



Newsletter Autumn Term - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

THE VALUE OF THE MONTH IS ...

PEACE

INSET Days

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

There will be one more INSET day announced shortly.

Community Laser Show - NEW DATE!!

**EVENT  
POSTPONED!**

**NEW DATE:  
25TH NOVEMBER**



We're super excited for our first-ever joint community event! Nant Celyn Primary and Cwmbran High School are teaming up to host a spectacular, 'Evening Laser Show' on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November.

Tickets are still on sale - **BUT** there are not many left so don't delay!

[CLICK HERE FOR TICKET LINK](#)

Join us for an unforgettable evening of lights, fun, and community spirit!

#BonfireNight #CommunityEvent  
#LaserShow #Cwmbran  
#NantCelynPrimary #CwmbranHigh



**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 12-5.30pm**



Santa & Train  
Stage & Acts

Face Painting & Much More!

Plus Food Craft & Gift Market with TGSB markets & events  
Bakeries - Hot Food - Handmade Gifts - Christmas Crafts



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# School Admissions 2026

Please see below information on School Admissions for 2026 from the local authority. You can find out more by scanning the QR Code or by clicking on the link here.

[Torfaen Admissions](#)



# School Admissions

# 2026

Will your child be starting  
Nursery, Reception or  
Secondary school in 2026?



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 2026 Admission Groups	Admission Round Commences	Closing Date for Applications	Decision Date
Nursery	9 June 25	18 July 25, 5pm	15 September 25
Reception	13 November 25	15 January 26, 5pm	16 April 26
Secondary	19 September 25	31 October 25, 5pm	2 March 26



Scan the QR code now  
to view the application  
process!

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# Class Updates from the Teachers

## Dosbarth Willow - Mrs Evans



Dosbarth Willow have been engrossed in Bonfire Night this week. We have written a list of things we will need for a safe Bonfire Night, and we have made Bonfire Night safety posters using Canva. We have painted fireworks and created them outdoors using different materials. We have created repeated patterns for warm scarves to wear on Bonfire Night, too. We have had a blast!

## Dosbarth Cherry - Miss Jones

Dosbarth Cherry have had a very busy and exciting start to the new term! We have been learning all about Bonfire Night and how to keep safe while enjoying the celebrations. Using our DCF skills, we designed colourful and informative safety posters on Canva to share what we had learned. We also enjoyed getting creative with paints to make beautiful firework pictures, using our Welsh language skills to label the different colours — *glas, coch, melyn* and more! To round off a wonderful week, we wrote and sent an email to the Owl Sanctuary to say a big thank you for visiting us and bringing their amazing owls into school. We loved learning all about them and even meeting some up close! What a fantastic and busy start to the term for Dosbarth Cherry!



## Dosbarth Yew - Miss Kappas

Over the past month, Dosbarth Yew have been diving deep into creativity with our 'Undersea Cleaning Spree' theme! Inspired by the ocean, we made amazing sea creatures out of leaves during Forest School. The children showed wonderful imagination — their leaf creatures were truly beautiful, and some even received special names from their creators!

In class, we have worked hard on our Under the Sea dance performances. Each group practised with enthusiasm and teamwork, and every performance has been absolutely fabulous. We are so proud of everyone's effort and energy!

We also spent time learning about being mindful of our personal hygiene. Through a fun and interactive quiz, we explored the good and bad habits that can affect our everyday health — everyone shared thoughtful ideas and showed great understanding.

As Remembrance Day approaches, we have begun planning our Remembrance poems in groups. The children have been coming up with touching and meaningful words to help us reflect and remember together.

In Art, we started an exciting new project all about drawing portraits. We have been learning how to draw faces and explore different facial features step by step. The children are developing their observation skills and have really enjoyed expressing themselves through this creative work. It's been a busy, creative, and inspiring month for Dosbarth Yew!



### Dosbarth Hazel - Mrs Yoxall

Dosbarth Hazel have been working really hard this week! We have started writing our own fantasy portal stories based on the text 'The Mysterious Oak Door', using adjectives and similes to make our writing more interesting. In our maths work, we have been adding using a number line and have now progressed onto using expanded column addition, showing great perseverance and determination with this quite challenging skill. On Thursday afternoons, we head for the forest school area. This week, we used the findings from our recent investigation into waterproof materials to build our own waterproof structures. We enjoyed testing how waterproof they were!



