



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 4th September 2026

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 I felt it was necessary to communicate important information to you all.

Welcome new pupils, parents and staff:

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.

Staff members:

I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to several new members of staff who have joined the Dewstow Primary School community. Miss Cloud joins us as our Year 3 teacher, and Miss Jones as our Year 5 teacher; we are excited for the positive impact they will have in their plazas. We are also pleased to welcome Miss Cribb as our Family Liaison Officer, who will play an important role in supporting our families. In addition, we are joined by Mrs Nash and Miss Sarney, who both take up positions as Teaching Assistants, supporting learning across the school. We are thrilled to have them all as part of the Dewstow team and look forward to the contributions they will make to our school community. Please look at the school website for photographs of the staff members.

Meet and Greet Session:

All parents/carers are welcome to meet their child's new class teacher on Monday 7th September 2026 between 3.00pm and 3.30pm.

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 School 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.

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.

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 in advance, meals can be booked for a whole term for ease. The meal is free, but

you need to order what your child would like. If you do not have access to ParentPay, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.

For those with specific dietary requirements please contact:

StephanieBosley@monmouthshire.gov.uk¹

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

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 2026-2027:

Term dates 2026/2027				
Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	01/09/2026	26/10/2026	30/10/2026	18/12/2026
Spring	04/01/2027	08/02/2027	12/02/2027	19/03/2027
Summer	05/04/2027	31/05/2027	04/06/2027	20/07/2027

¹<mailto:StephanieBosley@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

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.

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.

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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 **here**^{2,3}

²<https://www.dewstowprimary.org.uk/safeguarding>

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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 – please click here⁴.

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

Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales or call us on 01291 636360.

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

Please take a moment to amend your child's year group on SCHOOP to ensure you receive the relevant messages for their class as otherwise important messages may be missed.

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.

Nursery Admissions September 2027:

If your child was born between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024 you can apply for a 2027 nursery school place between **3rd July 2026** and **11th September 2026**.

Please visit Applying for a school place - Monmouthshire⁵ for an application form and further information.

Children born between **1st September 2023 and 31st December 2023** may be offered an early start from January 2027.

Children born between **1st January 2024 and 31st March 2024** may be offered an early start from April 2027.

Children born between **1st April 2024 and 31st August 2024** are not eligible for an early start.

⁴<https://www.dewstowprimary.org.uk/>

⁵<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place/>

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

- on 20th November 2026 for both September 2027 and for a January 2027 start
- On 5th March 2027 for an April 2027 start



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Admission to Nursery
2027

Derbyniadau Meithrin
2027

Nursery Admissions
Application Available
3rd July 2026
Closing date for applications:
11th September 2026 at 5pm
Offer date: 20th Nov 2026
(Jan & Sept Intake 2027)
Offer date: 5th March 2027
(April 2027 Intake)

Derbyn Meithrin
Pecynnau ar gael:
3 Gorffennaf 2026
Dyddiad cau
ceisiadau:
11 Medi 2026 am 5pm
Dyddiad Cynnig: 20 Tachwedd 2026
(Ionawr a Medi 2027)
Dyddiad Cynnig: 5 Mawrth 2027
(Ebrill 2027)

Please note: If you are a Monmouthshire resident, you must apply for your school place through Monmouthshire County Council (excluding applications to voluntary aided/independent schools) even if your preference is for your child to attend a school outside of Monmouthshire.
Nodyn: os ydych chi byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chi wneud cais am le mewn ysgol trwy gysgrir Sir Fynwy (ac eithio ceisiadau i ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Gwrfoddol a gynorthwyir) hyd yn oed os ydych chi well gennych chi plantyn fyrrychu ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

Ewch i • Visit: [monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place)

Primary School Admissions 2027:



The poster features a background image of four diverse primary school children running happily. At the top left is the Monmouthshire County Council logo and name. At the top right is a QR code. Below these, a blue banner contains the admission year '2027' in large, colorful digits. The main body of the poster is divided into two columns of information for Primary School and Ysgol Gynradd, each with a blue header and a light blue box containing details. A yellow footer contains a disclaimer and the website link.

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Admission to Primary School 2027
Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2027

Primary School
Application Available
13th November 2026
Closing date for applications:
15th January 2027 at 4pm
Offer date:
16th April 2027

Ysgol Gynradd
Pecynnau ar gael:
13th Tachwedd 2026
Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
15th Ionawr 2027 am 4pm
Dyddiad cynnig:
16th April 2027

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This poster is identical to the one above, featuring the same background image of children, logo, QR code, and layout of information for Primary School and Ysgol Gynradd admissions for 2027.

