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Newsletter - 21st February 2025
Cylchlythyr - 21st Chwefror 2025

Value for this half term is



Gwerth yr hanner tymor

Diary dates

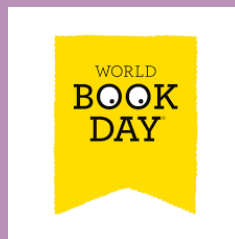


Monday 3rd March 2025 - Foundation Phase Eisteddfod
Saint David's Day Lunch will also be served;

Welsh Sausage, Chips, Baked Beans, Bread and Butter. Welsh Cake for dessert.
Tuesday 4th March 2025 – Key Stage 2 Eisteddfod
Pupils can wear Welsh clothes or their House colours on both days;



Please can all Art & Craft Eisteddfod entries be brought in on Monday 3rd March.



Friday 7th March 2025 – World Book Day
Costumes are encouraged 📖

Garnsychan Partnership offer a great costume borrowing service! Please see below.

Children's Costume Borrowing Service

GARNSYCHAN PARTNERSHIP
Charity Number 1147232

Does your child have a fancy dress party to attend or a school dress up day? Then look no further!

Garnsychan Partnership are now running a costume borrowing service.

We have a variety of children's costumes that can be hired out all for a small donation, and a small deposit which will be refunded back to you on return of costume.

For more information please drop in or call us on
01495 774453

www.garnsychanpartnership.co.uk
35 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith NP47LH
T: 01495774453 E: info@garnsychan.org.uk

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

Half term

We return to school on Monday 3rd March. Wishing you all a great half term.

Year 5 & 6 Residential Trip Payments

A polite reminder that both Year 5 and Year 6 residential trip payments are due via Civica Pay by the end of March with the financial year cut off. Please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Year 5 Swimming

Year 5 will begin Swimming lessons on Wednesday 5th March 2025. Please can pupils ensure they bring swimming kits and towels.

Payment is to be made via Civia Pay, please contact the school office if you need any assistance.

Year 4 Cookstars

Cookstars are running a series of cooking sessions for 14 Year 4 pupils and their parents/carers beginning Thursday 6th March 2025. Letters have been sent home with pupils, please return them as soon as possible if you are interested to be entered into the draw for a place.

Valentines Disco & Shop

We raised a total £1,146 for school funds from our Valentine's discos and shop. A huge thank you for your generosity and continuous support. 🍷🍷🍷🍷

Eisteddfod 2027

Urdd Eisteddfod 2027 is coming to Torfaen! 🎭 🏠 🧑

Volunteers are needed for the fundraising committee. Please see below if you are interested.
Diolch!

Eisteddfod yr Urdd 2027

Mae Eisteddfod yr Urdd yn dod i ranbarth Gwent yn 2027!
Mae llawer o arian gyda ni i'w godi er mwyn gwneud yr Eisteddfod yn un i'w chofio!

The Urdd Eisteddfod is coming to the Gwent region in 2027!
We need to raise a lot of money to ensure that the Eisteddfod is one to remember!

Rydyn ni'n chwilio am bobl o'r ardal i fod ar bywllgor apêl ar gyfer Torfaen.

We're looking for people from the local area (Torfaen) to be on a fundraising committee.

Rydyn ni'n awyddus i drefnu nifer o weithgareddau yn yr ardal leol yn arwain lan at yr Eisteddfod, er mwyn codi arian a hyrwyddo'r Urdd.

We're keen to organise a number of activities in the local area, leading up to the Eisteddfod, to raise money and to promote the Urdd.

Os oes diddordeb gyda chi, danfonwch ebost at Catrin Passmore:

If you're interested, please e-mail Catrin Passmore:

PassmoreC@hwbcymru.net

Cyfarfod nesaf:
Next meeting:
28.4.2025
Carro Lounge, Cwmbrân
5 yh / pm

Oes diddordeb gyda chi?
Are you interested?

