



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

What a fantastic first week back to school this term! Across the whole school the children have had a very successful week and continue to look smart in their school uniform. Thank you to all parents/carers for supporting the children to wear their school uniform to school.

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection:



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL
WE ARE HOSTING A:**

Clothing Collection
with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories
(please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries
so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.
If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.

Please use any bag to bring the clothes in.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes. Clothes are currently being shipped to Ukraine.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

Please bring your donations to school
from Monday 15th September
(no items after Thursday 18th September)

Family Planner:

Attached is a copy of the Parent Planner with a range of important dates throughout this academic year. I hope you will find this useful.

Dates for your diary

| September | | |
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| 02/09/2025 | | Pupils return to school |
| 02/09/2025 | 3.00 - 3.30pm | Meet the Teacher |
| 08/09/2025 | 9.00am | Nursery and Reception Parent Meeting Hall |
| 08/09/2025 | 2.30pm | Year 3 Parent Meeting Hall |
| 09/09/2025 | 9.00am | Year 2 Parent Meeting Hall |
| 09/09/2025 | 2.30pm | Year 4 Parent Meeting Hall |
| 10/09/2025 | 9.00am | Year 1 Parent Meeting Hall |
| 11/09/2025 | 9.00am | Year 5/6 Parent Meeting Hall |
| 16/09/2025 | 9.00am | Head Pupil Interviews |
| 19/09/2025 | 9.00am | Rags to Riches collection (see poster attached) |
| October | | |
| 09/10/2025 | | Harvest Celebrations |
| 14/10/2025 | 3.15pm | Gilwern Parent Meeting Year 5/Year 6 |
| 21/10/2025 | | Parent Consultations |
| 22/10/2025 | | Parent Consultations |
| 24/10/2025 | | Flu Immunisation Day |
| 24/10/2025 | | Break up from school |
| November | | |
| 03/11/2025 | | Pupils return to school |
| 11/11/2025 | | Remembrance Day |
| December | | |
| 04/12/2025 | 10.00am | Pantomime Riverfront Theatre |
| 11/12/2025 | | Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day |
| 15/12/2025 | 2.00pm | Year 3/4 Christingle |
| 16/12/2025 | 10.00am | Year 1/2 Christmas Concert |
| 16/12/2025 | 2.00pm | PM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert |
| 17/12/2025 | 10.00am | AM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert |
| 17/12/2025 | 2.00pm | Year 5/6 Christmas Concert |
| 19/12/2025 | | Break up from school |

Dewstow Primary School
Family Planner 2025-2026

Term Dates

| Term | Begin | End |
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| Autumn | 01/09/2025 | 19/12/2025 |
| Spring | 05/01/2026 | 27/03/2026 |
| Summer | 13/04/2026 | 20/07/2026 |

INSET Days

Day 1: 01/09/2025
Day 2: 10/10/2025
Day 3: tbc
Day 4: 13/02/2026
Day 5: tbc
Day 6: 20/07/2026

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 4th May 2026

Harvest

Thursday 9th October 2025

Leavers Assembly – Year 6

16th July 2026 PM

Reports to Parents

7th July 2026

Christmas Dinner

11th December 2025

Sports Day

Tuesday 19th May 2026
Nursery/Reception 9.00-10.00am
Year 1 and Year 2 10.30-11.30am
Year 3 and Year 4 1.00-2.00pm
Year 5 and Year 6 2.00-3.00pm

World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026

Parent Consultations

Week beginning 20th October 2025
Week beginning 16th March 2026

Pantomime Rec. – Year 6

4th December 2025 10AM

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8th – 12th June 2026

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Friday 27th February 2026
Family Engagement Events

Christmas Concerts

Plaza Swanwyn (Nursery/Reception) Rhymes
Tuesday 16th December 2.00pm
Wednesday 17th December 10am
Plaza Haf (Year 1/Year 2) Concert
Tuesday 16th December 10.00am
Plaza Hydref (Year 3/Year 4) Christingle
Monday 15th December 2.00pm
Plaza Gaeaf (Year 5/Year 6) Carols
Wednesday 17th December 2.00pm

Email: dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk
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Twitter: @DewstowPrimary
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NB: Some event dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances

Nursery Admissions – September 2026



Dewstow Primary & Nursery School
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Nursery Admissions Guide - 2026

Applying for September 2026:

If your child was born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, you can apply for a 2026 Nursery School place between 4th July 2025 and 12th September 2025.

All information relating to Monmouthshire County Council admissions can be found by scanning this QR code.



Decision letters for September 2026 places will be issued by Monmouthshire County Council on 21st November 2025.

Children born between **1st September 2022 and 31st December 2022** may be offered an early start from January 2026.

Children born between **1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023** may be offered an early start from April 2026.

Children born between **1st April 2023 and 31st August 2023** are not eligible for an early start.

Decision letters offering an early start, if places are available, will be issued:

- On 21st November 2025 for a January 2026 start
- On 07th March 2026 for an April 2026 start.

How to make a Nursery application?

Parents must complete an application form in order to obtain a nursery place. There is the opportunity to complete an application online via the Monmouthshire County Council Citizen Portal. This can be found by scanning this QR code.



If you are having difficulties accessing the Citizen Portal, please contact the School Admissions Team on 01533 646026 or alternatively email admissions@monmouthshire.gov.uk. A member of the team will help with any queries.

Dewstow Primary & Nursery School, Woodland View, Caldicot, NP26 4HD. Telephone: 01291 636360

Virtual Workshops:

Please take a look at these online workshops which may be helpful for some of our families. I will be joining the sleep workshop one myself. Please be assured that you do not have to have your camera or microphone on you can just listen in.



HELPING HANDS OUTREACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: SEPT-DEC 25

We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

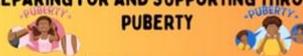
These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.



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| MONDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-12NOON | INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people. Book by Midday on Monday 8th September |
| MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 10AM - 12NOON | EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge. Book by Midday on Monday 29th September |
| WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 10AM-12NOON | TRANSITIONS & SEPARATIONS We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations Book by Midday on Wednesday 15th October |
| MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 10AM-12NOON | SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry. Book by Midday on Monday 27th October |
|  | BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can: • Scan the QR code • Click on the QR code • Follow this link https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK |

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.

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| WEDNESDAY 3RD 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/kzDF8cejbb |
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| WEDNESDAY 19TH 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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/apyJEJLPTN |
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Awards:

Well done to all the children who have received awards this week. Bendigedig pawb!

| Year Group | Star of the Week | Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday! |
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| Year 1 | Reggie | Harrison |
| Year 2 | Hayden | Amelia |
| Year 3 | Ioan/Reggie/Buddy | Preston |
| Year 4 | Maison | Alfie WP |
| Year 5 | Lamia | Tobiah |
| Year 6 | Sienna | Jensen |

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we very much look forward to seeing all the children on Monday.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school dews.primary@monmouthshireschools.wales¹

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher / Pennaeth

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