

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

**29th November 2024**  
**Edition 11**

### **Well-being Council Donations**

Well-being Council have decided to collect items for the vulnerable people in our community this Christmas to spread some Christmas cheer. They have joined forces with the SLS (Street Life Sarnies) who continuously support rough sleepers, vulnerably housed children and families including those in foster care and refuges, hostels across Monmouthshire, Newport and Bristol/Gloucestershire.

We will be running a week of collections from Monday 9th December - Friday 13th December. We hope you will support us in helping those in our community who need it this Christmas. Similar to harvest donations each day we will be asking for a different donation.

- Monday: Small packets of tissues, wet wipes, deodorant, adult rucksacks (new / clean and waterproof), combs/brushes, mini torches with batteries.
- Tuesday: Unisex street clothing clean (please label eg: mens Medium)  
We appreciate : thermals, socks, waterproof coats, trainers, hats, scarves gloves, hoodies, joggers, leggings, jeans, jumpers , tshirts. New pants size 8-16 or boxers small-large.
- Wednesday: Hand warmers, hats, snoods, gloves, thermal socks, sleeping bags (clean working order) , ponchos, roll mats. Blankets. Towels.
- Thursday: Chocolate selection boxes and chocolate oranges.
- Friday: Brand new toys



Thank you in advance for your much appreciated generosity

### **New Staging**

Yesterday thanks to the kind donations of the PTA, tiered seating for the staging area was delivered to school. With the first concert being Monday we hope you can bear with us if there are a few slight hiccups at the dress rehearsal, as this will be the first time Year 2 and Year 3 will have performed using this staging.

### **Changes to Going Home Arrangements**

Please remember that any changes to the usual going home arrangements should be communicated in a dated letter from the parent which should be handed to classroom staff. We understand that things can happen last minute, but if you do need to communicate a last minute change during the school day please ensure you call the school number with the information. Please refrain from sending emails late in the day as these are not always checked straight away.

### **Performance Photographs**

In previous years we have displayed photographs in the foyer of the children in their Christmas play costumes, for parents and carers to purchase. We will still be displaying these at the concerts however to assist with the congestion in the foyer and to allow parents and carers to purchase using a cashless system we will also be sending these out by email for you to view and purchase. There will be a link to a Google form for you to complete, with parents being able to make payment using their Parentpay account.

## School Trips

It has been a busy week for school trips this week, starting with Year 6 visiting the One Planet Centre on Monday, Year 4 visiting Cardiff Museum on Tuesday and Year 2 visiting We the Curious on Wednesday. Thank you to all volunteers who kindly gave up their time to assist on these visits.



## Christmas Performances

Christmas performances start next week with The Inn-Spectors performed by Year 2 and Year 3. If you require additional tickets please use the links below.

Rec/ Y1



For additional ticket requests please click [here](#)

Y2/ Y3



For additional ticket requests please click [here](#)

Y4/ Y5



For additional ticket requests please click [here](#)

## Building Work - Mynydd Bach Access

Following the recent delays work will start here on **Monday 2nd December** and will last for approximately 4-6 weeks. Contractors have now said that parents and children **will** be able to use this gate.

The staff parking area should not be used for drop off or pick up at any time - this includes after school club and breakfast club. When work does commence, we will be closing the red gate to the staff car park during this time to minimise risk to our pupils and parents and disruption to the contractors.



## Attendance Matters

If you are intending to take your child out of school during term time, please complete the [Term time absence](#) 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.



## Ymadrodd yr Pythefnos - Phrase of the Fortnight

Our Phrase of the fortnight this week is

**Dwi'n hoffi - I would like**

Have a look at the video of some of our Criw Cymraeg modelling the language pattern for you.

[Siarad Cymraeg | Shirenewton Primary](#)

## ★★★★★SEREN YR WYTHNOS★★★★★

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

Tîm Coed Coch		Tîm Helyg		Tîm Derwen		Tîm Collen
Dosbarth Reception	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Bella Milo Robin	Edith Lewis Paige	Aiden Cameron Tilly	Holly Leo Theon	Fred Jacob Laken	Amber Digby Jacob	Alexis Flo Stan

### PTA Notices

We want to start by saying a huge thank you for everyone's donations to the school fayre.

Please come along tomorrow, Saturday 30th November 11-2pm, there will be a chance to meet Father Christmas in the grotto, clay craft, a Christmas donkey to meet, hot food and mulled wine, tombola, stalls and lots of games. We look forward to seeing you all.



**Shirenewton School PTA**  
**Christmas Fayre Saturday 30th**  
**November 11-2pm**

Please save the date to come and join us for our annual Christmas Fayre. Enjoy lots of festive games, market stalls, hot food and refreshments. Indulge in our hot chocolate bar, pick up some pressies, visit Father Christmas, get crafty and enter our fabulous raffle. More details to follow. We look forward to welcoming you.

Shirenewton PTA



**SHIRENEWTON SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

ROLL UP, ROLL UP...  
RAFFLE TICKETS NOW ON SALE HERE:  
[HTTPS://SHIRENEWTON-PTA.SUMUPSTORE.COM/PRODUCT/RAFFLE-TICKET](https://shirenewton-pta.sumupstore.com/product/raffle-ticket)

ONLY £1 PER TICKET!

RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN AT 1.45PM ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER AT THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**RAFFLE PRIZES:**

- Moonstone Holistic – £30 voucher for treatments
- Toytastic Voucher – £20 voucher
- Lowerhouse Farm – Shetland Pony or Highland Cow Experience Day (value approx £25)
- The Wave – £50 voucher
- Raglan Farm Park – £20 voucher
- Chepstow Garden Centre Voucher – £10
- Carpenters Arms – Sunday Lunch for two or £40 equivalent
- Chepstow Racecourse – Two Admission Tickets valid for Race Day (circa £30-40 value)
- Sultan – £10 voucher

More great prizes still TBC...

ADDITIONAL PAPER TICKETS AVAILABLE -  
PLEASE EMAIL:  
[SHIRENEWTONPTA@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:SHIRENEWTONPTA@OUTLOOK.COM)

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## Diary Dates 2024/25

### New information highlighted in yellow

Autumn Term 2024	
<b>Sat 30th Nov</b> - Christmas fayre <b>Mon 2nd Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents’ invited 10am <b>Wed 4th Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert 2pm <b>Mon 9th Dec</b> – Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents invited 10am <b>Wed 11th Dec</b> - Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert 2pm <b>Wed 11th Dec</b> - Y2 and Y3 performing at Itton Church <b>Thurs 12th Dec</b> - School Christmas dinner <b>Thurs 12th Dec</b> - Reception 2025 Information Event <b>Thurs 12th Dec</b> - Y2 Stargazing 6pm <b>Friday 13th Dec</b> - Year 3 Penny Whistle Performance (timings TBC)	<b>Friday 13th Dec</b> - Year 5 - Doods Performance (timings TBC) <b>Friday 13th Dec</b> - Year 2 - Toots Performance (timings TBC) <b>Mon 16th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - grandparents invited 10am <b>Mon 16th Dec</b> - Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm <b>Wed 18th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Performance 2pm <b>Thurs 19th Dec</b> - Y3 visit to Crick Nursing Home <b>Thurs 19th Dec</b> - ShireFest-ive, Christmas enterprise 1.30pm - parents invited <b>Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan</b> - Christmas Holiday
Spring Term 2025	
<b>Monday 6th January</b> - Return to school <b>Mon 3rd-Tues 4th Feb</b> - Y4 Gilwern <b>Thurs 13th Feb</b> - Y3 Gilwern <b>Mon 17th-Wed19th Feb</b> - Y5 Gilwern	<b>Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb</b> - Half term break <b>Mon 3rd Feb</b> - Return to school <b>Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr</b> - Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2025	
<b>Mon 28th Apr</b> - Return to school <b>Mon 5th May</b> - Bank holiday <b>Wed 21st May</b> - Sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited <b>Mon 26th-Fri 30th May</b> - Half term break	<b>Mon 2nd Jun</b> - Return to school <b>Wed 4th Jun</b> - Reserve sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited <b>Mon 9th Jun-Fri 20th Jun</b> - National test fortnight <b>Tues 22nd Jul</b> - Summer holiday



**Vacancy on Shirenewton Community Council**

**Shirenewton Community Council has a vacancy for a Councillor in the Shirenewton and Mynyddbach ward**

**If you think you would like to be a Councillor and are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk by email at [shirenewtoncc@gmail.com](mailto:shirenewtoncc@gmail.com)**

**What is a Councillor?**

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or parish. They are generally elected by the public every five years. Between the elections if a Councillor seat becomes available it can be filled by the Council Co-opting the applicant onto the Council. A seat for Co-option has now become available.

**What do Councillors do?**

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1. **Decision making** – Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.
2. **Monitoring** – Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.
3. **Getting involved locally** – As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:
  - Going to meetings of local organisations
  - Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community
  - Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

**How much time does it take up?**

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about an hour a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this – and some less, but in the main, being a community councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work.

You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the clerk to the council using the above details.



**Shirenewton  
Community Council**



# Intro to tennis for Girls

SUNDAY, 1ST DECEMBER

**CHEPSTOW TC**

10-2.30PM, £35 WITH KIT PACK

[WWW.JANEJONESTENNIS.CO.UK](http://WWW.JANEJONESTENNIS.CO.UK)

Book online via above website  
[coach@chepstowtennis.club](mailto:coach@chepstowtennis.club)  
07845291993



# Friendly and fun indoor and outdoor learning for children aged 2 ½ to pre-school

At Shirenewton Playgroup the children are at the heart of all that we do. Following the new Curriculum for Wales we engage and act upon the children's interests, planning activities each week to enhance their learning opportunities – from a bug hunt to building dens to making berry crumble – anything is possible!

**New extended  
opening times**

Monday – Thursday 9:15am to 3pm  
Friday 9:15am to 12:30pm

Starting January 2025.  
From £28 per full day.



[www.shirenewtonplaygroup.co.uk](http://www.shirenewtonplaygroup.co.uk)





# **Advent Fair**

**In the Church Room**

**Sunday 1st December**

**11:00 - 12:00**

Hand crafted Christmas goodies

Cakes, Biscuits, Mincemeat, Jams,  
Jellies and Marmalades

And of course, a raffle

Coffee and mince pies.

**And it's a cash-only bash.**

**The money raised will go to**

**Medicins sans Frontier**

