



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

Pantomime:

Our trip to the Pantomime was a fantastic success! The children had a wonderful time watching **Rapunzel** and were exceptionally well-behaved throughout the performance. Their enthusiasm and manners made us proud, and it was lovely to see them enjoying the show

so much. The staff thoroughly enjoyed the experience too—it was a memorable outing for everyone. We are now looking forward to next year's trip! Many thanks to our school admin team for organising the trip for the whole school and the PTFA for the goody bags for all the children.

Year 2 Christmas Wrapped Up:

On Monday 8th December the Year 2 children will be walking to Bethany Baptist Church for Christmas Wrapped Up. Please can all parents/carers ensure the children have a waterproof warm coat, should it be raining and flat shoes. Many thanks to Pastor Jon Linforth for giving our children this wonderful opportunity.

Year 6 Caldicot School Cluster Concert:

Just a reminder that this is taking place at 6.00pm on Monday 8th December in Caldicot School Hall. Please can all the children who are attending arrive at 5pm, as there will be a practice prior to the concert taking place. Both Mrs Webb and I will be attending the event and will support the children on stage.

School Essentials Grant:

Please take a look at the Welsh Government website as you could be entitled to this Grant. Parents can apply up until March 2026.

School Essentials Grant: help with school costs | GOV.WALES¹

Extra-Curricular Clubs:

Please be advised that all Clubs have finished for this term now, there will be **no Clubs for the next two weeks.**

Christmas Jumper Swap:

If any parents/carers have Christmas jumpers that are no longer needed, we would love to give them a new home! Please consider donating them to the school. These jumpers will be

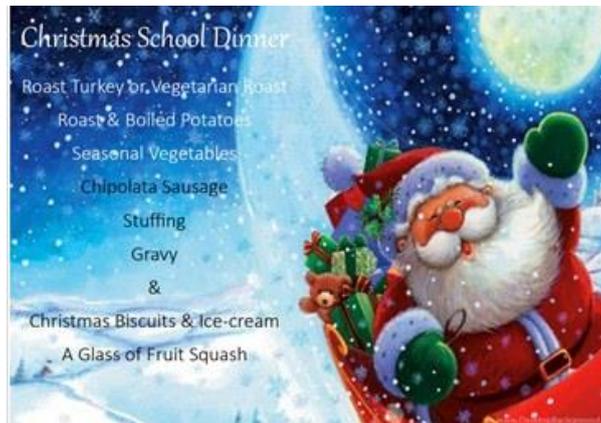
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available for other families to use, helping everyone join in the festive fun whilst reducing waste. Donations can be dropped off at the school office—thank you for your support.



Christmas Dinner:

On Thursday 11th December it is Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day. The children are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers to school.



Concerts:

Costumes will be provided for all children Nursery to Year 2. Years 3 to Year 6 are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers or something festive for their concerts during the last week of term.

PTFA Raffle:

Raffle tickets for the PTFA Christmas Fayre have been sent out, if you would like any more these are available from the school office. Could tickets please be returned with any money raised **by Monday 8th December**.

We have had some wonderful prizes donated, including:

- Toy bundles from Moose Toys
- Celtic Manor Activity Pass

- Signed Photo from Manchester United
- Newport Dragon Tickets
- Days out at Old Down Country Park and Puzzlewood
- And many more...



PTFA Events:

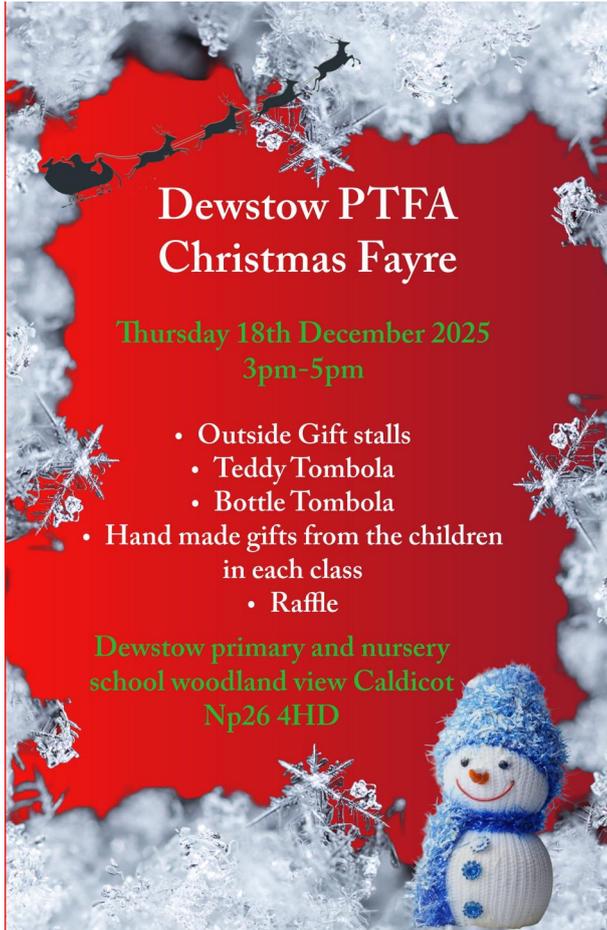
Please support our amazing PTFA who organise wonderful events to support our school and families. We have two Christmas events coming up that we would really appreciate your support with. Please see attached posters.



