



*Together we learn, together we grow.*

Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Head and Deputy Head Pupils:

I am delighted to inform you that following interviews with our Year 6 children and Governors yesterday, the following children have been selected for Head Pupil and Deputy Head Pupil:

Head Pupils: Harry and Sophia

Deputy Head Pupils: Rhiyana , Sofia and Esme

Congratulations to all these children. I would also like to congratulate all the children who applied for the post. They were all fantastic and it was a very difficult decision to make. All the children put so much effort into their applications and Governors, and I are very proud of all our children.

### School premises:

Please can you remind the children NOT to use their scooters, bikes and skateboards, while on the school premises. These are a danger to our parents/carers on the premises, and we need to ensure that we keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support with this.

### Rags to Riches:

Thank you to everyone who sent unwanted clothes into school. Rags to Riches collected this and the school raised £18.52.

### Fruit:

Please can we ask that any fruit that causes a potential choking hazard be cut in half e.g. grapes, cherry tomatoes.

### PTFA:

Many thanks to members of the PTFA who sorted and organised all the recycled uniform for the school. This is very time consuming, and all staff and Governors are very grateful for all your hard work and support.

### Recycled Uniform:

There is plenty of recycled uniform, which has been washed in the entrance to the school. Please call into school at any time to collect as much uniform as you need.

### INSET Training Days:

I am now in a position to inform you of all the training days for 2025-2026. School is closed to pupils on the following dates:

10/10/2025

13/02/2025

16/03/2026

17/07/2026

20/07/2026

## 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	Noel		98.25%
Reception	Harper	Melania	92.5%
Year 1	Charlie S	Matei	91.7%
Year 2	Brody	Darcie	87.8%
Year 3	Ezmay	Harry T	84.3%
Year 4	Blake	Paige	92.1%
Year 5	Lily-Mae	Elsie-Rose	99% 
Year 6	Sienna	Esme	79.4%

## 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 2023 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023**.  
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 2023**.

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 2023** for a January 2026 start
- On **0<sup>th</sup> March 2024** 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 [admissions@monmouthshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@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

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Primary School	Ysgol Gynradd
<b>Application Available</b> 13th November 2025	<b>Pecynnau ar gael:</b> 13th Tachwedd 2025
<b>Closing date for applications:</b> 15th January 2026 at 4pm	<b>Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:</b> 15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm
<b>Offer date:</b> 16th April 2026	<b>Dyddiad cynnig:</b> 16th April 2026



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.  
Nodyn: os ydych chi byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chi wneud cais am le mewn ysgol trwy gyngor Sir Fynwy (ac eithrio ceisiadau i ysgolion Amlyngol/Ysgolion Gwirfoddol a gynorthwyf) hyd yn oed os yw'n well gennych chi plentyn fynd i ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

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



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# Caldicot School Open Evening:



## **NOSON AGORED OPEN EVENING**

**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER 2025**



If your child is currently in Year 6, we would like to invite you to our **Open Evening** on **Thursday 16th October 2025**.  
**17:00 - 19:30**  
Please book by scanning the QR code below

**96% of students achieved 5 A\*-C Grades at GCSE in August 2025**



**REGISTER NOW**

Mill Lane, Caldicot, NP26 5XA

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[www.caldicotschool.com](http://www.caldicotschool.com)

## Magor Rugby:



**MAGOR RUGBY**  
**Mini & Junior Rugby**  
**Starting this September!**  
**Players Wanted - GIRLS & BOYS**  
New to the game or already love rugby?  
There's a place for everyone  
Under 7s, 8s, 9s, 10s, and Under 11s  
Training & Fixtures on Sunday Mornings  
All Coaches DBS checked and WRU qualified

***Interested?***  
To help us plan and build teams,  
we're asking families to let us know if your child is interested in joining.  
Get in touch, providing Parent/Guardian & Player name, DOB & School attended  
We're also looking for volunteers, Male and Female to help our teams thrive!  
Coaches, First Aiders, Administrators per Age Group & a Social Media Manager  
No experience necessary, just enthusiasm and a willingness to get involved

***Join the team behind the team!***

Contact us today to register interest and find out more!  
Email: [minimagorrfc1884@gmail.com](mailto:minimagorrfc1884@gmail.com)

\* ..... providing activity, confidence-building and camaraderie all at once:  
such is the power of rugby!"

