



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 24th April 2026

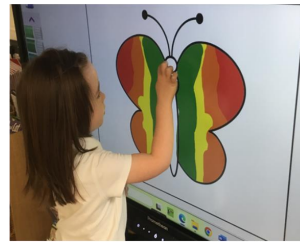
Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Below is an outline of what the children are going to be learning during the summer term. We have lots planned and it will be a very exciting and busy term.

## Nursery and Reception:

Welcome back to an exciting new term! Over the coming weeks, our youngest learners will be embracing the great outdoors as we explore seasonal changes, get our hands messy with gardening, and grow our very own plants and vegetables. We will be reading Eric Carle's beloved classic, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, alongside other wonderful rich texts, which will perfectly accompany our exciting classroom project: observing real caterpillars as they magically transform into beautiful butterflies! We will also be weaving these themes into our Maths learning, where the children will be working hard to master their number bonds and acting as number detectives to discover fascinating mathematical patterns. We can't wait to watch your children grow and blossom this term!



## Year 1:

Year 1 are learning days of the week, months of the year and seasons in Maths. We have been learning about the signs of Spring, weeding and planting herbs and vegetables. We have been learning Welsh vocabulary linked to growing and the garden. The children have enjoyed learning Welsh and songs with sign language actions linked to Spring. Our skill in cooking has been spreading, grating and chopping, we have had lots of fun making healthy snacks.

## Year 2:

Year 2 are learning 3 digits place value, adding 20 and 19 and practising x2, x5, x10 tables. In our topic "how does your garden grow?" we are busy weeding, planting, finding out about plants, labelling plants and learning their names. We are using the Welsh fans to practise familiar Welsh phrases. Our skill in the clay has been using the natural materials to make prints. We have been reading the book *The Super worm* and retelling the story.

## Year 3:

In Literacy, we have started "The Tin Forest" as a hook for our writing. The children have been gathering vocabulary to describe the forest at the beginning of the story and will go on to use language to compare the forest at the end. We have used a thesaurus this week to

discover new vocabulary which the children loved! I have been so impressed with the growth of language that the children are developing. In Maths, we have done lots of place value recaps so far (ordering and sequencing values, finding missing values, comparing values etc) and trying to apply this to 1 and 2 step word problems. We will be moving on to using multiplication knowledge to solve fractions, division and multiplication. So, any spare time at home to revise times tables would really help. In Topic, we have been reflecting on our Shadow Puppet shows- what worked well, what was tricky and what we would do differently next time. The children were fantastic, working collaboratively, solving problems, and putting on some lovely performances. As part of learning about shadows, they also created some super photography which I've included below for your enjoyment!



#### Year 4:

This term, our learning topic is called "Wonderful Water". We'll be finding out all about how we use water and how we can help to look after our environment.

We've been amazed (and not in a good way!) about what is happening to our local rivers, particularly the River Wye and we've decided that we're going to write to our local MP explaining our views. We'll be learning about how to structure our letters and use really persuasive language. In Maths, we've been learning how to calculate and find the

perimeters of different shapes, starting from counting squares, calculating lengths and even finding perimeters of shapes with unknown sides. It's been challenging!

### Year 5:

We have a busy and exciting term ahead! Our main theme is "Eco-Cynefin – Ethical Habitats." We'll be looking at how humans affect the environment and why it's so important to be responsible global citizens. From understanding how habitats change to looking at ways we can help our planet, we want to help the children become "Eco-Heroes" who think critically about the future. In Literacy we are learning how to write a balanced argument. The children will practice looking at "both sides" of an issue—like the pros and cons of certain human activities—to explain their ideas clearly and fairly. In Maths we are mastering the world of fractions, decimals, and percentages. We will also be getting hands-on with area, measurement, and money. Our goal is to use Math in "real-life" ways, so the children can see how numbers help us solve everyday problems. The Big Picture is all about sustainability. We want the students to understand the impact we have on the world and feel empowered to find ways to protect it.

### Year 6:

Year 6 are beginning to dive into the murky, thrilling depths of Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick. The children will be learning to weave suspense and humour into their writing, much like the high-stakes "no-sleep" mystery of the novel. Our Mathematics focus is mastering the precision of decimals. They will be calculating the exact distance between countries where clothes are made and their journey to the shops or analysing the hidden costs of Fast Fashion. In Topic, the children will discover that every tenth and hundredth counts. By investigating the environmental impact of the garment industry, they will be using their decimal skills to quantify waste and carbon footprints, proving that being a global citizen requires both creativity and mathematical concepts. We have loved this week using our design and technology skills to create robots and vehicles using our Lego Prime Kits. We have worked collaboratively and have used problem skills to develop our own ideas.

### Dragons Rugby:

On Tuesday, some of our Year 6 pupils took part in a Dragons TAG Rugby Tournament at Rodney Parade with other schools from around the region. The pupils played really well and we came top of our pool with wins over Pontllanfraith, St Illtyd's and drew with Derwendeg. We played Derwendeg in the semi-final, drew 3-3 and it went down to a sudden death Golden Try which was won by Derwendeg. Pupils were a credit to the school, showed great sportsmanship and conducted themselves superbly.



### TCS Mini Marathon:

It might be called Mini but its a BIG event! More than one million children have taken on this challenge since 2020.

We will be holding this event on Friday 1st May. All children will run, jog, walk, wheel or be guided around a two-mile course within the school grounds. Please can the children wear their PE kits to school along with a pair of daps or trainers on this day.