Ardal Torfaen / Torfaen area

Food and Wellbeing Camps

Torfaen Play & Short Breaks Service
Providing a variety of fun and interactive sessions in the heart of the community.

FREE OF CHARGE

FOOD AND WELLBEING CAMPS

Working in partnership with Torfaen Catering

Tuesday 25th February
Wednesday 26th February
Thursday 27th February
10:00am - 3:00pm
Age 5 to 11 years

Blenheim Road Community Primary School
Blenheim Road, Cwmbran, NP44 4SZ

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

George Street Primary School
Wainfelin Road, Pontypool, NP4 6BX

Llantarnam Primary School
Llantarnam Road, Llantarnam Cwmbran, NP44 3XB

Nant Celyn Primary School
Henllys Way, Cwmbran, NP44 7DJ

Ponygarn Community Primary School
St Cadoc's Road, Pontypool, NP4 8JR

HOT LUNCH PROVIDED DAILY FREE OF CHARGE

Pre booking required
Please use the QR code to pre book
For more information please contact:
torfaenplay@torfaen.gov.uk

Aidwedd gan Lywodraeth Cymru
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There is still time to register your child, please click below to apply for a space;

[Application](#)

Online Safety

A reminder that many social media apps have an age restriction of 13+. Please can we encourage parents/guardians to monitor their child's use of social media to ensure their safety.

Information on a range of social media, games and other apps can be found here

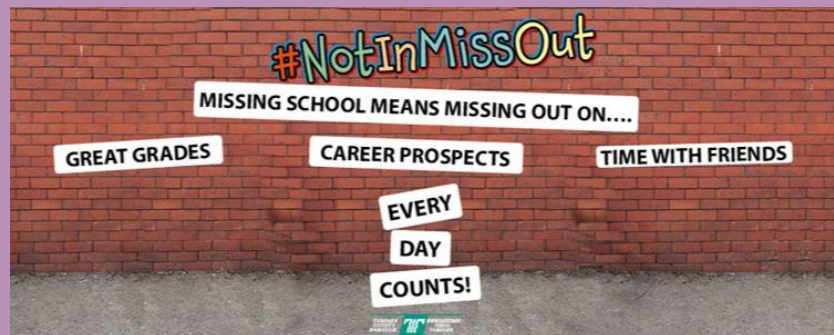
<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

The guides include a detailed overview of the app, outlining the age rating and key terminology. They also highlight the risks each app poses to young people and give detailed instructions on how to enable parental controls and safety settings. Your children will also be accessing online safety lessons in school, so we encourage you to talk to them about the information they have learned.

Attendance Winners - 10th - 14th February 2025

Congratulations to Dosbarth 1 Mrs Lewis with 95.60% who were foundation phase attendance winners for last week with 98.89 and Dosbarth 13 Mrs Parker-Evans with 96.15%.

WELL DONE! DA IAWN!



This week's attendance figures are:

Year	% overall	Class	Percentage	Year	% overall	Class	Percentage
Nursery	83	0	83	3	94.89	6	95.56
Reception	92.50	1	94.80			7	94.23
		2	88.85	4	8	93.08	
1	93.88	3	95.19		9	92.59	
				5	10	82.86	
2	95.79	4	95.20		11	81.43	
		5	95.71	6	12	90	
					13	90.77	

Class	Target by end of year	Current percentage to date
3	95	93.47
4	95	91.73
5	95	93.11
6	95	94.39
7	95	93.24
8	95	89.24
9	95	90.48
10	95	91.53
11	95	90.51
12	95	88.24
13	95	93.92

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 -	AM - Junior PM - Sienna-Rose	Dosbarth 7 - Mrs Rogers	Louise
Dosbarth 1 - Mrs Lewis	Bailey	Dosbarth 8 - Miss Williams	Callie
Dosbarth 2 - Miss Dalton	Bradley	Dosbarth 9 - Mr Phillips	Evan
Dosbarth 3 - Miss Bones / Mrs Messoré	Frankie	Dosbarth 10 - Mrs Ngwenya	Lowri
Dosbarth 4 - Miss Channing	Harper	Dosbarth 11 - Miss Grimas	Charlie
Dosbarth 5 - Mrs Phillips	Maggie-Coco	Dosbarth 12 - Mrs Lee	Charlie WC
Dosbarth 6 - Mr Key	Aysha	Dosbarth 13 - Mrs Parker-Evans	Evie