## Information Day - Serenu:



**INFORMATION DAY**  
at  
Serenu  
Children's Centre

  
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Aneurin Bevan  
University Health Board

  
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helping special children shine

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>  
October**

Our Family Liaison Service  
is hosting an Information Day at  
Serenu Children's Centre



**Time Slots :**  
9:30-11am  
11am-12:30pm  
1pm-2:30pm

Some of the services attending are

Sparkle	Citizens Advice
GPCN	Adferiad
Slater & Gordon	SNAP Cymru
National Star	Cost of Living Support
ADHD+	Plus Many More

To book a time slot please contact the  
Family Liaison Service  
01633 748013 or  
[ABB.FamilyLiaisonOfficer@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABB.FamilyLiaisonOfficer@wales.nhs.uk)

  
For more information  
please email our team of  
Family Liaison Officers  
[ABB.FamilyLiaisonOfficer@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:ABB.FamilyLiaisonOfficer@wales.nhs.uk)

## Virtual Workshops:

Please take a look at these online workshops which may be helpful for some of our families. Please be assured that you do not have to have your camera or microphone on you can just listen in.



# HELPING HANDS OUTREACH VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS: SEPT-DEC 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.

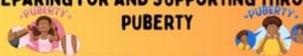
These group workshops are open to any parents/carers of children with additional needs, including families and professionals linked with Serennu, Nevill Hall and Caerphilly Children's Centre. For more information, please speak to the Family Liaison Officer at your local Children's Centre.

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



<b>MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 10AM-12NOON</b>	<b>INTRODUCTION TO SLEEP</b> We will share ideas about how to manage common sleep difficulties in children and young people. <b>Book by Midday on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10AM - 12NOON</b>	<b>EXPLORING BEHAVIOURS THAT CAN CHALLENGE</b> We will be sharing ideas behind behaviour support and help you to understand and respond to behaviours that can often challenge. <b>Book by Midday on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 10AM-12NOON</b>	<b>TRANSITIONS &amp; SEPARATIONS</b> We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations <b>Book by Midday on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 10AM-12NOON</b>	<b>SUPPORTING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN</b> We will share ideas about how to support children and young people with anxiety and worry. <b>Book by Midday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>
	<b>BOOK A SPACE OR SUBSCRIBE TO OUR MAILING LIST</b> 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 <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK">https://forms.office.com/e/DfqfWSd0kK</a>

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.

<b>WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON</b> 	<b>PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THROUGH PUBERTY</b>  We are really excited to bring to you a brand new workshop. We have been working on this for some time to following some direct requests from families. It is our pleasure to introduce our 'Preparing For & Supporting Through Puberty' During this workshop we will share ideas and resources related to the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Puberty in the context of children with additional developmental needs</li><li>• Body Parts &amp; Preparing for Body Changes</li><li>• Privacy &amp; Consent</li><li>• Puberty</li><li>• Masturbation</li><li>• What this means for you as Parents/Carers</li></ul> To book onto this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8cejbb">https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8cejbb</a>
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<b>WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON</b> 	<b>SUPPORTING COMMUNICATION</b> A workshop delivered jointly with a Speech and Language Therapist. The workshop aims to help you to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Understand how communication develops in children and means of communication</li><li>• Explore why some children develop communication difficulties</li><li>• Explore the related challenges that can develop alongside communication difficulties</li><li>• Think about different means to support your children to communicate</li></ul> To book on this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/apyJEJLPTN">https://forms.office.com/e/apyJEJLPTN</a>
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## Library Survey:



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### Sgwrsio am lyfrgelloedd

Ydych chi'n defnyddio unrhyw un o'n chwe llyfrgell yn Sir Fynwy neu'n ymweld â nhw?

Byddafn wych clywed gennych. Mae angen eich adborth arnom am sut rydych chi'n defnyddio'r gwasanaeth a sut mae o fudd i chi.

Ewch i: [sgwrsioamsirfynwy.co.uk/lyfrgelloedd-2025](https://sgwrsioamsirfynwy.co.uk/lyfrgelloedd-2025) neu Sganiwch y cod QR i rannu eich adborth.

 **SGWRSIO AM SIR FYNWY**

### Let's talk libraries

Do you use or visit any of our six libraries in Monmouthshire?

We'd love to hear from you. We need your feedback on how you use the service and how it benefits you.

Visit: [letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/libraries-2025](https://letstalkmonmouthshire.co.uk/libraries-2025) or Scan the QR code to share your feedback.

 **LET'S TALK MONMOUTHSHIRE**

## Dates for your diary:

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<b>October</b>		
01/10/2025	1.00pm	Year 6 Library Visit
03/10/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
06/10/2025	PM	PC Michael Martin Police with Year 5 and Year 6 Keeping Safe Workshop
08/10/2025	AM	Year 6 Author Event Caldicot School
09/10/2025		Harvest Celebrations
10/10/2025		INSET Training Day School Closed
14/10/2025	3.15pm	Transition Meeting Gilwern Parent Meeting Year 5/Year 6
15/10/2025	PM	Year 5 Library Visit
17/10/2025	PM	Year 5 Swimming
21/10/2025		Parent Consultations
22/10/2025		Parent Consultations
22/10/2025		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
08/12/2025	6.00pm	Year 6 to Caldicot School Concert
11/12/2025		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
11/12/2025		PTFA 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
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

Liz Bain

Headteacher / Pennaeth

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