Due to the nature of this event, activities will be integrated into the pupils' regular class timetable at various times throughout the day. Consequently, we are unable to accommodate parent visitors on this occasion. We look forward to sharing photos after the event.



### Cycling Shorts:

Please can I remind parents/carers of the importance of ensuring that children attend school in the correct school uniform. We have noticed that some older children are wearing cycling shorts and leggings. These items are not part of our agreed school uniform and should not be worn to school. Thank you for your continued support in helping us uphold our school uniform expectations.

### Communication:

We kindly ask that if you have any concerns or issues regarding your child, these are raised with your child's class teacher in the first instance. Class teachers are best placed to address daytoday matters and will keep senior staff informed where further support is needed. Thank you for your cooperation and continued partnership with school.

### Staff Leaving:

After three years of dedicated service to our school community, Miss Pearson will be leaving us this term. During her time with us, she has been a valued member of staff and has made a positive contribution to the pupils and wider school life. Miss Pearson is moving on to a new role within education, and we would like to thank her for her commitment and hard work. We wish her every success in the next stage of her career.

### Reception 2026 families:

Please see attached poster regarding a workshop we are holding at school on 30th June at 9am. This is relevant for families with children starting in Reception in September 2026. Please let the school office know if you would like to attend.

**Incredible Years**

# Getting Ready for School

Getting Ready for School is a free workshop to help you to support your child's transition to school

Managing emotions  
Language and social skills  
Word skills  
Interactive reading

The workshop will also cover practical skills such as toileting, eating with a knife and fork and much more!

**2 hour workshop**

For parents of children aged 3-4, due to start school

This workshop will be taking place:

School/Setting: Dewstow  
Date: 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Time: 9 am

Please contact your school to book a place

For any general information about the workshops, contact: Monmouthshire Acorn Project Email: [parenting@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

## Awards:

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

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance Cup
Nursery	Landon		83.2%
Reception	Blake	Bella	98.5% ★
Year 1	Charlie	Scarlett	93.7%
Year 2	Mason	Mikady	93.5%
Year 3	Holly & Alyssa	Mireya	96.2%
Year 4	Jak	Solomon	94.3%
Year 5	Cohen	Teddy	97.3%
Year 6	Aaron	Harri	89.4%

## Dates for your diary:

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April		
27/04/2026	AM All day	Whole School Assembly - Dwr Cymru Welsh Water Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, Dwr Cymru Workshops
27/04/2026	AM	School Nurses - Reception Vision & Growth Screening
27/04/2026		Roving Robots Workshops - Year 4 & Year 6
29/04/2026		Year 3 Library Visit
May		
01/05/2026		TCS Mini Marathon (more details to follow)
01/05/2026	PM	Year 4 Swimming
04/05/2026		<b>MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
08/05/2026	PM	Year 4 Swimming
11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> May		Safe Cycling Year 6
11/05/2026	3.15pm	Gilwern Parent Meeting Year 5 & Year 6 <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b>
13/05/2026		One Planet Centre Trip, Llanfoist - Year 3 & Year 4
15/05/2026	PM	Year 3 Start Swimming
19/05/2026		Sports Day
	AM	9.00am Nursery / Reception
		10.30am Year 1 / Year 2
	PM	1.05pm to 2.00pm Year 3 / Year 4
		2.05pm to 3.00pm Year 5 / Year 6
22/05/2026		Year 5 Playmaker Event at Caldicot School
22/05/2026	PM	Year 3 Swimming
22/05/2026		Break Up from School
<b>25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May - HALF TERM</b>		

June		
01/06/2026		Pupils return to school
03/06/2026		PTFA Father's Day Gift Sale
05/06/2026		Year 3 Swimming
08/06/2026	1.5 days	Gilwern Year 5 Pupils
09/06/2026	3.5 days	Gilwern Year 6 Pupils
10/06/2026		Year 4 Library Visit
11/06/2026		Reception Cluster Event to Caldicot Castle
12/06/2026		Year 3 Swimming
15/06/2026		Year 5 Digital Forensics Project at Ebbw Vale
19/06/2026	PM	Year 3 Swimming
22/06/2026	5pm - 7pm	Wyedean Secondary School Information Evening Y6 pupils
23/06/2026		New Reception families welcome meeting
24/06/2026		Cluster STEM Showcase
24/06/2026	8.30am-3.00pm	Wyedean Transition Day
25/06/2026		New Nursery families welcome meeting
26/06/2026		Year 5 Cluster Event Maths and STEM Fayre
26/06/2026	PM	Year 3 Swimming
29/06/2026		Year 5 Digital Forensics Project at Treforest
30/06/2026	AM	Moving Up Day Nursery to Year 5
July		
01/07/2026	AM	Pastor Jon Linforth PSE Transition Workshop
02/07/2026		PTFA Summer Disco
03/07/2026		Year 3 Swimming
06/07/2026	All day	Year 6 Moving Up Day to Caldicot School
07/07/2026		End of Year School Reports to Parents/Carers
08/07/2026		Year 3 Library Visit
10/07/2026		Year 3 Swimming
14/07/2026		Year 4 Olympics at Caldicot School
16/07/2026	2.00pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
16/07/2026		Last day of Term Pupils Break Up from School
17/07/2026		<b>INSET DAY - School Closed to all pupils</b>
20/07/2026		<b>INSET DAY - School Closed to all pupils</b>

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school [Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales](mailto:Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales)<sup>1</sup>

Yours sincerely

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