



# Nurture Achieve Celebrate

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**18<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Right of the month**  
**Article 28**  
**The right to be with**  
**friends and join groups**

  
**Welsh Phrase of Week**  
*Nos Galan Gaeaf Hapus*  
**Happy Halloween**

**Value of the**  
**month**  
**Equality**

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

### Parent Teacher Consultations PTCs

By now, you should all have booked via the online booking system to make an appointment to see your child's teacher to discuss progress in learning. We look forward to seeing you, these appointments are important so that you are kept up-to-date with how well your child is doing in school.

### Forest School Parental Engagement Session

Mr Manning is an accredited Forest School Leader who regularly takes classes to our forest area for learning sessions. We are inviting parents/carers into school to enjoy an outdoor learning session in our forest school at 2pm on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please let Mr Manning know if you are planning to join us for this event. Suitable footwear essential!

### Rights Respecting School Gold Award



School Parliament have organised a celebration day for Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> when all pupils can wear non-uniform to celebrate our Gold Rights' Respecting Award. Children can wear something gold if they wish!



### Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day

Thank you for supporting Show Racism the Red Card Wear Red Day today by wearing red and bringing donations. Anti-Racist Education is a part of our curriculum at Cwmffrwdoler.





## Harvest Donations

Thank you for your generosity in supporting those in need for our harvest collections. We enjoyed a lovely service with Pastor Richard and our choir performed for him to say goodbye.

## PTA Halloween Disco



Ticket sales are open for Halloween disco on Thursday, please getting booking using the links below:

Year R, Year 1 & Year 2 - <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/cwmffrwdor-primary-school-pta/cwmffrwdor-pta-halloween-disco-yr-y1-y2/2024-10-24/15:15/t-vvognpd>

Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - [Cwmffrwdor PTA Halloween disco Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 at Cwmffrwdor Primary School event tickets from TicketSource](#)

## 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](https://www.cwmffrwdorprimary.co.uk/files/ugd/683b80_90dc41ab67984db2a86839a3385c57e2.pdf)






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Our attendance target is 93% for whole school.

Class	% Weekly Attendance	 <b>Dosbarth Abersoch can wear non- uniform on Wednesday</b>
Dosbarth Poppit Sands	95.8	
Dosbarth BaraFundle	93.3	
Dosbarth Ogmored	89.6	
Dosbarth Tresaith	95	
Dosbarth Aberdovey	95.9	
Dosbarth Pwll Du	84.3	
Dosbarth Rhossili	97.7	
Dosbarth Abersoch	98.6	

## #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 Cwmffrwdroer 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 Cwmffrwdroer Primary 3.) Shop! 4.) We will keep you updated on our Twitter page (follow us!) and in future newsletters.





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## End of half term

We finish school for the end of autumn half term next Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October at **NORMAL** time.

We return to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

## Dates this term

<b>Value of month - October</b>	<b>Equality</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Black History Month UK</b>
<b>21/10 &amp; 22/10/24</b>	<b>Parent Teacher Consultations (PTCs) after school</b>
<b>21/10/24</b>	<b>Forest School Parental Engagement Session</b>
<b>24/10/24</b>	<b>PTA Halloween Disco</b> <b>Nursery- (9:30 – 10:30)</b> <b>YR, Y1, Y2 (3:15-4:15)</b> <b>Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (4:30 – 5:30)</b>
<b>28/10/24 – 1/11/24</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>Value of month – November</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
<b>4/11/24</b>	<b>Return to school after half term</b>
<b>08/11/24</b>	<b>World Science Day</b>
<b>11/11/24</b>	<b>Remembrance Day</b> <b>E-Safety Parental Session – 9m</b>
<b>13/11/24</b>	<b>School photographs</b> <b>World Kindness Day</b>
<b>14/11/24</b>	<b>Diabetes Awareness Day – Wear blue</b>
<b>11/11/24-15/11/24</b>	<b>Anti -Bullying week (12/11/24 – Odd socks day)</b>
<b>15/11/24</b>	<b>BBC Children in Need</b> <b>Support your child with Maths Parental Session – 9am</b>
<b>18/11/24</b>	<b>Support your child to Read Parental Session (Phonics) – 9am</b>
<b>Value of month - December</b>	<b>Teamwork</b>
<b>tbc</b>	<b>Elf Day</b>
<b>Week beginning 2/12/24</b>	<b>Business Enterprise Week – sale on 6/12 /24 - pm</b>
<b>05.12.24</b>	<b>Carols in the community at 5pm</b>
<b>12/12/24</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>13/12/24</b>	<b>Christmas Community Breakfast – 9 am</b>
<b>9/12/24 – 17/12/24</b>	<b>Christmas Concerts</b> <b>9/12/24 Performance 1 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am</b> <b>10/12/24 Performance 2 (Mrs Maguire, Mrs Cornwell, Mrs Howells) – 10 am</b> <b>13/12/24 (Miss Gilbert &amp; Mrs Jarman) – 10 am</b> <b>16/12/24 Performance 1 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards)</b>







