



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

## Sports Day:



Many thanks to all parents/carers for attending sports day on Tuesday. It was a lovely family event and we were lucky with the weather!

## Absence:

If your child is absent from school, please can you contact school every day that they are absent with the reason why and how they are feeling that day. The register is a legal document and all schools must provide a reason for every day that a child is absent.

## Lunch:

Please can you ensure that you order your child's lunch through Parent Pay in advance. There are a number of children who are saying that they will not eat the food that has been ordered for them. In addition, there are a number of parents/carers who have not ordered food for their child. Please discuss the options with your child, prior to booking, so that your child does not become upset at lunchtime. Thank you for your support with this.

## Family Engagement:

Parents/carers of **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** pupils are welcome to join our Literacy Learning Lab. These sessions start on Thursday 5th June at 2pm for 6 weeks. Please see the attached flyer for further details and contact Hannah Ramsay direct or the school office to book a place.

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# Multiply LITERACY LEARNING LAB

**JOIN US, WITH YOUR CHILDREN, FOR A 6 WEEK  
PROGRAMME AT DEWSTOW PRIMARY SCHOOL**

- Engaging and developing readers
- Writing skills
- Importance of talking
- Phonics
- Spelling tips and tricks
- Creative ideas to do at home

**STARTING: THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TIME: 2:00 – 3:00PM  
ALL ADULTS OF RECEPTION, Y1 AND Y2  
CHILDREN WELCOME!**

**TO BOOK YOUR SPACE, USE THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW.**

Email  hannahramsay@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Call or Text  07890 911389

## Family Engagement:

**Nursery families** are invited to attend Tunes and Tales which starts on Wednesday 4th June, there are two sessions so that morning and afternoon families can attend. Please see the attached posters and contact Hannah Ramsay direct or the school office to book a place.

# Tunes and Tales

Join us in nursery at Dewstow Primary School, for fun songs, play and stories! Join your child for a fun and friendly session and leave with new ideas to try at home. All parents, grandparents and carers welcome!

FREE 45 minute sessions running for 6 weeks..  
STARTING: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June TIME: 10:45 - 11:30am

## Contact

[hannahramsay@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:hannahramsay@monmouthshire.gov.uk) for further details or to book a place!



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## Family Engagement:

Families of children moving up to Reception class in September are invited to attend our "Getting Ready for School" two hour workshop on Thursday 19th June at 9:30am, please see the poster attached for further details. Please contact the school office to book a place.

**The Incredible Years**

# Getting Ready for School

2 hour workshop

Getting Ready for School is a free workshop to help you to support your child's transition to school

Managing emotions  
Language and social skills  
Word skills  
Interactive reading

The workshop will also cover practical skills such as toileting, eating with a knife and fork and much more!

This workshop will be taking place at Dewstow Primary School on Thursday 19th June 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Please contact your school to book a place

For any general information about the workshops, contact: Monmouthshire Acorn Project Email: [parenting@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@monmouthshire.gov.uk)

For parents of children aged 3-4, due to start school or just started.

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## Warburtons:



Warburtons are attending school on Tuesday 3rd June for the day, to speak to the children regarding Road Safety. All children will receive a Warburtons product on this day.

## Hot Weather:

With temperatures increasing over the Summer months please ensure all children have sun cream applied before coming to school, have a bottle of water for the day and bring a sun hat to wear to school. Please write your child's name in the sun hat.

## ALN Policy:

Please take a look at our ALN Policy which is on the school website. Please click on the link here<sup>1</sup>.

## 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
Reception	Ruby	Archie	87.7%
Year 1	Faith	Hayden	90.5%
Year 2	AJ	Leo	92.2%
Year 3	Blake	Alfie	91.1%
Year 4	Laurence	Pippa	86.3%
Year 5	Elsa	Elliot	89.3%
Year 6	Archie	Penny	95.9% 

## Diary Dates:

02.06.2025		Pupils return to school
03.06.2025	All day	Nursery to Year 6 Warburtons Visit
05.06.2025	08.45 - 10.15am	Y6 Enhanced Transition Caldicot School
06.06.2025	9.30am - 2.30pm	Year 5 Playmaker Festival
09.06.2025		Year 5 Gilwern
10.06.2025		Year 6 Gilwern
11.06.2025		Year 3 Library
16.06.2025	9.00-10.00am	Year 3 & 4 Digital Family Engagement Workshop
16.06.2025	2.00-3.00pm	Year 5 & 6 Digital Family Engagement Workshop
17.06.2025	08.45 - 11.00am	Y6 Enhanced Transition Caldicot School
18.06.2025	9.00am	ALN Coffee Morning in the School Hall
18.06.2025	PM	Year 6 Library
23 - 27.06.2025		Personalised Assessments Year 2 - Year 6
24.06.2025	08.45 - 11.00am	Y6 Enhanced Transition Caldicot School
25.06.2025		Y5 to Caldicot School - Diversity Group
26.06.2025	AM	Moving Up Day
30.06.2025	08.45 - 10.00am	Y6 Enhanced Transition Caldicot School

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.dewstowprimary.org.uk/policies/>

## Community Workshops/Events:




### HELPING HANDS OUTREACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: JUL-SEPT 25

We run monthly workshops on a range of topics including: Exploring Behaviours That Can Challenge, Introduction to Sleep, Supporting Anxiety in Children, Supporting with Transitions, Introduction to Sensory Processing.

