



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Parent Consultations:

Please can I encourage all parents/carers to make an appointment to speak to their child's class teacher. Please can you make sure that you select the Teacher's name first from the drop down box to make sure bookings are made with the correct member of staff. The

appointments are for 10 minutes only. Should you need to cancel the appointment, please can I ask that you contact school to inform them and they will pass the message onto the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

## ESTYN:



**Dros ddysgwyr, dros Gymru**  
**For learners, for Wales**

Last week, school received an Interim Visit from two Estyn Inspectors who spoke to leaders, staff and the children. They carried out listening to learners, looked at the children's books, the learning environment and a range of documents. Our Estyn Letter will be published on the Estyn website on Thursday 23rd October. I will also ensure that this letter is posted on our school website and a copy of it will be posted on SCHOOP.

## Harvest:

A huge thank you to our families for your generous donations for Caldicot Foodbank.



The Head Teacher  
Dewstow Primary School  
Caldicot

October 2025

### Harvest Festival Donations

We would like to extend our thanks to all pupils and staff for the recent harvest festival donations to the Foodbank. In the current climate our emergency parcels are very much in demand and donations have also been impacted, but with the generosity of our local communities we continue to provide this service.

Your contributions are very much appreciated, please do pass on our thanks to everyone concerned.

Regards

*Richard*

Richard Ruff  
Trustee  
07761 661986



## Schools Family Advice South Wales:

This project provides free one-to-one advice to parents of children living in poverty. They can provide generalist advice including, but not limited to, income maximisation, welfare benefits, energy, housing and debt support.

Please find attached their poster advertising the project and the service available.

# Schools Family Advice South Wales

### Need support finding the right path?

Monmouthshire County Citizens Advice provide free, confidential and impartial advice on issues including benefits, debt, housing, employment, family and more.

#### Please call our offices :

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## Mayor Visit:

Some of our children visited the Town Council offices on Thursday where they enjoyed refreshments with the Mayor.



## Cross Country Event:

Congratulations to all the children who took part in this event today – great perseverance, attitude and sportsmanship shown, well done for representing our School so well.

## Parent Engagement Event – Look at my Learning...



Many thanks to all parents/carers who came into school this week to our 'Look at my learning' event. We hope you enjoyed the session.

## 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 **0<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 **0<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 01633 64508 or alternatively email [admission@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:admission@monmouthshire.gov.uk). A member of the team will help with any queries.

## Primary/Secondary Admissions 2026:



### Admission to Primary School 2026

### Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2026

 monmouthshire  
sir fynywi

<b>Primary School</b> <u>Application Available</u> 13th November 2025 Closing date for applications: 15th January 2026 at 4pm Offer date: 16th April 2026		<b>Ysgol Gynradd</b> <u>Pecynnau ar gael:</u> 13th Tachwedd 2025 Dyddiad cau ceisiadau: 15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm Dyddiad cynnig: 16th April 2026
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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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Ewch i •Visit: [monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place](https://monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place)



### Admission to Secondary School 2026

### Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Uwchradd 2026

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sir fynywi

<b>Secondary School</b> <u>Application Available</u> 19th September 2025 Closing date for applications: 31st October 2025 at 4pm Offer date: 2nd March 2026		<b>Ysgol Uwchradd</b> <u>Pecynnau ar gael:</u> 19th September 2025 Dyddiad cau ceisiadau: 31st Hydref 2025 am 4pm Dyddiad cynnig: 2nd Mawrth 2026
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## Caldicot School:

There were a number of parents/carers who were unable to get an appointment to attend the Open Day at Caldicot School yesterday as it was fully booked. You are welcome to contact Caldicot school directly to request a visit on 01291 426436.

## PTFA Halloween Disco:

A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising the Halloween Disco for our children. Please can children attending the Halloween disco wear flat shoes and be collected on time. Please note, children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be unable to walk home on their own after the disco.



**Dewstow PTFA**  
**Halloween Disco**  
**SPOOKTACULAR FUN**  
*Thursday 23rd October, 2025*  
*Infants 3pm-4pm*  
*Juniors 4:15- 5:30pm*  
*£2.50 Entry Fee*

Refreshments  
Tattoos  
Novelty  
Toys

All marked with this  
pumpkin at an additional cost

Infants are welcome to wear their party gear  
to school on the day.