Nursery - Bendigedig to our Meithrin family for a super first term for 2025! We've worked hard and had lots of fun finishing off our entries for our Eisteddfod celebrations on Monday the 3rd of March. We've been blown away by how creative you've been with your entries, both in your oral retells and in the art entries! It's been wonderful to see how well our new friends who started in January have settled in and became part of our little team, it's hard to think they haven't been here all along! We hope everyone has a wonderful rest over the half term break, can't wait to see you all for more fun and learning after the half term.

Dosbarth 1 & 2 - Da iawn Dosbarth Un and Dau! We have had a fantastic week of finishing off our Eisteddfod entries, ready to celebrate on Monday 3rd March. You have all climbed to sparkle with all pieces of work; from your handwriting to creating your artwork, based on the Wesh artist; Rhiannon Roberts. Ardderchog! Have a wonderful half term break. Diolch from Reception/Year 1 staff 😊.

Dosbarth 3 - What a fabulous half term we have had in Dosbarth 3. The children have worked so hard in all areas of their learning, creating some fantastic pieces of art for topic work and the Eisteddfod, maths in the outdoor areas and some great independent writing in class. One of our favourite activities has been dance this half term and the children performed a wonderful dragon themed dance. Well, done Dosbarth 3 for all your hard work. Reminder that Foundaton Phase Eisteddfod will be taking place on Monday 3rd March, the day we come back. I look forward to seeing all your lovely Eisteddfod craft. Have a fun and safe half term break.

Dosbarth 4 & 5 - What a fantastic week it's been Dosbarth 4 & 5! You've worked so hard on your Eisteddfod pieces, and we are so proud at how creative and determined you've been. We can't wait to celebrate all the achievements with you during our Eisteddfod celebrations when we return after half term. Have a lovely, well-rested half term. You all thoroughly deserve it 😊.

Dosbarth 6 & 7- A huge well done to you all for a busy week finalising our preparations for the Eisteddfod when we return to school. We are so proud of your efforts including wonderful artwork, handwriting, digital and creative writing entries! Just a reminder to keep working on your Welsh craft projects over half term, please bring these back on Monday 3rd if possible ready to be added to the KS2 Eisteddfod competition on Tuesday 4th. Have a lovely half term and a well-deserved break, we are looking forward to welcoming you back after half term and to our Eisteddfod!

Dosbarth 8 & 9- It has been a busy last week of the half term getting ready for our school Eisteddfod which we will be holding on Tuesday 4th March in KS2. Craft entries need to be brought into school on the Monday after half term. Cricket Wales will be back into school on Thursday 6th March to work with the pupils. Friday 7th March will be World Book Day in school. Have a wonderful half term break!


Dosbarth 10 & 11 - A fantastic week for blwyddyn 5! It has been a joy seeing all the Eisteddfod work that the pupils have worked so hard on.

Please note that swimming will start Wednesday 5th March. Pupils will need goggles, a towel and clean underwear to change back into. Please ensure long hair is tied back. Please pay the one-off swimming payment via Civica Pay.

Craft entries will be welcome straight after half term! Enjoy!

Dosbarth 12 & 13 - What a fantastic week we have had in Year 6! We have had such a busy week with our Eisteddfod entries - Please can all craft items be brought into school by Monday after half term. Have a wonderful half term all!!!

Community Notices




Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers

Spring 2025

A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are secondary-age in Torfaen.

Talks will aim to give guidance on how best to support your child's development & emotional well-being.


