



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

School Reports:

These were sent home with all the children last Tuesday. Thank you to those parents/carers who have returned their feedback forms to school. If you have not already done so, please can I ask you to do so. Thank you.

## Ice Creams:



On Tuesday, the PTFA have arranged for all children to receive a treat from the ice cream van. If you do not wish for your child to have an ice cream, please let your child's class teacher know. Many thanks to the PTFA for arranging this for all our children.

## PTFA:



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. The PTFA have funded a range of resources for all the children including the following:

- Year 6 Leavers resources
- Flourish project
- First aid for pupils
- Woodwork project items
- Fruit

- Ice cream van
- Popsicles for all children on sports day

## Tinned food and toiletries:

School continues to receive parcels of food from the community, which we are very grateful for. There are a range of FREE tinned food and toiletries in the foyer of the main school entrance, which parents/carers are welcome to collect.

## Leavers Concert:

On Thursday 17th July, at 2.00pm there is the Year 6 Leavers Concert in the School Hall. Children are welcome to bring a change of clothes with them on this day that they can change into following lunch - please can the clothing be smart and no jeans.

## School Uniform:

Just a reminder that there is plenty of school uniform in the main reception entrance to the school, which you are welcome to take in preparation for the return to school in September. 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 by Ms Randalls.

## INSET DAY:

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

## Nursery Admissions – September 2026



**Dewstow Primary & Nursery School**  
*"Together we learn, together we grow"*



### Nursery Admissions Guide - 2026

#### Applying for September 2026:

If your child was born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023**, you can apply for a 2026 Nursery School place between **6<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and 12<sup>th</sup> 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 **21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**.

Children born between **1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022** may be offered an early start from January 2026.

Children born between **1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023** may be offered an early start from April 2026.

Children born between **1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023** are not eligible for an early start.

Decision letters offering an early start, if places are available, will be issued:  
 • On **21<sup>st</sup> November 2025** for a January 2026 start  
 • On **6<sup>th</sup> 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 01453 644508 or alternatively email [enrolmentadmissions@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:enrolmentadmissions@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!	Attendance Cup
Reception	Azra	Zion	93.7%
Year 1	Ollie	Bronwyn	96.4% ★
Year 2	Alice	Alex	95.2%
Year 3	Poppy	Alfie W	88.1%
Year 4	Argie	Lily	92.6%
Year 5	Jacob	Sophia	88%
Year 6	Lacey & Lucy E	Noah	90.7%

## Community Event:

# 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

  [llandegfedd.co.uk](http://llandegfedd.co.uk)

Llandegfedd Reservoir, Coed y Poen,  
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.

## Monmouthshire Summer Savings:

Please follow this link<sup>1</sup> to take a look at the local offers/events over the summer months.



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<sup>1</sup>[https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/summer-savings/?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLdB-1leHRuA2FibQIxMQABHgraFTDvyvNADkRbrfG\\_o3LiNPjGN4eK16-Wtntxmu6eKxdKcpezXRbTycB10\\_aem\\_p9xluEJB5btweXCIYL\\_nLw](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/money-matters/summer-savings/?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLdB-1leHRuA2FibQIxMQABHgraFTDvyvNADkRbrfG_o3LiNPjGN4eK16-Wtntxmu6eKxdKcpezXRbTycB10_aem_p9xluEJB5btweXCIYL_nLw)

## Summer Reading Challenge:

**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](https://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

## Dates for your diary:

14.07.2025		Year 6 to Caldicot School Transition Day
15.07.2025	10.00-2.00pm	Year 4 Olympics Caldicot School
15.07.2025	1.00-3.00pm	PTFA Ice Cream Van for all pupils
17.07.2025	2pm	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
18.07.2025		Pupils Break up
21.07.2025		INSET Training Day School Closed

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>2</sup>

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher / Pennaeth

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