Together we learn, together we grow.

Thursday 12th November 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

INSET Training Day TOMORROW:

Just a reminder that there is an INSET training day ***TOMORROW,*** 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.

Monday - Odd Socks Day:

Just a reminder that the PTFA are inviting the 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.



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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ESTYN Visit:

As you are aware we have our Estyn visit next Friday, 20th November. Please can you ensure that all children are in school on time and that they are in full school uniform unless they have PE/Games. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Road Safety Week:

Next week marks national Road Safety Week, and we will be launching our awareness on Monday with an assembly focused on staying safe near roads. To support what the children will be learning in school, we kindly ask all parents and carers to help reinforce these essential habits at home. Please remind children to use designated crossings, stay alert near traffic, put away mobile devices or headphones while walking, and remember the core rule: **Stop, Look, Listen, and Think** before stepping off the curb. For those driving or parking near the school gates during drop-off and pick-up, please maintain extra low speeds and avoid parking on zig-zag lines so our young pedestrians have clear sightlines. Please see the attached Parent Road Safety reminder. Thank you for partnering with us to keep our school community safe!

Primary & Secondary School Admissions 2027:

Applications open TOMORROW 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: Shamae (pronounced shoo-My) - Hello

This week's phrase is: Nos da - Goodnight

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

Christmas Dinner:

Bookings are now active on ParentPay for Christmas Dinner which will take place on Wednesday 9th December. We ask that **bookings** are made **by 2nd December** so that the kitchen can order the food.

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.



PTFA Christmas Events:





Awards:

Year Group	Seren yr wythnos	Behaviour of the Week Hot Chocolate Friday!	Attendance
Nursery	Mia		83.3%
Reception	Oakley	Reka	100% ☆
Year 1	Rosie	Blake	95.8%
Year 2	Kiara	Freya	93%
Year 3	Jayden	Isabelle	96.4%
Year 4	George	Elijah	94%
Year 5	Maison	Maria	90.4%
Year 6	Elliot	Teddy	95.9%

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

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