



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

School Health Nurse:

There is a drop-in session for all parents/carers to meet with the school nurse on Wednesday 30th September between 8.30am and 9.30am. Please go to the main Reception entrance and the nurse will be available to speak to you.

Playtimes and Lunchtimes:

We greatly value the strong relationships we have with our families and appreciate the support you give your children and our school community. We would kindly ask parents and family members not to approach the perimeter fencing during playtimes and lunchtimes to speak with children. While we understand that these interactions are well intended, they can be disruptive to children's play, wellbeing and supervision.

If you need to pass on a message or speak to your child during the school day, please contact the school office and we will be happy to help. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe and ensure that break times remain enjoyable and secure for everyone.

School Improvement Plan 2026-2027:

In the summer term, all the children, teachers, support staff, parents/carers and Governors discussed what should be on the SIP because of all the evaluations that have taken place.

Every School must write a SIP each year outlining the Actions and Success Criteria. I have written an overview for parents/carers of the actions we will be working on for the academic year 2026-2027. All the children, staff, and Governors, will be working collaboratively on these actions, at Dewstow Primary School and we very much welcome support from parents/carers to help children progress further.

All of this information, including Parent/Carer feedback from Summer Term can be found on our website by clicking this link¹.

Welsh Government's Parent Survey for the 2027 Childcare Sufficiency Assessment (CSA):

Parents and carers, we need your views!

Do you use childcare and love it? Do you use childcare but it doesn't really suit your needs? Tell us all about it and help inform our future childcare plans.

Take part here².

¹<https://www.dewstowprimary.org.uk/school-improvement-plan>

²<https://ymateb.gov.wales/s/PN47J5/>



PTFA AGM:



PTFA Halloween:



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 - Monmouthshire³ 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.

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



The poster features the Monmouthshire Sir Fynwy logo at the top left, a QR code at the top right, and a background image of a child with a backpack. It contains two main sections: 'Admission to Nursery' and 'Derbyniadau Meithrin', both with the year '2027' displayed in large, colorful digits. Below these are two columns of text providing application details in English and Welsh.

English	Welsh
Admission to Nursery 2027	Derbyniadau Meithrin 2027
Nursery Admissions <u>Application Available</u> 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 <u>Pecynnau ar gael:</u> 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.
Nodwch: os ydych chi byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chi wneud cais am le mewn ysgol trwy gyngor Sir Fynwy (ac eithrio ceisiadau i ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Gwirfoddol a gynorthwyir) hyd yn oed os ydych chi well gennych i chi plantyn fynd i 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/)

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Primary & Secondary School Admissions 2027:



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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

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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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

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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!
Nursery	Elsie	
Reception	Lyra	Aurora
Year 1	Vinnie	Harper
Year 2	Matei	Charlie
Year 3	Luna	Arabella
Year 4	Bella	Joseph
Year 5	Harry	Amelia
Year 6	Kaison	Amelia

Diary Dates:

Additions and/or changes are highlighted.

Dates for your diary		
September		
18/09/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
23/09/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carer See How They Learn
25/09/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
28/09/2026		Clubs Commence
30/09/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carer 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	9am	PTFA Annual General Meeting
02/10/2026	PM	Year 5 Swimming
07/10/2026	AM	Reception Parent/carer 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
15/10/2026		*NEW DATE* PTFA Halloween Disco
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
24/11/2026		PTFA Gift Sale
December		
01/12/2026		PTFA Christmas Fayre
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

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk⁴

Yours sincerely

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth

⁴<mailto:dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk>