



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Welcome back after the half term break. I hope you all enjoyed your week.

Round Robins:

Well done to all the pupils who participated in Round Robins the week before half term. They all represented Dewstow very well. It was not just their skill on the field that stood out, but their incredible teamwork and sportsmanship. They played with heart and enthusiasm, creating unforgettable memories and strong friendships.

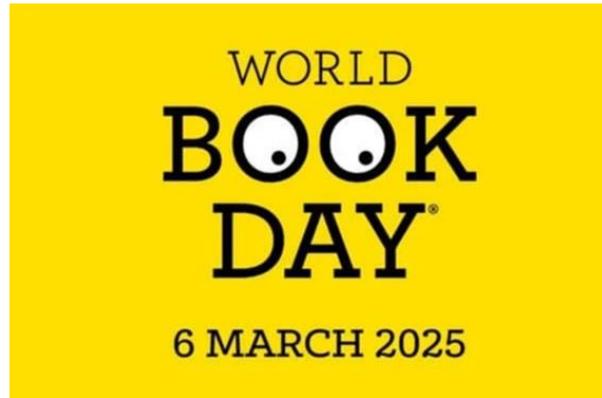


Eisteddfod Project

I just want to say a huge diolch and well done to all those who brought in a project. The corridors around the school are now looking fantastic with all the creations. Thank you for your support with this and for attending our events.

World Book Day

It was lovely to see pupils and staff dressed up yesterday, there really were some wonderful outfits and also pupils enjoyed lots of literacy activities on this day.



Children Looked After (CLA):

Please see our Policy (attached as a PDF on Schoop) on Children Looked after which includes our school Vision for CLA. I have also attached our leaflet for CLA families.

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Children Looked After (CLA)

At Dewstow Primary School:
We have a clear vision and strategy for supporting children who are looked after.
High aspirations for children who are looked after.
Staff have a clear understanding of the academic, social and emotional needs of children who are looked after.
Staff that are aware of the children who are looked after, their needs and what strategies are available to support them.
We provide strong support for children who are looked after to develop their literacy and numeracy skills.
Strong pastoral systems that are tailored well to the emotional needs of children who are looked after.
We provide support to build resilience, self-esteem and confidence that is planned and well matched to the needs of children, for example through nurture groups.
Provision of access for children who are looked after to after-school clubs and other extra-curricular activities such as trips or work experience.
A committed designated governor with a strong understanding of the needs of children who are looked after.
Targeted work with carers to develop their skills and understanding better to support the children they look after.

We always listen to the views of our children and this is the focus when planning how best to support them.
Ensure that any CLA is supported sensitively and that confidentiality is maintained.
Provide a supportive climate to enable a CLA to achieve stability within the school setting.
Have high aspirations for the educational and personal achievement of CLA.
Positively promote the wellbeing of CLA.

ELSA support

The young person will have an emotionally available adult available to them. This could be a member of staff from their own class or maybe someone from a different class.
We have two trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA).

Mrs Bain is the designated lead for CLA. She liaises with the Local Authority and outside agency to ensure each Child Looked After has a Personal Education Plan (PEP). The school governor with responsibility for Children Looked after is Hannah Williams

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

At Dewstow Primary school we create an inclusive and supportive environment for all children.
Children who are looked after are often in care for various reasons, may face unique challenges, and as a school we understand that we play a vital role in ensuring their emotional, social, and educational needs are met.
In our school there will always be friendly faces where staff are kind and caring. Staff are always ready to help the children settle in and feel part of our school.
On arrival at school the young person will have a PEP created, there will be an initial meeting. These plans are reviewed involving the young person, their social worker as well as other people important to them. This plan will include targets, achievements. It will take into account the young persons likes and interests.

Pebbles:

Please can I request that the children do not stand on the pebbles at the front of the school next to the Nursery doors. They are there for decorative purposes and I am concerned that a child may slip and hurt themselves. Thank you for your support with this.

Parent Consultations:

The link for Parent Consultations will be sent out to parents shortly. Parent consultations will take place on Monday 17th March and Wednesday 19th March. They last for 10 minutes and there will be an opportunity for parents to look through their child's books. If you have made an appointment and then need to cancel, please can you let the office staff know or the class teacher.

Benthyg Caldicot:

There is a new 'Library of Things' in Togetherworks called Benthyg Caldicot. It is a place where people can borrow a range of useful things at reasonable prices. There are items for the home, DIY, gardening, as well as party items. Please see the flyer for further information.

'Benthyg' is a Welsh word meaning 'lend' or 'borrow'

BENTHYG
Cil y Coed
Caldicot

Benthyg Caldicot Library of Things

Borrow from a range of useful items
at VERY reasonable costs
Save money & space in your home

**Camping + Car + Children + DIY/Tools
+ Educational + Entertainment + Events
+ Garden + Hobbies + Homeware + IT
+ Kitchen + Pets + Toys & Games
+ Travel**

Membership is **FREE**
Find our catalogue at:
<https://monmouthshire.benthyg.cymru>

Open Tuesdays 1.30 -2.30pm

**TogetherWorks, Woodstock Way,
Caldicot, NP25 5DB**

Email us: caldicotbenthyg@gmail.com

Find us on @BenthygCaldicot

You must be 18+, have an email address, agree to Benthyg ToDC's & bring photo ID & proof of address the first time you borrow an item. Once registered you can borrow items from any Benthyg Library across Monmouthshire

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	Eli	William	91.7%
Year 1	Arabella	Hayden	95.2%
Year 2	Elijah	Harry A	96.2% ★
Year 3	Darcy	Hollie	95.8%
Year 4	Maksym	Zade	86.2%
Year 5	Neha	Theo	92.5%
Year 6	Darcie	Bethan	95.8%

Dates for your diary:

March		
12/03/2025	AM	Transition - Caldicot School to see Year 6 pupils
12/03/2025	PM	Year 4 Library
17/03/2025	PM	Local Authority to work with Eco Council/Gardening Club children
17/03/2025	PM	Parent Consultations
18/03/2025	All day	Year 5 and Year 6 Team Repair Workshop with the LA
19/03/2025	PM	Year 5 Library
19/03/2025	PM	Parent Consultations
21/03/2025	AM	Year 2 and Year 5 Fire Service Visit
26/03/2025	AM	Transition - Caldicot School to see Year 6 pupils
26/03/2025	PM	Year 6 Library
28/03/2025	PM	Design to Smile 2 nd Fluoride Varnish
April		
02/04/2025	PM	Year 3 Library
03/04/2025	AM	Reception Vision and Growth Screening
07/04/2025	10am Year 3-6 1.30pm Nursery to Year 2	Bethany Baptist Church
08/04/2024	AM/PM	Family Engagement Easter Workshops
09/04/2025	AM Football PM Netball	Round Robins Year 5 and Year 6
11/04/2025	2.30pm	Easter Bunny Parade
11/04/2025	3.00pm	Pupils break up from school

I hope you find this information useful. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to telephone school on 01291 636360, or email the school Dew.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales¹

Yours sincerely

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