## Pantomime Trip:

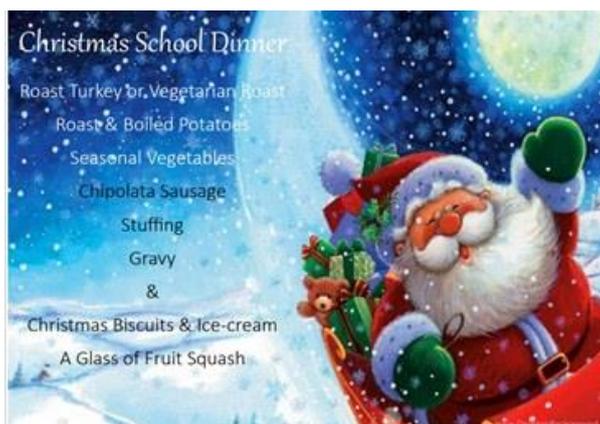


A reminder that permission forms need to be completed and all payments must be received by 3rd November. Thank you to those parents who have already done this. Please also note that due to timings there will only be packed lunches available to order on this date, there will not be any hot food options, these are on ParentPay and must be booked in advance. Please can I ask that you take a moment to order for your child(ren) so that we can ensure

enough food is ordered by the kitchen. Children can bring in their own packed lunches as normal if they wish.

### Christmas Dinner:

Bookings are now active for this year's Christmas Dinner which will take place on Thursday 11th December, please take a moment to book on ParentPay. These are the only options available on this day or children can bring in their own packed lunches.



### School Nursing Service/Flu Immunisation:

Please see attached poster for details on how the School Nursing Team can support our families. With regards to the flu nasal spray immunisations taking place on Friday 24th October, please can we ask that you complete this form or alternatively call the team on 01633 431685 who can complete the form on your behalf. Even if you do not wish for your child to have the immunisation, please can you either complete the form or contact them as this will make the day run smoother.

SCHOOL NURSING SERVICE, ANEURIN BEVAN UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD  
GWASANAETH NYRSIO YSGOL, BWRDD IECHYD PRIFYSGOL ANEURIN BEVAN

## SUPPORTING YOU AND YOUR CHILD

### CEFNOGI CHI A'CH PLENTYN

Emotional Wellbeing  
Lles Emosiynol



Toileting Support  
Cefnogaeth Toiled

Immunisations  
Imiwneiddiadau



Nutrition & Growth  
Maeth a Thwff

Vision & Growth  
Profi llygaid a Thwff



Developmental Concerns  
Pryderon Datblygiadol

Behaviour  
Ymddygiad



Contact Us / Cysylltwch â Ni

01633 431 685



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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!	Attendance Cup
Nursery	Jackson		99.2%
Reception	Vlad	Arwen	96.6%
Year 1	Matei	Azra	92.1%
Year 2	Mason	Elliot	91.3%
Year 3	Reggie	Leo	84.3%
Year 4	Gethin	Amelia	95.1%
Year 5	Elsie	Maksym	95%
Year 6	Neha	Nolan	97.6%★

## Dates for your diary:

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<b>October</b>		
21/10/2025		Parent Consultations
22/10/2025		Parent Consultations
23/10/2025		Caldicot Cluster Round Robins
23/10/2025		Halloween Disco
24/10/2025		Flu Immunisation Day
24/10/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
24/10/2025		Break up from school
<b>November</b>		
03/11/2025		Pupils return to school
04/11/2025		Pupil Individual Photos
07/11/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
11/11/2025		Remembrance Day
12/11/2025	PM	Year 4 Library Visit
14/11/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
21/11/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
26/11/2025	PM	Year 3 Library Visit
28/11/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
<b>December</b>		
04/12/2025	10.00am	Pantomime Riverfront Theatre (Rec-Y6)
08/12/2025	AM	Year 2 to Bethany Baptist Church Christmas Wrapped Up
08/12/2025	6.00pm	Year 6 to Caldicot School Concert
11/12/2025		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/2025		PTFA Christmas Gift Sale
12/12/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
15/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 3/4 Christingle
16/12/2025	10.00am	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	10.00am	Nursery (AM & PM)/Reception Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert
18/12/2025		PTFA Christmas Fayre
19/12/2025	PM	Year 6 Swimming
19/12/2025		Break up from school

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>1</sup>

Yours sincerely

<sup>1</sup><mailto:Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales>

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth