



Nurture Achieve Celebrate

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22nd November 2024

Right of the month
Article 19
The right to be safe

Welsh Phrase of Week
Beth sy'n bod?
What's the matter?

Value of the month
Kindness
Links to Anti-Bullying

Dear Parents/Carers, Annwyl Rhieni/Sy'n ofalwyr,

Mega Maths Monday

We raised £100 for maths resources from our non-uniform day this week. All monies raised will be used for classroom resources. Practical Maths is a focus for the School Development Plan this term and we need more classroom resources for children to use daily to develop their skills. Thank you for your support.



Governing Body Annual Report for Parents/Carers

Every year, the Governing Body create a school report based on the previous academic year. The report for the academic year 2023/2024 is now available for parents/carers. To request a copy, please email Mrs Taylor, School Support Officer on Monday, 25th November at leah.taylor@torfaen.gov.uk

Non Uniform Day for PTA Raffle, Friday 29th November

To help with prizes for the PTA raffle, next week, Friday 29nd November, will be a non-uniform day. Instead of bringing money, children are asked to bring a donation for the hampers which will be made up.

Hampers will be made with these donations, and classes have been assigned a colour (see right). If you are donating food or drink items, please ensure these have a long best before date (at least end of January 2025); alternatively, you can donate non-food items, for example Christmas decorations, small toys etc.

Dosbarth Pebble (Nursery)	Red
Reception (Mrs Jarman)	Orange
Year 1 (Mrs Maguire)	Yellow
Year 2 (Mrs Cornwell)	Pink
Year 3 (Mrs Howells)	Blue
Year 3/4 (Mr Phillips)	Purple
Year 4/5 (Mrs Brettell)	Green
Year 5 (Miss Smith)	Silver/Gold
Year 6 (Mr Edwards)	Red

Parent/Carer workshops for Maths and Reading

Thank you to those who attended the Parent/Carer workshops with Mrs Howells and Mrs Maguire this week to help support your child with reading and phonics. We hope you found them useful.





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Family Maths Mission!

Our Family Maths Mission, a monthly activity for families to enjoy together at home, started last week. Each mission highlights how math is part of everyday life, making it fun and meaningful.



The missions are designed to help you show your children that maths is something to explore and enjoy, building their confidence along the way.

Every family who completes a mission will be entered into a raffle to win a family prize. To join, simply send in your work, snap a photo, or tag us on the school's Twitter account. Let's blast off on this maths adventure together! This month's Maths Mission is at the end of this newsletter.

Christmas Concerts

All concerts will have a ticket price of £1.

Nursery and Reception are hosting 'Carols around with the Campfire'. Although there is no ticket charge for this, staff are requesting any donations of battery-operated lights for the trees and battery-operated tealights for the children.

Sharing Shack

We regret that our Sharing Shack is not currently open due to staffing. We would welcome any volunteers to help out as this resource is so needed and valued in our school community. Please do not leave any donations at school without prior arrangement with Mr Wharton. We hope to be open very soon.



Attendance



#NotInMissOut

Regular and punctual attendance at school or alternative provision is a legal requirement and is essential to enable children to maximise their educational attainments and opportunities available to them. Unless pupils are unwell, they should be in school.

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)

Fixed Penalty Notices will be issued from September for 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised absences.

Please note that no absences will be authorised unless attendance is 95% or above.

Class attendance is rewarded weekly with the Class Attendance Cup and a non-uniform day as well as extra playtime.

Please see document on our website regarding FPN -

https://www.cwmffrwdorprimary.co.uk/files/ugd/683b80_90dc41ab67984db2a86839a3385c57e2.pdf





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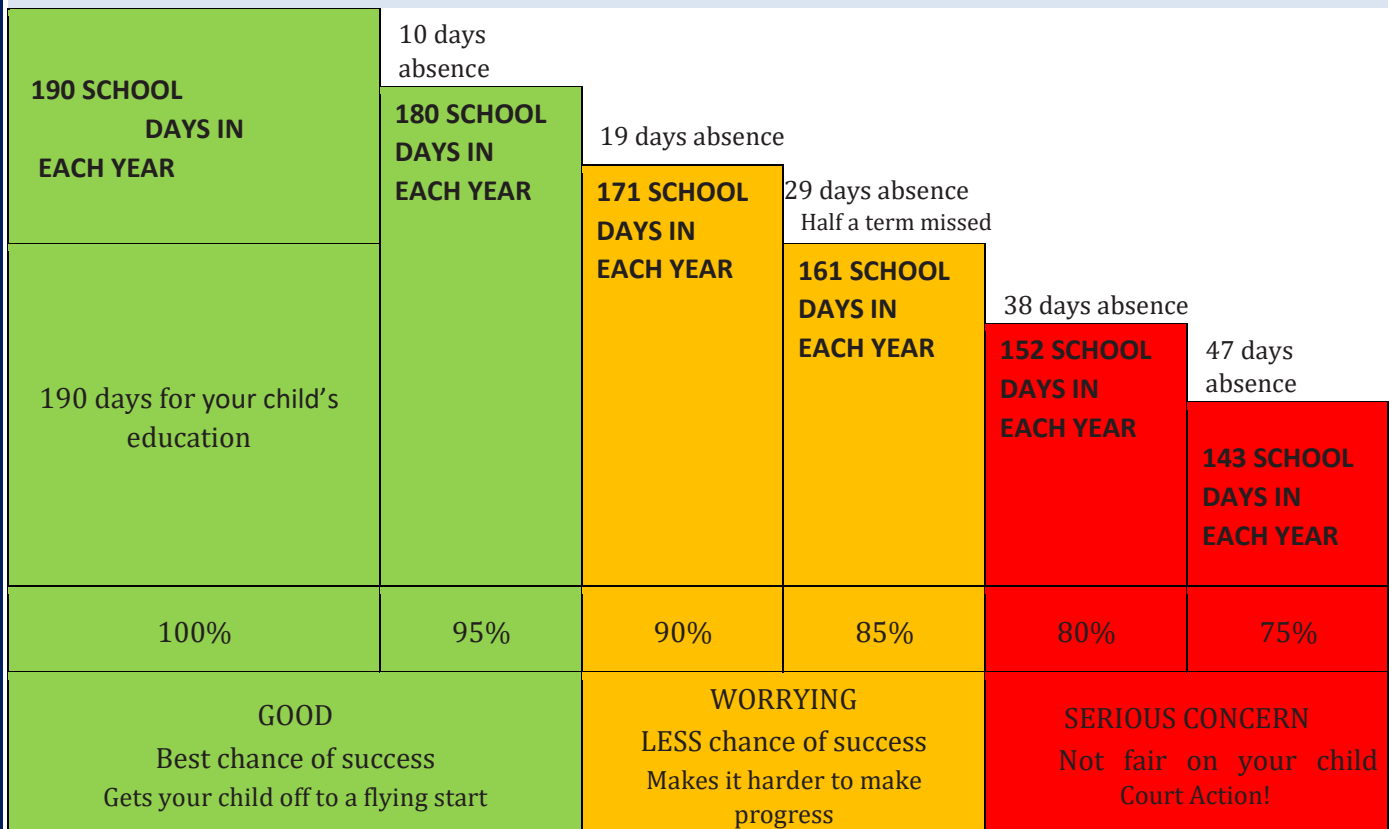
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Days off school add up to lost learning

