

**Learning Together | Achieving for Life**  
**Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd | Cyflawni am Oes**

**6th September 2024**  
**Edition 1**



**The Phantom Knitter strikes again!**

Thank you so much to the 'phantom knitter,' who has knitted this wonderful welcome to us all. The first 'Welcome' appeared on Tuesday night, ready for our arrival on Wednesday and the the second 'Croeso' arrived last night. We love them! If you look carefully at the postbox on the way into the village, you may see something wonderful nestling on the top! What a great start to the school year - I just hope they don't shrink in the rain!

We have welcomed new members of staff, a brand new reception class and some new pupils to our wonderful school.. Welcome, croeso, one and all. Everyone of our pupils (and staff) has done a great job adjusting to the big jump from holiday to school mode. I am especially proud of the efforts that the children are making in their presentation and behaviour around the school. I talk a lot about manners, respect and kindness, and It's so lovely to see our children working hard to show these qualities not just to us but to each other as well. Da iawn, pawb!

Lots of information to share at the beginning of this term - I have included some important reminders, including diary dates for the term ahead. Further dates for Autumn Terms will be shared in the coming week



**PTA AGM**

It's the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday next week. Please come along and see how you could help us out this year. Diolch! Details of times and place is in the poster in our community Corner section at the end of the Newsletter

**Chepstow Show**

Excellent work from all those who put entries into this summer's Chepstow Show. As always, the work was of outstanding quality, and the children should be proud of themselves

**Amber Denne**  
**Coralie Walker**  
**Isla Nash**  
**Angela Power**  
**Florence Kopp**  
**Ffion Phillips**

Handwriting  
Handwriting  
Poetry writing  
Poetry Writing  
Poetry Writing  
Design an Umbrella

First Prize  
Third Prize  
Highly Commended  
Second Prize  
First Prize  
Second Prize



## **Drop Off, Pick Up and Parking**

We recognise that the beginning and end of the day are very busy - and we want to get this right for everyone. Below is a reminder of the routine.



### **Beginning of the School Day**

School starts at 9am and doors will be open from 8:50 a.m.

Any children arriving after 9am, must enter via the main entrance and sign their child in.

### **The End of the School Day**

School finishes at 3:30 pm Please be prompt.



Children who are collected in Reception to Year 2 are to be picked up by 3:30pm from the classroom doors.

Obviously adults picking up cannot be in two places at once! Therefore doors to the Reception to Year 2 classes will be opened slightly earlier to allow siblings to be picked up as soon as possible after that.

Siblings not picked up in a timely manner will be brought up with the walking bus to be collected from the gate. If they haven't been collected from the gate, they will be brought back to the office.

Children in Y3-6 on the walking bus will be brought up to the car park from 3:30pm.

Please be swift in collection so that we can free up the car park.

After 3:35pm, you will need to collect your children from the office.

### **Parking**

When driving onto site please exercise an abundance of caution. When arriving and departing the grounds, please be patient

**When picking up or dropping off, please do not wait on the turning circle until the buses have gone. If waiting behind the buses on the turning circle, please do not reverse or attempt to drive around the vehicle in front.**

Where possible, if your child is mature enough, and the buses have left, you may use the turning circle to drop off your child. Ensure they use the passenger side to exit the vehicle.



Use the car park area and leave room for others. Please do not park or leave your vehicles anywhere which is not a marked bay (e.g. on the roadside to the left of the roundabout)

Do not park your vehicles in the staff car park or use this area to drop off or pick up from school, breakfast club, or after school club.

We continue to seek ways to ease congestion, reduce the number of vehicles and the amount of time that they are on site. Please help us to keep all our children safe at this busy time of day. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Leaving the school site**

After School Club operates from our premises from 3:30 and they use the outside area of the school. As a result, it is really important, in order to safeguard these pupils, that parents and pupils who do not attend After School Club leave the site as quickly as possible. Thank you.

## School Dinners



All children in school are entitled to a free meal, however meals must be booked on ParentPay, just without making any payment. We recommend booking a week in advance if possible.