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Admission to Primary School 2027
Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2027

Primary School
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13th November 2026
Closing date for applications:
15th January 2027 at 4pm
Offer date:
16th April 2027

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Secondary School Admissions 2027:

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Admission to Secondary School 2027
Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Uwchradd 2027

Secondary School
Application Available
18th September 2026
Closing date for applications:
31st October 2026 at 4pm
Offer date:
1st March 2027

Ysgol Uwchradd
Pecynnau ar gael:
18th September 2026
Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
31st Hydref 2026 am 4pm
Dyddiad cynnig:
1af Mawrth 2027

Please note: if you are a Monmouthshire resident, you must apply for your school place through Monmouthshire County Council (excluding applications to voluntary aided/independent schools) even if your preference is for your child to attend a school outside of Monmouthshire.
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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.

<u>Dates for your diary</u>		
September		
03/09/2026		Pupils return to school
07/09/2026	3.00 - 3.30pm	Meet the Teacher
08/09/2026	9.00am	Nursery and Reception Parent Meeting Hall
08/09/2026	2.30pm	Year 3 Parent Meeting Hall
09/09/2026	9.00am	Year 2 Parent Meeting Hall
09/09/2026	2.30pm	Year 4 Parent Meeting Hall
10/09/2026	9.00am	Year 1 Parent Meeting Hall
10/09/2026	2.30pm	Year 5/6 Parent Meeting Hall
16/09/2026	9.00am	Head Pupil Interviews
18/09/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
21/09/2026		Clubs Commence
23/09/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carers See How They Learn
25/09/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
30/09/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carers See How They Learn
30/09/2026	8.30am - 9.30am	Drop in all parents/carers School Health Nurse Gemma McDonald
October		
02/10/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
07/10/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carers See How They Learn
09/10/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
13/10/2026	3.15pm	Gilwern Parent Meeting Year 5/Year 6
14/10/2026		Flu Immunisation Day
14/10/2026	AM	Reception Parent/Carers See How They Learn
15/10/2026	AM	Harvest Celebrations
16/10/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
19/10/2026		Parent Consultations

20/10/2026		Parent Consultations
23/10/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
23/10/2026		Break up from school
November		
02/11/2026		Pupils return to school
03/11/2026		School Photographs
06/11/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
11/11/2026		Remembrance Day
13/11/2026	All day	INSET Training Day - School closed to all pupils
20/11/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
December		
03/12/2026		Pantomime Caldicot
07/12/2026		Year 2 Christmas Wrapped Up Bethany Baptist Church
09/12/2026		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
14/12/2026	2.00pm	Year 3/4 Christingle
15/12/2026	10.00am	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
15/12/2026	2.00pm	PM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert
16/12/2026	10.00am	AM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert
16/12/2026	2.00pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert
18/12/2026		Break up from school



Dewstow Primary School
Family Planner 2026-2027



Term Dates

Term	Begin	End
Autumn	01/09/2026	19/12/2026
Spring	04/01/2027	19/03/2027
Summer	05/04/2027	20/07/2027

INSET Days

Day 1: 01/09/2026
Day 2: 02/09/2026
Day 3: 13/11/2026
Day 4: 05/02/2027
Day 5: 19/07/2027
Day 6: 20/07/2027

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 3rd May 2027

Harvest

Thursday 15th October 2026

Leavers Assembly - Year 6

15th July 2027 PM

Reports to Parents

6th July 2027

Christmas Dinner

9th December 2026

Sports Day

Tuesday 18th May 2027
Reserve Day 9th June 2027
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

Moving Up Day

Nursery to Year 5
29th June 2027

Parent Consultations

Week beginning 19th October 2026
Week beginning 15th March 2027

Pentecost Rec - Year 6

3rd December 2026 AM

Gilwern Year 5 / 6

10th - 14th May 2027

Eisteddfod

Monday 1st March 2027
Family Engagement Events

Christmas Concerts

Plaza Gwanwyn (Nursery/Reception) Rhymes
Wednesday 16th December 10am
Tuesday 15th December 2.00pm

Plaza Haf (Year 1/Year 2) Concert
Tuesday 15th December 10.00am

Plaza Hydref (Year 3/Year 4) Christingle
Monday 14th December 2.00pm

Plaza Searf (Year 5/Year 6) Carols
Wednesday 16th December 2.00pm

Email: Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales
Website: <http://dewstowprimary.org.uk>
Phone number: 01291 636360

NB: Some event dates may change due to unforeseen circumstances

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