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	<b>17/12/24</b> Performance 2 (Mr Phillips, Mrs Brettell, Miss Smith, Mr Edwards)
<b>19/12/24</b>	International Human Rights' Day
<b>18/12/24</b>	Christmas Dinner Day
<b>20/12/22</b>	End of Autumn term - 1:30pm

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# 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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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalonline-safety.com](http://nationalonline-safety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## What Children & Young People Need to Know about

# FREE VS HATE SPEECH

Everyone in the UK has the right of "freedom of expression". That's the right to voice your opinions and share information and ideas with others. It's not the right to say whatever you want without regard for others' feelings and values. We all have a responsibility to use this right properly: being respectful and inclusive to others. Whether online or offline, communication attacking or discriminating against groups or individuals (because of protected characteristics like race or religion) is hate speech, not free speech.

Free speech is a person's legal right to share information, opinions and ideas without fear of retaliation, censorship or legal consequences. This freedom of expression is recognised in international human rights legislation, and here's what it does for us in our day-to-day lives ...

The Human Rights Act 1988 states that everyone has the right to express themselves freely – even if their views are unpopular and might offend others.

Freedom of expression encourages listening to others and allowing opposing views to be heard. It's important to respect someone's opinion, even if we disagree with it. Free speech lets us engage in meaningful discussions with people who feel differently.

Any concept could potentially offend someone. Galileo's ideas were incredibly offensive to many at the time, while not everyone agrees with Darwin's theory today. Freely exchanging ideas promotes progress.

Free speech allows us to engage people we disagree with in a debate. The ability to challenge others' views is healthy – while having ours challenged helps us learn how to deal with criticism and think deeply about what we say and believe.

Free speech is a powerful tool for change, justice and reform. Many modern UK rights – such as women being allowed to vote or decent working conditions – couldn't have been achieved without it.

Freedom of expression includes the right not to do something, like not standing up for – or singing – the national anthem. Even though some people would find that offensive, it isn't illegal.

Hate speech refers to any communication – like talking, texting or posting online – which displays prejudice against someone's identity. Derogatory, demonising and dehumanising statements, threats, identity-based insults, offensive name-calling and slurs would all count as hate speech. Here are some common forms it takes ...

Targeting people or groups because of who they are – including but not limited to aspects such as race, sexuality, religion or a disability – and verbally abusing them with slurs and name-calling. The Equality Act 2010 has more information on this.

Content that dehumanises people based on those same attributes: referring to them as if they were animals, objects or other non-human entities, for example.

Calling for violence or hatred against certain people or groups and justifying and glorifying those actions.

Claiming that specific types of people are physically, mentally or morally inferior (or even that they are criminals) to encourage others to view them in the same way.

Making up or repeating insults about a person or group because something about their identity is different to the person who's posting.

Promoting the segregation of certain groups, or discrimination against them, because of who they are.

### Meet Our Expert

The Global Equality Collective is an online community for homes, schools and businesses. A collection of hundreds of subject matter experts in diversity, equality and inclusion, and the organisation behind the DEC app, the world's first app for diversity, equality and inclusion.

GLOBAL EQUALITY COLLECTIVE

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- ### 1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.
- ### 2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.
- ### 3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ### 4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- ### 5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- ### 6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- ### 7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both good choices.
- ### 8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- ### 9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.
- ### 10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

**Meet Our Expert**

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Source: See full reference in this guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety>

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