### Schoop

As your children start at our school, or indeed move up a year, please ensure you have downloaded or updated the Schoop app. If you already have the app, please make sure you go to “settings” and click on “renew my subscription” and check the push notification settings. This is a very important means of communication and we encourage all of you to use it to ensure you remain updated throughout the year. Our Schoop ID is 10134



## School Uniform and PE Kits



### Uniform

The uniform is designed to be fluid and flexible and give a choice to both boys and girls.

- Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan - with or without school badge
- Blue or white shirt or polo shirt
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- Grey trousers or shorts
- Black sensible shoes.
- Black, sensible boots may be worn during the autumn and winter months.
- Black trainers without coloured logos are welcomed. During dry spells, no other trainers need to be worn on

### PE Kits

We have chosen a PE kit which is practical, affordable, comfortable, and appropriate to the activities involved.

- T shirt – school uniform royal blue. During colder months, please send children in their royal blue school jumper, not non-school uniform / branded kit / skins
- Shorts - black, navy, school uniform blue or grey. During colder months, please send children into school in corresponding colour jogging bottoms.
- Black skins may be worn on PE days only – not branded colourful kit, or colourful leggings / skins
- Plimsolls/trainers - as above - black trainers without coloured logos are welcomed.
- During dry spells, no other trainers need to be worn in or brought to school on PE days, helping us to keep our uniforms smart. During inclement spells of weather, pupils should bring a pair of trainers in to change into.

Please ensure all items are clearly marked with your child’s name. We do not allow the wearing of jewellery for health and safety reasons. If your child has pierced ears please ensure they wear studs for school and are able to remove them themselves for Physical Education sessions.

### PE Days

Monday - Year 2

Tuesday - Year 4

Wednesday - Reception

Thursday Year 5 and Year 6

Friday Year 1 and Year 3

### Swimming

All children in Y3-6 will be swimming this year, starting with Y5 this half term. Swimming will take place on a Wednesday morning, 9:30am at Chepstow Leisure Centre. The children will need a swimming costume, towel, their hair tied back and earrings removed. Please login to your child’s Parentpay account to provide permission for your child to be transported to these lessons.



## **Value of the Month**

What better introduction to our values this year than friendship? A value is a principle that guides our thinking and behaviour. As a school we believe that the ethos of the school should be built on a foundation of values. The values that we will focus on this year are:

- September - Friendship
- October - Fairness
- November - Cooperation
- December - Peace
- January - Positivity
- February - Compassion
- March - Patience
- April - Humility
- May - Equality
- June - Unity
- July - Self Belief

We will work hard to teach and reinforce them through whole school assemblies, lessons, through our approach to positive behaviour management and especially when resolving conflict: our values will permeate the whole curriculum.

Each month we will celebrate one of these values, and use them to help us to develop our children socially, intellectually, emotionally, spiritually and morally. We will encourage children to consider these values and thereby to develop the knowledge, skills and attitudes that enable them to develop as reflective learners and grow to be stable, educated and civil adults.

Our values will help us to fulfil the ambition for all our learners to be ethical and informed citizens; ambitious and capable learners; healthy and confident individuals; and enterprising and creative individuals.

## **Administration of medicines**

We do not routinely administer medication, only as part of an agreed health care / medical plan. If your child requires medication, please ring school and speak to Mrs Partridge. . Please could all parents / carers ensure that agreed medications (part of health care / medical plans) such as EpiPens are in date, and in school if they have not already done so. Parents will need to bring them to the main office and sign the medication in via our medical forms provided.

Pupils who have asthma pumps please let us know via the school email so we can ensure our records are up to date.



## **Attendance Matters**

If your child is absent please telephone 01291 641774 and select option 1 for the dedicated absence line. Please leave a short message with the reason for your child's absence before 9.10am. When children manage at least 95% attendance this will have a hugely positive impact on the standards they achieve. If you have any questions on any attendance matters please do not hesitate to contact the school office for support and advice.

From this term, school will no longer issue paper copies for holiday requests, these will be made through a google form. We will only respond if the absence will be unauthorised, as directed to do so by our Educational Welfare Officer employed by Monmouthshire CC. The link to the form is [Term time absence form](#).

