



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 22nd May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Celebratory phone calls home:

This week, I had the pleasure of making celebratory phone calls home to families across the school. From each class, two children were chosen to share their successes, whether in learning, effort, kindness or attitude. It was a real joy to speak with parents/carers and

celebrate the many ways our pupils are shining every day. These conversations are a wonderful reminder of the strong partnership between home and school, and how proud we all are of the children's achievements. I look forward to continuing to share these special moments with you.

First Aid Course Success:

On Monday, pupils across the school took part in our First Aid Course and it proved to be a highly valuable and enjoyable experience for all involved. The children were fully engaged and showed great enthusiasm as they learned important life-saving skills. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the sessions and many pupils have already spoken about how much they enjoyed the day. This opportunity has equipped them with essential knowledge and practical skills that could make a real difference, and we are very proud of how well they participated.

Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this.

The next course is on 17th June for Nursery (AM), Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

Sports Day:

Unfortunately, following a risk assessment, we had to cancel Sports Day on Tuesday this week. This has now been arranged for **Thursday 4th June**, weather permitting.

We look forward to welcoming everyone on this day for our Sports Day events.

9.00am Nursery / Reception

10.30am Year 1 / Year 2

1.05pm to 2.00pm Year 3 / Year 4

2.05pm to 3.00pm Year 5 / Year 6

All plazas are family events, please wear your trainers or flat shoes.

All children will need to be in their Sportswear and will need a water bottle and sun hat, should the weather be hot. Please apply any suncream to your child before school starts.

Parking:

Please can we remind our families not to park in front of the car park gates at the main entrance, even for dropping off, please use the designated school drop off bay. These gates are in constant use and are used for emergency access.

Aneurin Bevan - Selective Mutism:

Please click this link¹ from Aneurin Bevan University Health Board for parents and carers of those children who may be showing signs of selective mutism. There are a range of resources and videos to support families.

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.

The 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!

This workshop will be taking place:
School/Setting: Dewstow
Date: 30th 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

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

2 hour workshop

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¹<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Faubhb.nhs.wales%2Fhospitals%2Ffa-z-of-services%2Fselective-mutism%2F&data=05|02|WatkinsK155%40monmouthshireschools.wales|ca75553611a2498c612808deb7da0fcf|4f3f0e52b734416494091b601d147993|0|0|639150344346550232|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAIoiJXaW4zMiliKFOIjoitWFfPbClslldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=B8JGZDQdZhZbSZ%2BbrsmlidUJqTNmP7dQN9mnAikiAeA8%3D&reserved=0>

Autism Family Support Service:



I am writing to share information regarding the **Autism Family Support Service (AFSS)**, a service delivered in partnership with the Bridges Centre. Our mission is to provide essential support and guidance to families who have a child diagnosed with autism, awaiting assessment or who are currently seeking support around neurodiversity.

Who Can Access the Service?

The service is available to any parent or carer living in Monmouthshire who cares for a child who is, or may be, autistic. It is important to note that a formal diagnosis is **not required** to access our service; we welcome self-referrals from any family concerned about their child's development.

What We Offer

Once registered, a member of our team will conduct an initial call to discuss your specific needs, followed by a meeting to explore available support, which includes:

- **Parent/Carer Support:** Sharing resources, strategies for managing specific behaviours, and guidance through the diagnostic process.
- **Monthly Coffee & Chat Sessions:** Providing a space for peer support and lived experience advice.
- **Training Workshops:** Focused on practical skills, coping strategies and understanding.
- **Newsletters:** Keeping families updated on local news and resources.
- **Private Facebook Group:** A secure community for peer support and discussion.
- **Information on Events:** Access to Monmouthshire Parent Carer Events.

Service Scope & Signposting

To ensure families receive the most appropriate care, we wish to clarify the scope of our provision. **Autism Family Support is NOT a counselling service**, and we do not provide clinical therapy or mental health treatment. Furthermore, we do not diagnose autism or submit formal applications for diagnosis.

However, we are committed to ensuring families find the right help. If a family requires therapeutic intervention or clinical services, we provide active **signposting to relevant professional services** and organizations better suited to meet those specific needs.

Contact Us

For general inquiries or to register for support, please feel free to reach out via the following channels:

- **Email:** autismfamilysupportservice@bridgescentre.org.uk
- **Facebook:** Find us on Facebook for updates and community news.

We are dedicated to being a supportive bridge for families navigating the complexities of autism and look forward to assisting those in our community.

CAMHS Workshops:

CAMHS
Mental Health & wellbeing
WORKSHOPS

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. ONLINE.
MAY HALF TERM

Understanding your emotions
A 1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions and learning new ways to regulate our emotions. Suitable for year 5 and older
Thursday 28th
May 13:30-15:00

5 ways to wellbeing
1.5 hour workshop sharing tips and ideas on easy ways that students can actively improve their own well being
Wednesday 27th
May 13:00-14:30

Transition
1.5 hour workshop exploring feelings and emotions associated with transition and change. We look at common worries associated with transition and discuss some coping strategies to positively manage. For year 6s.
Tuesday 26th
May 11:00-12:30

Looking after yourself during exam season
1.5 hour workshop supporting students to understand what stress is, how it can present itself in the body and providing strategies to combat the impact of exam stress.
Thursday 28th
May 11:00-12:30

Scan to book on

Last day of term:

School finishes at 3.00pm today for Half Term. We all look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 1st June 2026.

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	Jude		92.80%
Reception	Lilia	Ava-Mae	97.70% ★
Year 1	Ebony	Zion	97.00%
Year 2	Luna	Jaxon	93.90%
Year 3	George	Buddy	92.70%
Year 4	Tristan	Maria	91.10%
Year 5	Teddy	Lottie	94.50%
Year 6	Theo	Wyatt	88.70%

Dates for your diary:

22/05/2026	Break Up from School
	25 th - 29 th May - HALF TERM

June		
01/06/2026		Pupils return to school
03/06/2026		Football Round Robins - Round 2
03/06/2026		PTFA Father's Day Gift Sale
04/06/2026		Sports Day
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
12/06/2026		Year 3 Swimming
15/06/2026		Year 5 Digital Forensics Project at Ebbw Vale
16/06/2026		Football Round Robins - Finals
17/06/2026		First Aid Class
18/06/2026		Warburtons in school
19/06/2026	PM	Year 3 Swimming
22/06/2026	5pm - 7pm	Wydean Secondary School Information Evening Y6 pupils
23/06/2026	9:15am	New Reception families welcome meeting
24/06/2026		Cluster STEM Showcase
24/06/2026	8.30am-3.00pm	Wydean Transition Day
25/06/2026	9:15am	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
09/07/2026		Reception Cluster Event to Caldicot Castle
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 for all Pupils
17/07/2026		INSET DAY - School Closed to all pupils
20/07/2026		INSET DAY - School Closed to all pupils

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales²

Yours sincerely

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