannot wait to show you! Have a good weekend all.

Community Notices

Upcycle Charity

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The Greenest Cross Border Charity



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As a registered charity, we collect and sell donated furniture, creating employment opportunities for individuals from marginalized backgrounds. Our mission is to provide meaningful work and support to those who need a second chance.

Our project encompasses a diverse range of activities, including:

Selling books, children's items, and gardening supplies
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The revenue generated directly funds more employment opportunities, allowing us to expand our reach and impact. Generous donations from communities across the Forest of Dean, Swindon, Torfaen, and Monmouthshire enable us not only to operate our large warehouses but also to provide essential items to local individuals in desperate need.

39 + employees, over 50 regular volunteers and a over 50 tonnes of items recycled every month.

Chepstow - Station Yard Industrial Estate (opposite the train station), NP16 5PF

Cinderford - Unit 8-10, Hollywood Works, Valley Road, GL14 2PD

Swindon - Unit 34b Ganton Way, Techno Trading Estate, SN2 8ES

Cwmbran - Unit 1, Avondale Industrial Estate, NP44 1UG



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**Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government**

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



Please use the following link for more information;

<https://t.co/BfOSNti5n3>

TORFAEN



20 NUGGETS

BASKETBALL

@ PONTYPOOL ACTIVE LIVING CENTRE

Tuesdays

Boys 14-18 years
5:30pm-6:30pm

- STARTING
1ST OCTOBER 2024

Fridays

Girls 11-18 Yrs
5pm-6pm

- STARTING
27TH SEPTEMBER 2024



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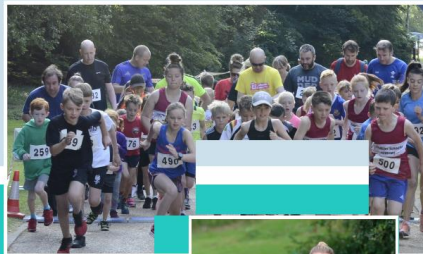


Express your interest here

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2k Family Fun Run Sunday 14 July

8.45am
Pontypool Park

micmorristrust.co.uk/2km-Family-Fun-Run

Pontypool Park is the fabulous setting for this friendly family fun run. Grandparents, parents, children, toddlers. Everyone can join in the fun. It is timed to finish just as the 10k runners come in for their finish.

£3 per entrant to cover costs. All proceeds used to support local athletes. Register on-line or enter on the day (cash only).
Charity Number 519636



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Kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School