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Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Parent Consultations:

Parent Consultation appointments will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday, with each appointment lasting 10 minutes. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress, achievements and next steps in learning with their class teacher.

Please ensure that you book an appointment with your child's class teacher. We look forward to meeting with you and working together to support your child's continued success.

Look at My Learning:

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended our '*Look at My Learning'* event on Tuesday. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to come into school, celebrate the children's achievements, and see the fantastic learning taking place across the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their work and experiences with their parents/carers, and we are delighted that the event was such a success. Thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

Celebration Phone calls:

As part of our commitment to recognising and celebrating success, I will be making celebratory phone calls next week to two children from each class who have demonstrated progress in their learning. These calls provide an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work, determination and positive attitude shown by our children, and to share their achievements with families. We are incredibly proud of the progress our children are making and look forward to celebrating their successes with them and their families.

Reception Open Day:

On Tuesday 20th October there is a Reception Open Day, for prospective parents/cares who would like their child to attend Reception. If you know of anyone who is looking for a Reception place, please share this information. They are welcome to attend school and have a look around the Reception class and the school.

Are you looking for a school place for your child?
Dewstow Primary School are hosting their

Open Days







Friday 16th October
Tuesday 20th October
9am - 4pm

Come and see your child's next school during the day to see what the children are learning. Our Headteacher, Liz Bain, will show you around our wonderful school so that you can see first-hand the caring supportive and nurturing environment that we are very proud of here at Dewstow Primary School. Call to make an appointment.

We're looking forward to meeting you!

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Community Governors:

We have vacancies on the Governing Body for two Community Governors.

If you know of anyone, please can you ask them to contact the main Reception office and speak to Mrs Godbold or Mrs Watkins.



Harvest:

Thank you to all the families who generously donated items for our Harvest Festival collection yesterday. We were delighted to welcome Pastor Jon Linforth to school, who led a thoughtful and engaging Harvest Assembly for the children. We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by our school community. Thanks to your support, we collected a wonderful range of donations for the Caldicot Food Bank, helping to support local families in need. Your contributions will make a real difference.

Halloween Disco:

A huge thank you to our hardworking and dedicated **PTFA** for organising and running our Halloween Disco last night. The event was extremely well attended and was a fantastic success, with the children thoroughly enjoying an evening of music, dancing, games and fun with their friends. We are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and enthusiasm that the PTFA volunteers put into making events like this possible.

Cymraeg Corner:

Last week's phrase: Bore da – Hwyl Fawr – *Goodbye*

This week's phrase is: Bendigedig - Brilliant

Please can you support your child in learning this phrase throughout the week. Diolch yn fawr.

Primary & Secondary School Admissions 2027:





Awards:

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance
Nursery	Ade		75.3%
Reception	Charlotte	Brody	95.8%
Year 1	Niamh	Isabelle	91.9%
Year 2	Maya	Ryan	86.3%
Year 3	Gabriella	Nora	91.2%
Year 4	Conor	Alex	88.8%
Year 5	James	Jak	97.1% ☆
Year 6	Teddy	Harrison	93.2%

Diary Dates:

Additions and/or changes are highlighted.

Dates for your diary		
October		
17/11/2026	PM	Caldicot School Staff to visit Year 6 - transition work
19/10/2026		Parent Consultations
20/10/2026		Parent Consultations
20/10/2026	9am-4pm	Reception Open Day
21/10/2026		Year 6 Library Visit
21/10/2026	2:30pm	Reading workshop for Reception parents/carers
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
11/11/2026		Year 3 Library Visit
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
25/11/2026		Year 5 Library Visit
December		
01/12/2026		PTFA Christmas Fayre
03/12/2026		Pantomime at School
07/12/2026		Year 2 Christmas Wrapped Up Bethany Baptist Church
09/12/2026		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
10/12/2026	6pm	Caldicot School Christmas Concert – Year 6 pupils
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
16/12/2026		Year 4 Library Visit
18/12/2026		Break up from school

October Half Term:

School finishes on Friday 23rd October at 3.00pm. We look forward to seeing the children return to school on Monday 2nd November at 8.50am.

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk[1]

Yours sincerely

Liz Bain

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