These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

The workshops will take place online via a video-call.

**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JULY**  
**10AM - 12NOON**

**EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE**  
We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge.  
**Book by Midday on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July**

**MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AUGUST**  
**10AM-12NOON**

**SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN**  
We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry.  
**Book by Midday on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July**

**MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SEPTEMBER**  
**10AM-12NOON**

**INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP**  
We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people.  
**Book by Midday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER**  
**10AM-12NOON**

**TRANSITIONS & SEPARATIONS**  
We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations  
**Book by Midday on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**



**BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST**  
To book a space on one of these workshops, or subscribe to our workshop mailing list for updates on all our future workshops, you can:  
• Scan the QR code • Click on the QR code  
• Follow this link <https://forms.office.com/e/DfgfWsd0kK>

We also run additional workshops that are jointly designed and delivered with our health colleagues in the Children's Centres.  
These workshops need to be booked using separate QR codes.

**UNDER  
EVALUATION**

**INTRODUCTION TO SENSORY PROCESSING  
WORKSHOP**

This workshop is not currently offered and is under review. However, you can access a wealth of information from the Occupational Therapy Website that is due to be launched very soon. This will include videos that cover many of the topics from this workshop.

Watch this space for news on other workshops coming soon.



**THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup>**  
**JUNE**  
**9:30-11:30AM**



**SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION**

A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist.

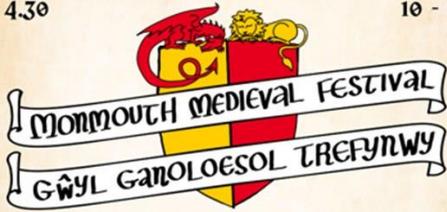
The workshop aims to help you to:

- Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication
- Explore why some children develop communication difficulties
- Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties
- Think about different means to support your children to communicate

To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/qpyjEJLPtN>

Free Entry  
Saturday  
July 5  
10 - 4.30

Mynediad Am Ddin  
Sadwrn  
5 Gorffennaf  
10 - 4.30



Vauxhall Field - Monnow Bridge - Monmouth Castle  
Caeau Vauxhall - Pont Mynwy - Castell Trefynwy



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**Let's Talk Community Safety – Have your say today**

Monmouthshire Community Safety Partnership is seeking your views to help them better understand the needs and concerns of Monmouthshire communities.

The Community Safety Survey is live and will remain open until **31 May 2025**.

This is your opportunity to help shape a safer Monmouthshire. Whether it's concerns about anti-social behaviour, road safety, or community resources, your feedback will guide future improvements.

Three surveys are available:

- Community members: For anyone who lives in Monmouthshire
- Businesses: For business owners who operate in Monmouthshire
- Young people (Under 18): For our younger residents who live in Monmouthshire (Primary and Secondary schools)

Take part online: [letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/community-safety-survey](https://letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/community-safety-survey)

Paper copies are available at community hubs, libraries, and leisure centres.



**Armed Forces Day 2025 – Join the celebration at Caldicot Castle and Country Park**

On **Saturday, 28 June 2025**, Monmouthshire will proudly host Wales' National Armed Forces Day at Caldicot Castle and Country Park.

This free, family-friendly event will honour the contributions of serving personnel, veterans, reservists, cadets, and their families.

Expect a packed programme including:

- RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team
- Fly-past by the Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight
- Cadets parade
- Live music and entertainment
- Food and drink stalls
- Exhibits from the Army, Navy, RAF, and Blue Light Services
- Activities for all ages

Book your free ticket today:

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/national-armed-forces-day-2025/>

**Volunteer with Us!**

We're looking for volunteers to help welcome visitors, provide information, and support event logistics. Shifts are available for the whole day or in the morning only. Training and refreshments will be provided.

Sign up: [Volunteer Monmouthshire](#)

Event Volunteer - Armed Forces Day Caldicot Castle 28th June 2025<sup>2</sup>

[letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/community-safety-survey](http://letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/community-safety-survey)<sup>3</sup>

<https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/national-armed-forces-day-2025/><sup>4</sup>

I would like to wish you a lovely relaxing half term and look forward to seeing all the children return to school on Monday 2nd June.

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>5</sup>

Yours sincerely

<sup>2</sup><https://volunteer.monmouthshire.gov.uk/volunteers/opportunity/10237083?lang=EN>

<sup>3</sup><https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk%2Fcommunity-safety-survey&data=05|02|RhodriJones%40monmouthshire.gov.uk|4ba5e7c718bf4070b6a108dd9778aff6|2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5|0|0|638833267125688161|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAiOiJXaW4zMiiSlkFOljoiTWFpbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=tfDclSA5kPWPkZad7D62i9PTzkaS%2BKKA72ISzOo0IQ%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>4</sup><https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.monmouthshire.gov.uk%2Fnational-armed-forces-day-2025%2F&data=05|02|RhodriJones%40monmouthshire.gov.uk|4ba5e7c718bf4070b6a108dd9778aff6|2c4d0079c52c4bb3b3cad8eaf1b6b7d5|0|0|638833267125709742|Unknown|TWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUslYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIslAiOiJXaW4zMiiSlkFOljoiTWFpbClldUljoyfQ%3D%3D|0||&sdata=jEpg4rHZzpUXX2HJ4i8FDXhch8VGMJydGL4i4azY3NM%3D&reserved=0>

<sup>5</sup><mailto:Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales>

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