## Dosbarth Walnut - Miss Riley



Dosbarth Walnut have had a lovely first week back. We have started our new PE topic, learning rugby skills. Clap Catch was definitely a popular game in the lesson. We are learning about the Welsh Industrial Revolution. We have completed some lovely oracy activities about 'Would you Rather' and now we have created some lovely timelines teaching us about how Wales has been industrialised.



## Dosbarth Elm - Mrs Denham

Dosbarth Elm have been thoroughly enjoying their learning journey through our current topic of Timelapse, where they've been exploring our rich history and heritage. As part of this immersive experience, pupils visited Cardiff Castle and St Fagans National Museum of History, where they delved into the stories of the past and discovered how our ancestors lived, worked, and shaped the world around us. These trips brought history to life, sparking our curiosity and deepening our understanding of who we are and where we come from.



## DRB - Miss Evans

This half term has been full of fun in the Deaf Resource Base! Some of our children joined their mainstream classes on exciting trips. Year 5 went to Caerphilly Castle and Year 6 visited Cardiff Castle. Everyone enjoyed exploring, learning new facts and spending time with friends.

We were very lucky to have a special visitor, Erin, who is a deaf role model. She told us all about her life and her cochlear implants. She showed us that we can achieve anything, and we can't wait to invite more deaf role models to visit us soon! To celebrate Black History Month, we learned about the artist Alma Woodsey Thomas. We loved her bright, colourful patterns and used her art style to decorate the International Symbol of Deafness. We have also been enjoying autumn activities. We used apples to learn about halves and quarters, and used natural objects like leaves to make beautiful art.



## HQ2 - Miss Williams

HQ2 have been very busy in Autumn 1. We started 'Music Mondays' where we start off every week singing songs and exploring different musical instruments. So far, we have loved the boomwhackers and our favourite song is 'Eye of the Tiger!'. We also started Forest Schools sessions where we have enjoyed exploring in the outdoors, searching for bugs and then collecting leaves to use in our Art sessions. Our new topic for Autumn 2 is 'Our Place in the Universe', where we will explore where we live and space! We also can't wait for all the festivities to start!



## FREE RESOURCES FOR PUPILS

Attention parents and carers! All learners in Welsh state schools can still get free Microsoft 365 at home through a renewed Welsh Government agreement. Your child can use Word, Excel, PowerPoint and more to create, edit and collaborate from home, as well as many other applications such as Minecraft Education, Canva, Encyclopaedia Britannica and much, much more.



Children can access this by using their HWB login

## Dates for your Diary

Please see below some of the upcoming dates for this term. To ensure that you always know what is going on and any date changes, please check the online school calendar by clicking here

[ONLINE SCHOOL CALENDAR](#)

**ANY DATES IN THE NEWSLETTER MAY CHANGE AND WILL NOT BE REFLECTED UNTIL THE NEW NEWSLETTER IS PUBLISHED.**

Date	Event
<b>November</b>	
10.11.2025	Odd Socks Day to support Anti-Bullying Week Children are invited to wear Odd Socks in support for Anti-Bullying Week <b>No Charge</b>
13.11.2025	Flu Immunisations - Reception to Year 6
14.11.2025	Children in Need - Dress Down for a £1
17.11.2025 to 18.11.2025	Nursery and Reception Parent's Evening - Face to Face Appointments
19.11.2025	Nursery and Reception Parent's Evening - Phone Call Appointments
25.11.2025	Year 5 Trip to Cardiff Museum
<b>25.11.2025</b>	<b>Community Laser Show - NEW DATE</b>
28.11.2025	Elf and Well-Being Day
29.11.2025	PFSA Wreath Making Workshop

Please note dates and times may change, but we will endeavour to give as much advance notice of this.

Please see below dates for **Christmas Concerts**, **Class Assemblies** and **Open Afternoons** over the year.