365 DAYS IN EACH YEAR

175 non-School Days a year

→ 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments






Attendance

Our current attendance target is 93% for whole school.

Class	% Weekly Attendance
Dosbarth Poppit Sands	93
Dosbarth BaraFundle	87.5
Dosbarth Ogmored	86.7
Dosbarth Tresaith	83.3
Dosbarth Aberdovey	91.9
Dosbarth Pwll Du	90.4
Dosbarth Rhossili	94.1
Dosbarth Abersoch	78.1



Dosbarth Rossili can wear non-uniform on Thursday

#NotInMissOut

We have noticed a rise in the number of unauthorised absences and holidays. We would like to remind you that our school follows the Torfaen Fixed Penalty Notice policy.

Please note that this policy applies to unauthorised holidays and a fine can be issued once your child returns to school.

Please can we also ask that if your child has a Medical/Dental/Optician etc appointment during school time, that the appointment card or letter is given to the office to copy. Thank you for your cooperation

PTA – ASDA Reward App

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, the supermarket will donate 0.5% of the value of their shop to their chosen primary school. For every customer who chooses Cwmffrwdoler Asda will put £1 into our school’s cash pot, and Together we live learn and value another £50 when the school’s first opted-in customer spends in-store or online! It’s easy to do and you can help us in a few steps: 1.) Download the ASDA rewards app. 2.) Use the cash pot for school’s link in the app to choose Cwmffrwdoler Primary 3.) Shop! 4.) We will keep you updated on our Twitter page (follow us!) and in future newsletters.





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Dates this term

Value of month – November	Kindness
29/11/24	Non-Uniform Day for PTA raffle prizes
Value of month - December	Teamwork
02.12.24	Elf Day
Week beginning 2/12/24	Business Enterprise Week – sale on 6/12/24 - pm
05.12.24	Carols in the community at 5pm
12/12/24	Christmas Jumper Day
13/12/24	Christmas Community Breakfast – 9 am
9/12/24 – 17/12/24	Christmas Concerts 9/12/24 Performance 1 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am 10/12/24 Performance 2 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am 13/12/24 (Miss Gilbert & Mrs Jarman) – 10 am 16/12/24 Performance 1 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards) – 1:30pm 17/12/24 Performance 2 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards) – 1:30pm
19/12/24	International Human Rights' Day
18/12/24	Christmas Dinner Day
20/12/24	End of Autumn term - 1:30pm
06/01/25	INSET
07/01/25	School reopens for children
10/01/25	INSET





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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Symmetrical Insects



Why not try making your own symmetrical insect!

You could also try using sticks/stones!

Have you ever noticed that insects are symmetrical?

Bees, butterflies, ants, cockroaches, flies and beetles all have bilateral symmetry; this means they have two sides that are the same. If you draw a line through the middle of their bodies you will spot that one side is like a mirror image of the other side.



Why is this maths?

You'll be investigating reflection and symmetry as you design and create your insects.

For more fun activities visit www.mathsontoast.org.uk

Don't forget to share your creations and comments on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram tagging @mathsontoast using #positiveaboutmaths



Symmetrical Insects

What to do:



1. Fold a piece of paper in half.



2. Draw half of your insect next to the crease you have just made.



3. You might want to go over it in a dark coloured pen/felt tip. (This will help with the next step!)



4. Turn the folded paper over and hold it against a window. You should see your insect drawing.



5. Carefully trace over your insect using a pencil.



6. Open the paper out and if using a pen/felt tip, draw over the rest of your insect.



7. Decorate and colour your insect. Remember, anything you design on one side you must repeat on the other side.



8. Ta-Dah! You have a symmetrical insect!

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