Talks will take place online using Microsoft Teams.




with Dr Charlie Cowtan
(Clinical Psychologist)

Tuesday 4th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child's emotional well-being
Tuesday 11th March 6-7pm	Supporting your child to have a positive experience of going to school (and prevent 'school avoidance')
Tuesday 18th March 6-7pm	NEW Supporting your child to have healthy peer relationships
Tuesday 25th March 6-7pm	NEW Supporting your child to have a positive body image
Tuesday 1st April 6-7pm	NEW Questions & Answers with Psychologists <small>(You will be invited to share with us any questions you have about your child's wellbeing <u>ahead of the talk</u>, and we will answer these during the talk while drawing upon psychological ideas)</small>

If you would like to book on to these talks please click on the link below or scan the QR code
<https://forms.office.com/e/FWUyZed3zv>




Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol Anafuon Betsan
University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for
Parents & Caregivers
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gyfer rhieni a gofalwyr

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a Theuluoedd



Garnsychan Partnership



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55 Stanley Road,
Garncliffe, NP4 7LH

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- First Aid Level 3
- Customer Service Level 2
- Paediatric First Aid Level 3
- Health & Safety Level 2
- AND MORE...



Contact Us:
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kylieanne@garnsychan.org.uk






TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

To make a donation or to enquire about available sportswear and footwear please contact the community kit room hubs...

Hub Location	Days and Times	Contact Number and Email
 Cwmbran Community Council, The Council House, Ventnor Road, Cwmbran, NP4 3JY	Mon-Thur: 8.30am-5:00pm Fri: 8.30am-4.30pm	01633 849070 cwmbranc@cwmbra.gov.uk
 Blaenavon Town Council, 101 High St, Blaenavon, NP4 9PT	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-2:00pm	01495 790643 sophie.johnson@blaenavontowncouncil.co.uk
 Garnsychan Partnership, 55 Stanley Road, Garndiffaith, Pontypool, NP4 7LH	Mon-Fri: 9:00am-4:00pm	01495 774453 info@garnsychan.org.uk
 Circulate Blaenavon, Unit 14, Giehrst Thomas Industrial Estate, Blaenavon, NP4 9RL	Mon-Thur: 9:00am-5:00pm Fri: 9:00am-4.30pm	01495 793 187 circulate@garnsychan.org.uk

Follow us on social media to find out what sports clothing and footwear can and can't be donated!



TORFAEN COMMUNITY KIT ROOM

Helping to reduce the barrier of appropriate clothing and footwear for sports participation

A FREE service within Torfaen that provides appropriate sports clothing and footwear for people aged 3 - adults.

Accepted:

- Clean and washed sports clothing
- Paired trainers and boots, which are tied together, free of dirt or mud

Not Accepted:

- Stained or damaged clothing
- Unpaired or damaged trainers and boots
- Sporting equipment

Follow us on social media to find out information on the hubs you can donate to!



NEW TO LIBRARIES!

TORFAEN SPORTS DEVELOPMENT
WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
TORFAEN LIBRARIES

FREE TO LOAN!



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FUNDAMENTALS, GOLF,
NETBALL, PICKLEBALL, ROUNDERS,
RUGBY, TABLE TENNIS AND TENNIS

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
TORFAEN LIBRARIES
TEL: 01633 647678
EMAIL: CWMBRAN.LIBRARY@TORFAEN.GOV.UK



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STARTS 4TH MARCH

TUESDAYS

AGES 3-5 - 4:00 - 4:30
AGES 6-8 - 4:30 - 5:15
AGES 9+ - 5:15 - 6:00

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Striving for excellence in the support of vulnerable people.

Our wonderful Charity is OPEN IN CWMBRAN



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 - Affordable house moves
- Kids' upcycle project (clothes and toys)
 - A bookshop
 - A community bike project

A Charity providing employment, volunteering and opportunities for local people who need it most!

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 01793 976766
www.forestupcyclingproject.com



The Greenest Cross Border Charity



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"Striving for Excellence in Supporting Vulnerable People"

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
Offering house clearances and affordable house moves
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

kindest Regards

Mrs Roche & all the staff at Garnteg Primary School