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## Christmas Concert Dates



- Dosbarth Oak Christmas Concert - 11<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:45am and 1:45pm
- Dosbarth Beech and Dosbarth Rowan Christmas Concert - 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:45pm
- Dosbarth Chestnut, Dosbarth Willow and Dosbarth Cherry Christmas Concert - 9<sup>th</sup> December @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm
- Dosbarth Yew, Dosbarth Redwood, Dosbarth Ash and Dosbarth Hazel Christmas Concert - 8<sup>th</sup> December @ 10:00am and @1:45pm
- Dosbarth Walnut, Dosbarth Maple, Dosbarth Elm and Dosbarth Elder Carol Concert - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> December @ 1:45pm

# Class Assemblies and Open Afternoons Below

- Dosbarth Maple (Mrs Davies) and Dosbarth Walnut (Miss Riley) Class Assembly - 26<sup>th</sup> March @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Hazel (Mrs Yoxall) and Dosbarth Ash (Mr Ashford) Class Assembly - 23<sup>rd</sup> April @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Redwood (Miss Evans) and Dosbarth Yew (Miss Kapas) Class Assembly - 7<sup>th</sup> May @ 2:00pm
- Dosbarth Chestnut (Mrs Eden), Dosbarth Willow (Mrs Evans) and Dosbarth Cherry (Miss Jones) Class Assembly - 10<sup>th</sup> July @2:00pm
- Dosbarth Oak (Miss Hall-Stark) Class Assembly - 13<sup>th</sup> July @ 9:45am and @ 1:45pm

## Foodbanks in Cwmbran and Torfaen

Please see below a list of the Foodbanks that are available to offer support in Cwmbran.

Victory Church (Cwmbran) is able to offer a range of support to families including money management, counselling, food-bank and youth/children's work as well as a range of recovery programmes for anyone struggling with addictions.

If you require support, please don't hesitate to reach out to our Family Liaison Officer who will be able to help you, or point you in the right direction.

<b>Eastern Valley Food Bank</b> Unit 5 Pavilion Industrial Estate Pontnewynydd Pontypool Tel: 01495 760608	<b>Salvation Army</b> Wesley Street Old Cwmbran NP44 3LX  Wednesdays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.
<b>Victory Church Cwmbran</b> Greenforge Way Cwmbran Tel: 01633 867401	<b>Ebenezer Evangelical Church</b> Pontnewydd Cwmbran Tuesdays 1.00 - 4.00 p.m.
<b>Trac 2 Charity Shop and Outreach Offices</b> Shop 2/Church Avenue Pontypool Tel: 01495 764078	<b>CoStar Hwb</b> Fairwater Close Tel: 01633 869227



# Talks in Torfaen for Parents & Caregivers

Autumn 2025



A series of talks are available for parents & caregivers of children who are **nursery** or **primary** school age (**1-10 years old**) in Torfaen.

Talks are targeted towards **ALL parents** - to help you best support your child's development & emotional well-being.

Talks will take place online using **Microsoft Teams** and are delivered by **NHS Psychologists**.



with Dr Charlie Cowtan  
(Clinical Psychologist)

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:30 - 10:30am**

Supporting your child's  
emotional wellbeing

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:30 - 10:30am**

Supporting your child's  
development

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**  
**9:30 - 10:30am**

Supporting your child to  
have a positive  
relationship with  
screens & devices

**Monday 1st December**  
**9:30 - 10:30am**

Supporting your child to  
have a positive experience  
of going to school  
(and prevent 'school  
avoidance')



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/6MQAq9AMnn>



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Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board



Talks in Torfaen for  
Parents & Caregivers  
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gyfer rhieni a gofalwyr

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Child & Family  
Community  
Psychology

We also run additional workshops that are jointly designed and delivered with our health colleagues in the Children's Centres.

**These workshops need to be booked using separate QR codes.**

**WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup>  
DECEMBER**

**10:00 AM-12:00  
NOON**



## **PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THROUGH PUBERTY**



We are really excited to bring to you a brand new workshop. We have been working on this for some time to following some direct requests from families. It is our pleasure to introduce our

### **'Preparing For & Supporting Through Puberty'**

During this workshop we will share ideas and resources related to the following topics:

- *Puberty in the context of children with additional developmental needs*
- *Body Parts & Preparing for Body Changes*
- *Privacy & Consent*
- *Puberty*
- *Masturbation*
- *What this means for you as Parents/Carers*

To book onto this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8c9jbb>

**WEDNESDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
10:00 AM - 12:00  
NOON**



## **SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION**

A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist.

The workshop aims to help you to:



- Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication
- Explore why some children develop communication difficulties
- Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties
- Think about different means to support your children to communicate

To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qpyjEJLPtN>



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