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

### <u>Half term</u>

This is an extremely short half term and next Friday,  $23^{rd}$  May, school closes at the normal time for the Whitsun half term break. There is an INSET day on Monday  $2^{nd}$  June so children will return to school on Tuesday  $3^{rd}$  June.

Children can wear non-uniform on Friday  $23^{rd}$  for a donation of E1 for subsidising the cost of the new play structures.

## Walk to School Week

Next Monday, Walk to School Week 2025 will take place from May 19th to 23rd, 2025. This year's theme is "The Great Space Walk," encouraging children to walk or wheel to school each day of the week. Walk to School Week promotes healthy lifestyles, reduce traffic congestion, and improve air quality.

Mr Manning and I will meet children at the Bridgend Pub at 8:40am every morning next week.

## Anti-Racist Celebration Event

This week a group of Year & children visited Llantarnam Primary School to take part in an Anti-Racist Event with Torfaen schools. The children presented the work we are doing to make our school anti-racist. The children represented our school very well. Well done to Ruby, Millie, Kyran and Ella.

### Mini-Marathon fundraising

Thank you so much for supporting our fundraising. So far, we have raised £1029! This week, works started on the play structures in both yards which children are getting excited about. Your fundraising has made this happen. THANK YOU! This money is all being used towards the play structures in the yard and field.

## New Play Structures

You may have seen the play structures being built this week or heard your children tell you about them. We have shared Risk Assessments with the children today and reminded them about school rules regarding uniform:

• Hair must be tied back





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- Only stud earrings (no other jewellery)
- No false nails
- Appropriate length shorts to be used

We have also reminded girls that if skirts or dresses are worn, they may want to wear shorts underneath for playing on the structure for Y3-Y6 children.

Children will not be allowed to go on them at the end of the school day or before school starts. For the younger children, when they are collected from school, please supervise your children to ensure they do not use the Trim Trail. School will not be responsible for any accidents after children have been collected.









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#### New additions to the Cwmffrwdoer family

We have welcomed four Warren Hens, rescued from a battery/factory Farm by a charity called, All Creatures Great and Small. They were kept in small cages with many chickens only to be discarded when they stopped mass-producing eggs. They have seen the sky for the first time this week after a life of not being able to move freely. We are thrilled to rehome them.





## <u>Attendance</u>

<u>#NotInMissOut</u>

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 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 and squash and biscuits.

#### Attendance Figures - Strive for 95%

Our attendance target is 95% for whole school.





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whole School Attendance 90%

Class	% weekly Attendance	
Dosbarth Pebble	73.9	
Dosbarth Poppit Sand	s 93.2	Dosbarth Abersod will have non-unifor day on Thursday 22nd May
Dosbarth BaraFundle	91	
Dosbarth Ogmore	86.4	
Dosbarth Tresaith	87.9	
Dosbarth Aberdovey	92.6	
Dosbarth Pwll Du	88.1	
Dosbarth Rhossili	93.1	
Dosbarth Abersoch	95.2	1

## Torfaen Dance Festival

A REMINDER for parents/carers of dancers performing in a show at the Congress theatre, Cwmbran on Monday 9thJune at 7pm, tickets go on sale from Thursday  $30^{th}$  May.

We have been told that tickets for this event go quickly so please purchase yours early to avoid disappointment.

Mrs Cornwell and Mrs Taylor have been working hard every week at lunchtimes leading dance practice sessions. If your child is part of the team taking part they will have a letter to bring home by the middle of May.

### <u>Gardening Club</u>

After half term, Gardening Club which takes place on Tuesday will change to Monday.

### Eisteddfod Art Gallery - Children's work for sale on 30/06/25

we will be holding an art gallery to showcase the children's fantastic Eisteddfod art. The art gallery will be in the main hall after school and you will be able to purchase your children's work.

### Diary Dates for Spring and Summer term.

May	Value of Month - Honesty
19/5/25	Walk to School Week
23/5/25	End of half term - FINISH NORMAL TIME
26/5 - 30/5/25	Half term
2/06/25	INSET day – school closed to children





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June	Value of Month - Diversity	
3/06/25	School reopens for children	
9/06/25	Torfaen Dance Competition, Congress Theatre 7pm	
18/06/25	Pupil Leader Reward Trip	
22/06/25	Windrush Day	
27/06/25	Cluster INSET day - school closed for pupils	
30/06/25	Eisteddfod Art Gallery - for parents/carers to purchase	
July	Value of Month - Community	
3/07/25	Sports Day events:	
	10am - Years 3/4	
	1Pm - Year 5/6	
4/07/25	10am - Nursery & Reception	
	1:30pm - Years 1/2	
Saturday 05/07/25	Summer Fete – 11am	
18/07/25	End of Summer Term for children - FINISH AT 1:30PM	
21/07/25	INSET day for staff	

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