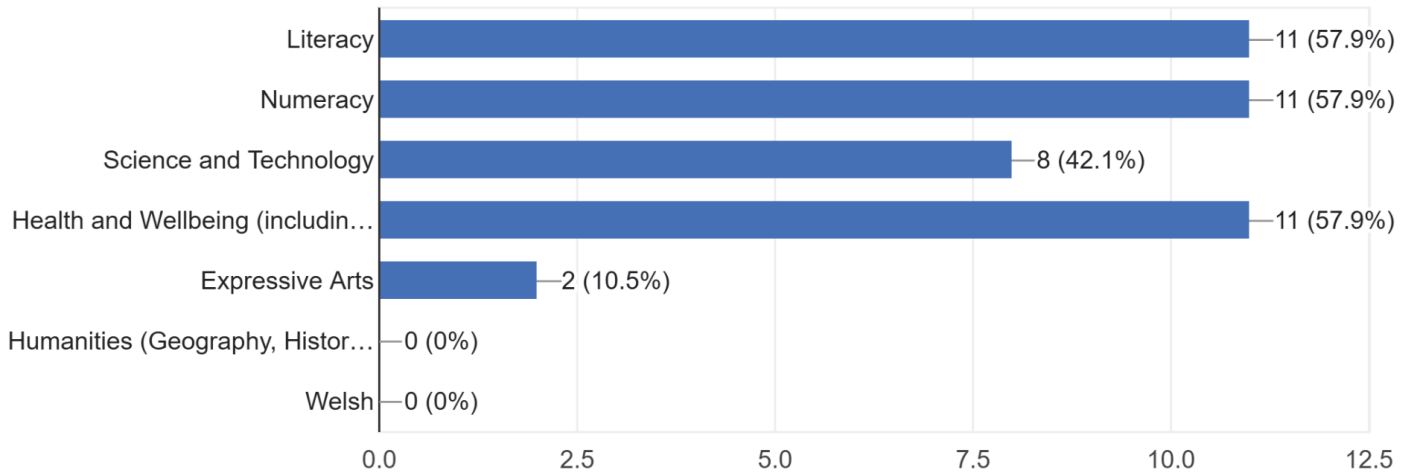


Which area of your child's education do you believe should be a top priority for improvement in September 2025? Please select two choices only.

19 responses



In your opinion how should school address improving pupil wellbeing and mental health in the next academic year? E.g. Wellbeing programmes, Mindfulness sessions, Peer Support, Flourish Project, ELSA. 19 responses

Wellbeing programmes and mindfulness sessions along with equality and diversity training/sessions

N/a

Wellbeing programmes,

Wellbeing programmes in small groups so everyone's voice is heard

Growing self esteem. Focusing on individual development and wellbeing and not comparing

Consistent teachers and TAs to help build relationships. The chopping and changing of teachers will be having a negative impact on their learning. Kids can tell when a person really cares and unfortunately Dewstow is no longer a school that cares about its kids.

Listen to the children

Wellbeing sessions

Teachers that actually listen and act

Children are seeing praise given for those who improve their behaviour when having troublesome times but those who are consistently well behaved seem to be left confused over others getting awards/stickers for one day/one week of improved behaviour.

Be mindful that this can have a negative impact on the mental health of children.

Use awards to celebrate consistency, not just dramatic improvements or turnarounds.

We believe there should be firmer consequences for children who deliberately hurt others, physically or emotionally. All pupils deserve to feel safe, and it's important that harmful behaviour is addressed clearly and consistently.

Feeling journals/mood check in stations

Mindfulness and "therapy" type sessions. Teaching the children that talking through their feelings and worries or concerns is normal so that they communicate more freely as they get older.

Perhaps consider asking for the children's views on some aspects and gauge their responses accordingly. I know it wouldn't be beneficial with the younger age groups.

Would love to see meditation and mindfulness used.

More opportunities for competition and disappointment to improve resilience and develop skills in managing difficult emotions.

ELSA and lots of workshops around emotions.

Well being and mindfulness sessions would be good. Just to raise awareness of emotions/impact on others & how to support others.

More enrichment activities for the whole school so children get to engage and support peers in other year groups. Life skills, cooking has been a really positive experience. More choir, dramatic arts

All of the above but try not to cancel sessions and if they are cancelled extend the programme. My child should have been having Elsa but sessions were cancelled due to staffing problems on a number of occasions and then he came home one day and said his programme was finished (but he only had about 3 sessions)

Self awareness sessions, wellbeing programmes

Are there any specific facilities, extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities you feel that the school could invest in? eg STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Music) outdoor learning, sport, music. 19 responses

Outdoor learning

Sport, music, learning how to build things like dens, wilderness classes

Sport!

STEM, gardening club,

Music/singing classes

No

Consistency!

Swimming lessons

Coding Clubs

Hands on experiments for Science - Mad Science

Costume design projects - linked to school plays

Author or Illustrator visits

Martial Art/Dance coach to showcase

Lots of practical lessons in cooking and life lessons. Group activities that help the children engage with their peers and respect differences in each other.

Music and drama would be good, have the children from all age groups come together and school play

School day trips or a pantomime into school. Many of these children rarely leave caldicot or go to big shows.

Science, technology, engineering and maths, particularly encouraging girls into these areas.

There is a national skills shortage across STEM subjects and women are still extremely under-represented across the board.

Any outdoor sport for all age groups, I find the most popular ones go to yr 5 and 6 only.

Sport, Music

A Lego club (STEM) Caldicot school are part of the Lego league and I'm sure could help set up. Might be a nice transition from primary to secondary.

Dance, choir, drama clubs to help build self confidence.

Continued music as my children were so proud of the instruments they learnt this year. And a increased focus on a couple of training sessions prior to any tournaments /attendance on the day then by the person who had worked with that team (ie when the child has been chosen for football/rugby/cross country etc). Continued visits to the local community.

Science, music