



Together we learn, together we grow.

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome back to the Autumn Term and the new academic year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. This is quite a long letter but felt it was necessary to communicate important information to you all.

Schoop:

Parents will need to amend their Schoop preferences as a matter of priority to make sure they receive correspondence for the correct year group for their child(ren).

Please open up the Schoop App and go to 'My Schoop' then select 'Dewstow Primary School', then press the settings button (looks like a cog) to the top right, then select 'change groups' and use the toggles to turn on and off the classes you require.

Welcome:

We are very much looking forward to welcoming new Nursery and Reception children to school this term. The children have enjoyed their first day in school. Welcome also to the children and parents/carers who have joined other year groups across the school.

Meet and Greet Session:

All parents/carers are welcome to meet their child's new class teacher **today** - Tuesday 2nd September 2025 between 3.00pm and 3.30pm.

Governors:

Mrs Susan Webb, Community Governor has stepped down from the Governing Body. I would like to thank Mrs Webb for all her support over many years and wish her all the best for the future. I would like to welcome the following Governors who have been appointed to the Governing Body. Pastor Jon Linforth is Community Governor and Mrs Linforth is Staff Governor. We look forward to working with them throughout this academic year.

Drop off and Pick up:

A reminder that there is no parent parking on site. Parents may drop off only in the drop off bays for Breakfast Club or for the start of the school day. Children in Reception, Year's 1 and 2 must be taken to the classroom door by an adult, not older siblings. Children should not arrive at school until 8.50am as there is no pupil supervision at this time and children remain the responsibility of parents. **The gates will be closed at 8.55am, if your child arrives after this time, please take them to the main Reception Office** where they will be able to access the building. At pick up, children should be collected by an adult from the classroom door. Children in Year 6 may walk home unaccompanied if we have written parent permission.

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School Uniform:

All the children looked so smart in their school uniform today. However, just a reminder that there is plenty of school uniform in the main Reception entrance to the school, which you are welcome to take. Please call into the main Reception entrance at any time to collect uniform. We are also recycling uniform and there is a bin in the entrance where you can drop off any unwanted uniform moving forward. All the uniform has been washed.

Nursery Admissions – September 2026



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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 **0th 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 **0th 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 on-line 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 01633 64508 or alternatively email admissionlearning@monmouthshire.gov.uk. A member of the team will help with any queries.

Dewstow Primary & Nursery School, Woodland View, Caldicot, NP23 4HD. Telephone: 01291 634360

Attendance:

Please, continue to work with us at Dewstow Primary to ensure that our children are Attendance Super HEROs by being a Dewstow Attendance Super H E R O:

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Please:

1. Inform us on the first day of absence by 9.30am.
2. Book routine medical appointments during holidays, at the end of the school day or as close as possible to the end of the school day whenever possible to minimise loss of learning.

Contact and Emergency Details:

If your details have changed, please inform the school by email. It is important that we have up to date contact and emergency contact details for all our children.

PE Kit:

Please can you ensure that all children are wearing the correct PE kit. All children are required to wear black shorts/joggers and a white t-shirt. Thank you.

Pupil Labels:

Please could all parents/carers ensure all pupils' clothes, PE kits, bags etc. are clearly labelled with names. Thank you.

Free School Lunches:

All children in school are entitled to a free school lunch. Please ensure you order this via Parent Pay. The meal is free, but you need to order what your child would like.

For those with specific dietary requirements please contact:

StephanieBosley@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Inhalers / Medical Forms:

Please be advised that in line with current advice, inhalers are kept in pupils' classrooms in a basket. It is vital that parents label these items clearly with the child's name and class - the box and the inhaler itself. All parental consent forms should now be in school with the inhaler.

Medicines:

Just a reminder that medicines should not be brought into school except by agreed exception. An agreed exception would necessitate a meeting in the first instance with the appropriate forms to complete. These would then need to be signed off by myself as Head Teacher before medicine on site would be permitted.

Nuts:

Please be mindful when packing your child's lunch boxes that we do not allow pupils to have nut products in school. We have pupils on site who are highly allergic to digesting and inhaling (air borne) nuts. The consequences of children coming into contact with 'may contain nuts' 'may contain a trace of nuts' are significant hence such products are not permitted on site. Please read labels very carefully.

Term Time Dates 2025-2026:

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 1st Sept 2025	Mon 27th Oct 2025	Fri 31st Oct 2025	Fri 19th Dec 2025
Spring	Mon 5th Jan 2026	Mon 16th Feb 2026	Fri 20th Feb 2026	Fri 27th Mar 2026
Summer	Mon 13th Apr 2026	Mon 25th May 2026	Fri 29th May 2026	Mon 20th Jul 2026

Playground Equipment:

Please can you NOT allow your child to play on the Adventure Playground or in Forest School Areas after school. This is for the SAFETY of all the children and, Forest School resources have been damaged, which has caused school a significant amount of money to repair. Thank you for your support.

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Safeguarding:

The Safeguarding and protection of children is of paramount importance to us as a school. Every school must have a Safeguarding Policy. Our policy follows National and Local guidance.

The aim of the policy is to ensure that our school has effective measures in place to safeguard your children from the potential risk of harm and that the safety and wellbeing of the children are of the highest priority in all aspects of our school's work.

Having the policy in place ensures that all members of your school community:

- Are aware of their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and child protection
- Know the procedures that should be followed if they have a cause for concern
- Know where to go to find additional information regarding safeguarding
- Are aware of the key indicators relating to child abuse
- Fully support the school's commitment to safeguarding and child protection.

Where at all possible, the school will share any concerns it may have with parents/carers, unless doing so may put the child/children at risk of further harm. This action is in line with best guidance and is noted in the Wales Safeguarding Procedures. Where concerns have been identified or disclosed by a child or children, the school has a duty to make a referral to formal agencies so these concerns can be investigated.

If you have any queries regarding the Safeguarding and Wellbeing of your child/children, please contact the school and we will endeavour to answer your concerns. Our safeguarding policy is available by clicking below:

Keeping in touch - Communication:

SCHOOP Messages will be sent out regularly.

Newsletters – are sent out on a Friday.

Website – all newsletters and events as well as a range of other information can be found on our school website – www.dewstowprimary.org.uk

E-Mail – as always please contact us via the school e-mail

Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales or 01291 636360 if you need to communicate with us.

You can contact the Headteacher on the above telephone number or email address.

Fruit Snack:

Please ensure your child brings in some fruit, vegetables and a drink (water only as per Welsh Government Guideline). Please can you provide your child with a water bottle. They will be able to refill these throughout the day.

No Dogs on Site:

No dogs are allowed to be brought onto the school site in the interests of all pupils, parents/carers & staff safety.

No Smoking Policy: The school is designated a no-smoking area. This also includes any areas near the school gates. These rules also apply to any electronic forms of cigarette.

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**

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		
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


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Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth