



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Year 6 leavers:

We have had a wonderful week with our pupils before they move onto their new schools. We hope the children enjoyed the picnic and water activities on Wednesday and that our families enjoyed our wonderful leavers assembly yesterday, it was a fantastic celebration

with lovely singing. They have enjoyed shirt signing today too. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our pupils the very best in their next chapter, have a restful summer.

INSET:

Just a reminder that school has an INSET training day on Monday 21st July and on Monday 1st September - School is closed to all pupils on these days. All children return to school on Tuesday 2nd September.

MCC STEM Project:

Last week we received LEGO and other STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) resources. The delivery was met with enthusiasm by our Digital Leaders. More details on this exciting project in the Autumn Term.



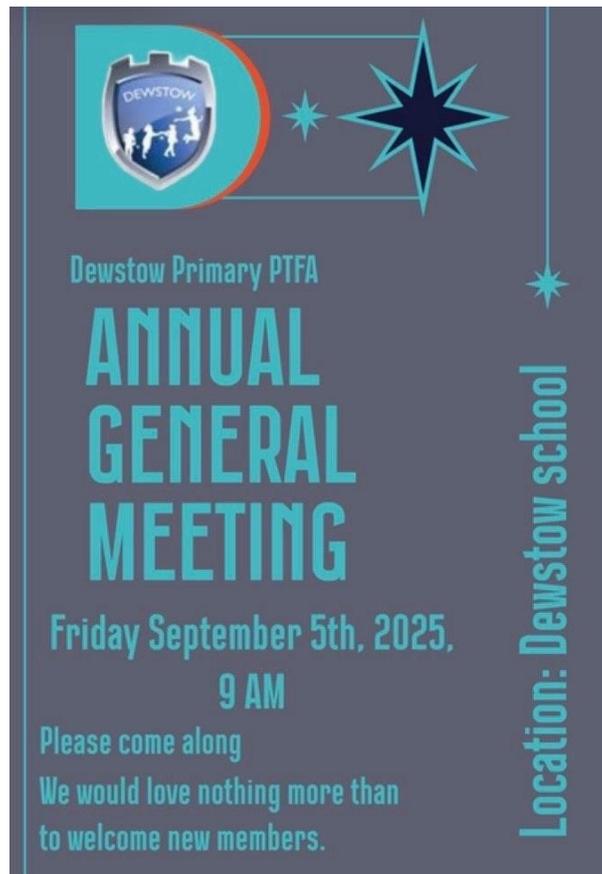
PTFA:



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for arranging lollies/ice creams for all pupils and staff on Wednesday.

I would like to express sincere thanks to everyone involved in the PTFA for all their hard work throughout this year and for all their contributions to school.

PTFA AGM:



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 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 01553 644038 or alternatively email accesslearning@monmouthshire.gov.uk. A member of the team will help with any queries.

Awards:

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!
Reception	Jack	Gracie
Year 1	Faith	Liliana
Year 2	Conor	Mireya
Year 3	Poppy	Solomon
Year 4	Teddy	Elsie
Year 5	Nolan	Theo
Year 6	Lucy & Tommy	Sebastian

Community Events:



**Swim Safe at
Llandegfedd Lake**

45-minute outdoor swimming
& water safety sessions
for 7-14 year olds

FREE!

Friday 11 July
Saturday 12 July
Sunday 13 July
Friday 25 July

**Swim Safe yn
Llyn Llandegfedd**

Sesiynau nofio awyr agored a
diogelwch y dŵr 45 munud ar
gyfer pobl ifanc 7-14 oed

Dydd Gwener 11 Gorff
Dydd Sadwrn 12 Gorff
Dydd Sul 13 Gorff
Dydd Gwener 25 Gorff

**AM
DDIM!**

Book online / Archebu ar-lein

Llyn Llandegfedd Lake
LLANDEGFEDD
lake

SWIM SAFE
CYMRU

llandegfedd.co.uk

Llandegfedd Reservoir, Coed y Paen,
Pontypool, Monmouthshire, NP4 0SY



Children love swimming outdoors - but swimming in the sea, rivers and lakes is very different to swimming in a pool.

Delivered in collaboration between Swim Wales, Swim England, the RNLI and Dwr Cymru, Swim Safe Cymru teaches children where it's safe to swim, how to float and what to do if they or someone else get in trouble.

Each 45-minute session is led by trained swimming instructors and qualified lifeguards, with support from dedicated volunteers. To take part, children must be aged 7–14 and able to swim 25 metres unaided.

Reservoirs:

Social media post / post cyfryngau cymdeithasol

*Welsh Water reservoirs may look beautiful, but beneath the surface can be deadly.
Unauthorised access to the water at reservoirs is extremely dangerous and never allowed.
Don't put yourself at risk from the hidden dangers - no one is invincible.
#BeautifulButDeadly*

Mae cronfeydd Dŵr Cymru'n edrych yn brydferth, ond o dan yr wyneb mae pethau sy'n gallu lladd.

Mae mynd i'r dŵr mewn cronfeydd heb awdurdod yn beryglus dros ben, ac ni chaniateir gwneud hynny byth.

*Peidiwch â mentro risg y peryglon cudd - does neb yn drech na nhw.
#PrydferthOndMarwol*



Breakfast & Activity Club:

Looking for a fun, free, and friendly way to start your family's summer mornings? We're excited to invite you to Sunrise Social – Chepstow's new free breakfast and activity club running every weekday throughout the summer holidays!

📅 22 July – 29 August (weekdays only)

🕒 9:00am – 11:00am

📍 The Drill Hall, Chepstow

What's on offer:

🍌 Free nutritious breakfasts for all children and teens (up to 18)

🧠 Fun, engaging activities that change daily – from crafts to games

☕ Tea, coffee & pastries available for parents to purchase

👨👩👧 All ages welcome – children must be accompanied by an adult



Summer Reading Challenge:

A poster for the Summer Reading Challenge. At the top, it says "THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge". The main heading is "Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!". Below this, it explains that the challenge is free and fun, with a theme of "Story Garden". It lists reasons to join, such as being free, inspiring a love of reading, and earning rewards. At the bottom, it provides the website "summerreadingchallenge.org.uk" and the start date "5 July 2025". There is a cartoon character of a book with a face and legs, and a small illustration of a book with a pencil.

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long. This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love of reading**
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- 95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate and medal** when they complete the challenge.

Visit your local library or go online at summerreadingchallenge.org.uk to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!

Story Garden Illustrations by Dapo Adeola and © The Reading Agency

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales³. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Yours sincerely

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth

²https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/summer-savings/?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLdB-1leHRuA2FibQlxMQABHgraFTDyyNADkRbrfG_o3LiNPjGN4eK16-Wtntxmu6eKxdKcpezXRbTycB10_aem_p9xluEJB5btweXCIYL_nLw

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