



Together we learn, together we grow.

Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Annwyl Rhieni,

I hope everyone is keeping well. The children have continued to settle in well into their classes. It has been wonderful to see lots of parents/carers attending the Parent Meetings over the last two weeks. We will be sending out a short evaluation to gather your thoughts on the parent meetings. To support our self-evaluation, please can I ask you to complete the online evaluation form next week.

Road Safety:

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety of our pupils and the wider community, we kindly ask all drivers to be especially mindful and vigilant when driving near the school and surrounding areas. Please take extra care to watch out for children on foot, scooters, bicycles, and other pedestrians, especially during busy times before and after school. Your careful driving helps us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Instagram:

We will be transitioning from 'X' (formerly Twitter) over to Instagram so please follow us on there for updates. Please click the link below or use dew.primary.

Instagram¹



Breakfast Club:

Breakfast Club runs from 8.10am to 8.50am. There are two sittings. 8.10am – 8.20am which costs £2. The second sitting is 8.30am – 8.50am and is free.

There are a number of parents/carers who are dropping their child off at the gate for breakfast club 5-10 minutes prior to 8.30am and leaving their child unsupervised. If you wish for your child to enter breakfast club at 8.30am, you will need to stay with your child until this time for **safeguarding reasons**. However, if you wish for child to enter breakfast club earlier than 8.30am, please note you will be charged for this.

¹<https://www.instagram.com/p/DL5e8oXODX3/?next=%2F>

Dinners:

Just a reminder that if you send your child into school with a packed lunch and have already ordered a dinner, please can you cancel the dinner. We are having an increasing number of children who are bringing packed lunch to school and have already ordered a dinner.

Rags to Riches Clothing Collection:



**WE NEED YOUR HELP TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL
WE ARE HOSTING A:**

Clothing Collection

with Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear, maybe last year's fashions, or that buy that was too good to leave but it's not really you after all?

Please help us fundraise by donating your good quality unwanted, re-useable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories
(please pair and tie shoes together)

Your donations become affordable clothing in other countries
so please do not send poor quality, dirty or wet items, and no duvets, pillows, curtains, books, CDs or bric-a-brac.

STOP and THINK - is it something you'd wear out and about yourself or pass to a friend? If not, no-one else will want to buy and wear it either, so unfortunately it's not reusable and can't go in the bag.

**Even if it's only one t-shirt please bring it in, as it will all help our school.
If you can involve family, friends and neighbours please do.**

Please use any bag to bring the clothes in.

We truly appreciate your support in helping raise additional funds for our school for the benefit of our children.

There's no better feeling than knowing you raised funds, helped the economy, the environment, and somebody on the other side of the world – and all by donating some clothes. Clothes are currently being shipped to Ukraine.

If we can fill 100 bags we'll have half a tonne!

**Please bring your donations to school
from Monday 15th September
(no items after Thursday 18th September)**

Music:

This year I have continued to invest money for Gwent Music to attend school on a weekly basis and work with the children across the whole school. Children from each year group will participate in Music learning different instruments, based on different themes. This will involve woodwind, percussion, urban music and music therapy. Music sessions will take place on Monday, for the children and we will be inviting you into school to share a music session throughout the year. Starting Monday, the following year groups will be receiving:

Year 2 Toots

Year 3 Toots

Year 4 BPuzz

Year 5 Brass

If you wish for your child to have peripatetic lessons on a weekly basis, please speak to the school office staff and they can provide you with further information.

Clubs:

Staff are in the process of organising clubs for this term. All clubs will start week commencing 22nd September. You will receive information regarding Clubs shortly.

Nursery Admissions – September 2026:



Dewstow Primary & Nursery School
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Nursery Admissions Guide - 2026

Applying for September 2026:
If your child was born between **1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023**, you can apply for a 2026 Nursery School place between **4th July 2023 and 12th 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 **21st November 2023**.

Children born between **1st September 2022 and 31st December 2022** may be offered an early start from January 2026.

Children born between **1st January 2023 and 31st March 2023** may be offered an early start from April 2026.

Children born between **1st April 2023 and 31st August 2023** are not eligible for an early start.

Decision letters offering an early start, if places are available, will be issued:

- On **21st November 2023** for a January 2026 start
- On **0th 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 646026** or alternatively email access@elearning@monmouthshire.gov.uk. A member of the team will help with any queries.

Dewstow Primary & Nursery School, Woodland View, Caldicot, NP24 4HD. Telephone: 01291 634360

Primary Admissions 2026:



Admission to Primary School 2026

Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2026



Primary School
Application Available
13th November 2025

Closing date for applications:
15th January 2026 at 4pm

Offer date:
16th April 2026



Ysgol Gynradd
Pecynnau ar gael:
13th Tachwedd 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnig:
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 yn byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chi wneud cais am le mewn ysgol trwy gyngor Sir Fynwy (ac eithrio ceisiadau i ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Gwirfoddol a gynorthwyet) hyd yn oed os yw'n well gennych i'ch plentyn fynychu ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

Ewch i •Visit: [monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place](https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place)

Virtual Workshops:

Please take a look at these online workshops which may be helpful for some of our families. I will be joining the sleep workshop one myself. 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.



MONDAY 15TH 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 8th September
MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER 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 29th September
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER 10AM-12NOON	TRANSITIONS & SEPARATIONS We will share ideas about supporting children and young people with transitions and separations Book by Midday on Wednesday 15th October
MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 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 27th 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/DfqfWSd0kK

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.

**WEDNESDAY 3RD
DECEMBER**

**10:00 AM - 12:00
NOON**



PREPARING FOR AND SUPPORTING THROUGH PUBERTY

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:

- *Puberty in the context of children with additional developmental needs*
- *Body Parts & Preparing for Body Changes*
- *Privacy & Consent*
- *Puberty*
- *Masturbation*
- *What this means for you as Parents/Carers*

To book onto this workshop, please scan or click on the QR code or follow this link: <https://forms.office.com/e/kzDF8cejbb>

**WEDNESDAY
19TH NOVEMBER**

**10:00 AM - 12:00
NOON**



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/apjJEJLpTn>



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	Santino	Esme	95.5%
Year 1	Arlo	Ophelia	94.6%
Year 2	Bronwyn	Eva	97.8%
Year 3	Hollie	Elijah	93.3%
Year 4	Leo	Hollie	91.5%
Year 5	Lottie	Argie	98.8% ★
Year 6	Millie	Harry P	90.7%

Fantastic attendance for the first week back to school (last week). Well done to all the children and year groups. Keep going everyone.

Dates for your diary:

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September		
19/09/2025	9.00am	Rags to Riches clothing collection
October		
09/10/2025		Harvest Celebrations
14/10/2025	3.15pm	Gilwern Parent Meeting Year 5/Year 6
21/10/2025		Parent Consultations
22/10/2025		Parent Consultations
24/10/2025		Flu Immunisation Day
24/10/2025		Break up from school
November		
03/11/2025		Pupils return to school
11/11/2025		Remembrance Day
December		
04/12/2025	10.00am	Pantomime Riverfront Theatre
11/12/2025		Christmas Dinner / Christmas Jumper Day
15/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 3/4 Christingle
16/12/2025	10.00am	Year 1/2 Christmas Concert
16/12/2025	2.00pm	PM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	10.00am	AM Nursery/Reception Christmas Concert
17/12/2025	2.00pm	Year 5/6 Christmas Concert
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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