## **Nut allergies**

We have a number of children with severe nut allergies. No nuts are allowed in school including products that contain nuts. Please check before sending in lunch boxes.





### Mobile Phones / Smart Devices

Please do not send mobile phones / Smart Communication devices, (including smart watches) to school with your child. If children need to make phone calls during the day they will be able to use the school telephones in the main office. School will not be able to accept any responsibility for any items that are lost or damaged.



### No Dogs on Site

No dogs are allowed to be brought onto the school site in the interests of all pupil, parent & staff safety

### No Smoking on Site

The school is designated a no-smoking area. This also includes any areas near the school gates. These rules also apply to any electronic forms of cigarette.



### Healthy Eating

Please ensure your child brings in a healthy snack, eg. fruit or vegetables and a drink ( water only as per WG guidelines). Children will be able to refill these during the day.

### GDPR – Processing Information

Our website holds details on how we process your children’s data in our school processing notice.

### Cash for School!

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Congratulations to the following learners for earning themselves a headteacher certificate this week.  
 “Llongyfarchiadau” i...

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Reception	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Everyone is a superstar!	Maisie Huxley Archie	Ronan Tilly Fynnley	Dottie Heti Oscar	Chloe William Neveah	Jack JC Lottie Amelie C	Florence Kopp Isla Nash Jack Brice

For those of you wondering about our new Reception children, obviously they are all stars! They won't be coming to assembly for a few weeks, so that we can make sure they are settled and ready when they do eventually join us.

**Diary Dates 2024/25**

**New information highlighted in yellow**

Autumn Term 2024	
<p><b>Wed 11th Sept</b> - Y5 swimming this half term (every week until half term)</p> <p><b>Wed 11th Sept</b> - PTA AGM</p> <p><b>Fri 13th Sept</b> - House Captain Elections</p> <p><b>Thurs 19th Sept</b> - Flu Vaccinations</p> <p><b>Fri 27th Sept</b> - Inset day - school closed to pupils</p> <p><b>Mon 30th Sept</b> - Inset day - school closed to pupils</p> <p><b>Wed 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd</b> - Rec See How they learn - details to follow</p> <p><b>Fri 4th Oct</b> - McMillan Coffee Morning - Parents welcome</p> <p><b>Wed 9th Oct</b> - How We Teach Reading at Shirenewton</p> <p>Rec - Y3 - 3:45 - 4:15</p> <p>Y4 - Y6 - 4:15 - 4:45</p> <p><b>Saturday 12th Oct</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</p> <p><b>Sunday 13th Oct</b> - Shirenewton ShAMBLE</p> <p><b>Mon 14th Oct</b> - Governors' Meeting</p> <p><b>Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov</b> - Half term break</p> <p><b>Mon 4th Nov</b> - Return to school</p> <p><b>Mon 4th Nov</b> - Y2 Pedestrian training starts</p>	<p><b>Wed 6th Nov</b> - Y6 Swimming this half term (weekly)</p> <p><b>Sunday 10th Nov</b> - Remembrance Sunday</p> <p><b>Mon 11th Nov</b> - School Photos</p> <p><b>Fri 17th Nov</b> - Children in Need day</p> <p><b>Mon 25th Nov</b> - Governors' Meeting</p> <p><b>Monday 2nd Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents’ invited 10am</p> <p><b>Wednesday 4th Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Monday 9th Dec</b> – Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents invited 10am</p> <p><b>Wednesday 11th Dec</b> - Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert 2pm</p> <p><b>Monday 16th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - grandparents invited 10am</p> <p><b>Monday 16th Dec</b> - Y6 Carol Concert (provisional) at Shirenewton Church</p> <p><b>Wednesday 18th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Performance</p> <p><b>Mon 23rd Dec to Friday 3rd Jan</b> - Christmas Holiday</p> <p><b>Monday 6th January</b> - Return to school</p>



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## 12th & 13th

### October

# 2024

*save the date!*

**12th October opening night party at The Rec Hall**  
**29th September Community crafting at The Rec Hall**

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