Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Thank you to all our families for helping the children look so smart for this week's school photograph session—it was a busy but wonderful day! We would also like to commend two of our Year 6 pupils who represented Dewstow Primary School magnificently at Caldicot Castle during the recent Bronze Ambassadors event. Well done to both pupils!

Year 3 Library Visit:

On Wednesday Year 3 will be visiting the Library in Caldicot. Please ensure that the children have a warm coat and flat shoes.

ESTYN Visit:

We received confirmation this week that Estyn will be visiting Dewstow Primary School on Friday, 20th November. Their focus during this visit will be on Teaching and Learning and Attendance, as well as our support for children impacted by poverty. During the day, the inspector will speak with the children, review their work and school documentation. This is a fantastic chance to celebrate the achievements of our children and highlight the high standard of learning taking place across the school.

Remembrance Art Competition:

Mrs McD welcomes you all to design a new poppy for our Remembrance Art Competition.

Your poppies can be made out of anything you have available at home, you can draw it, paint it, build it, bake it, knit it... the ideas are endless!

Use those talents of yours to be as creative as you can be, no restriction on size and it can be in any of the remembrance poppy colours. We will display all entries around the school and lucky winners will get a prize!

Poppies in please by Monday 16th November. Don't forget to pop your name on your design, we will display them outside your classrooms where we can all admire them!

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PTFA Odd Socks Day:

To support Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying week and the upcoming PTFA Christmas Fayre we are inviting children to wear odd socks on Monday 16th November and are asking for a voluntary donation of chocolates or a bottle. Any glass bottles or alcohol must be bought to the school office at morning drop off by adults and not bought in by the children please.



PTFA Costume/Jumper Collection:

We would love to collect any outgrown Halloween costumes and Christmas jumpers so that other families can make use of them. Please drop any items that you are able to donate into the school office and take a look at the Christmas items available, there are quite a few items already on the rail! Many thanks for your continued support.



Primary & Secondary School Admissions 2027:

Applications open next week for Primary School admissions.



Community Governors:

We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Community Governor.

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



Cymraeg Corner:

Last week's phrase: Da iawn - Very good

This week's phrase is: Shamae (pronounced shoo-My) - Hello

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

INSET Training Day:

Just a reminder that there is an INSET training day on Friday 13th November. School is closed to all children. Staff will be having training from OPAL regarding playtimes and lunchtimes and further training on Reading. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 16th November.

Neurodiversity Online Session:

Some of our families may be interested in this online session. Please see attached poster for further details and link below to book a place.

Chwarae a Niwroamrywiaeth / Play & Neurodiversity - Kerry Murphy[1]

[1]https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fb2aed84-9746-430e-938f-9fbfbe53df02@6850a7f1-4cc1-4482-a1c1-79439f679966?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog



Play & Neurodiversity

Kerry Murphy, Diverse Pathways

Wednesday 2nd December 10:00am - 11:30am

www.NeurodivergenceWales.org

Awards:

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance
Nursery	Flynn		76.35%
Reception	Storm	August	98.3%
Year 1	Mel	Freya	96.2%
Year 2	Alfie	Matei	91%
Year 3	Mason	Bronwyn	94%
Year 4	Mireya	Bella	88.8%
Year 5	Paige	Theo	93.6%
Year 6	Cohen	Teddy	95%

Diary Dates:

Additions and/or changes are highlighted.

Dates for your diary		
November		
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**
16/11/2026		Odd Socks Day – voluntary chocolate/bottle donations
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
02/12/2026	10-12noon	Year 3 Gwent Music Celebration Concert at Caldicot Leisure Centre
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

Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school dewstowprimary@monmouthshire.gov.uk[2]

Have a wonderful half term break!

Yours sincerely

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