Price of gifts Range from
50p-£5



If you would like your child to purchase a gift, please send them into school with a sealed envelope containing their money to spend. Write their name on the envelope and also who you would like them to purchase a gift for. If you could send them in with a bag to take home their gift too that would be greatly appreciated.



Dewstow PTFA Christmas Fayre

Thursday 18th December 2025
3pm-5pm

- Outside Gift stalls
- Teddy Tombola
- Bottle Tombola
- Hand made gifts from the children
in each class
- Raffle

Dewstow primary and nursery
school woodland view Caldicot
Np26 4HD

Common Ailments Service:

Common Ailments Service (CAS) – Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the Common Ailments Service?

The Common Ailments Service (CAS) is an NHS funded service available at all community pharmacies in Wales. It allows you to get free advice and treatment for a range of minor illnesses, without needing to see your GP.

2. Who can use the service?

You can use the service if you live, or are registered with a GP Practice in Wales. You may need to show the Pharmacist some form of identification before you can register for the service, but this will depend on whether you are known to the Pharmacist.

3. How do I access the service?

Simply visit your local pharmacy and ask to speak to the pharmacist about the Common Ailments Service. A short, confidential consultation will be arranged. The Pharmacist will then advise you on the best way to manage your condition.

4. What conditions are covered?

The service covers a range of common conditions, including:
Acne, Athlete's Foot, Backache, Chickenpox, Conjunctivitis, Constipation, Dry Eyes, Dry Skin, Haemorrhoids, Hayfever, Head Lice, Indigestion, Intertrigo, Mouth Ulcers, Nappy Rash, Oral Thrush, Ringworm/Intertrigo, Scabies, Sore Throat, Teething, Threadworms, Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) (in women aged 16-64), Vaginal Thrush and Warts or Verrucas.
If your condition isn't covered, the Pharmacist can still give you advice or suggest where to get further help.

5. Is there a charge for a consultation?

There's no charge for the consultation.

6. Will I need to pay for the medicine?

No. If you register for the common ailments scheme and the Pharmacist decides a medicine is needed, the NHS will pay for the medicine through the Common Ailments Service.

7. Do I need to make an appointment?

No, you can walk into any participating pharmacy. However, if the pharmacy is busy, you may be asked to wait or return later for your consultation.

8. Will my GP be informed?

Yes, you must give your permission for the Pharmacist to send details of your consultation to your GP so your medical records stay up to date.

9. Can I use the service for my child?

Yes, parents or guardians can use the service on behalf of their children for suitable conditions. The Pharmacist will advise whether the service is appropriate for your

child's age and symptoms. In the majority of cases, the child will need to attend the pharmacy.

10. Can I use the service for more than one condition?

Yes. You can use the Common Ailments Service for any of the conditions covered by the scheme, whenever you need to.
Each time you visit the pharmacy, the pharmacist will carry out a short consultation about your current condition and provide advice or treatment if appropriate.
There are limits on how many times you can use the service for some conditions. Your Pharmacist will be able to provide full details.

11. Can I use the service at different Pharmacies?

Yes. Once you have registered for the Common Ailments Service, your details are stored securely and can be accessed by all pharmacies in Wales.
This means you can use the service at any pharmacy in Wales, not just the one where you first registered.

12. What if I need to see a doctor?

If your symptoms are more serious or need further investigation, the Pharmacist will refer you to your GP or another healthcare professional.

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	Benjamin		97.5%
Reception	Blake & Cariad	Oliver	93.3%
Year 1	Frederick	Gray	93.3%
Year 2	Mason	Lowen	94.3%
Year 3	Louise	Jaxon	87.7%
Year 4	Freddie	Rowan	93.9%
Year 5	Zade	Braedon	97.7% ★
Year 6	Sophie	Elliot	92.3%

Well done to all the year groups who have achieved over 90%. Please can I ask that you continue to send your child to school daily. If they are unwell, we will contact you.

Dates for your diary:

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December		
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.wales²

Yours sincerely

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