

### **Harvest Donations**

Thank you so much for your donations so far. There are already lots of items to send on to the Food Bank in Chepstow.

Our Harvest Assembly is on Thursday - if you haven't yet managed to send in a donation of food and goods there is still time - please see the schedule below, but of course, all goods are welcome. We would appreciate items in date. Diolch!

**Monday:** Tinned Goods, (especially carrots, peas, sweetcorn, tomatoes, fish) instant coffee, custard, tinned fruit, tinned meat, pasta / curry sauces, noodles etc. NO pulses, thank you

**Tuesday:** Toiletries (especially shower gel, deodorants and toilet rolls), shampoo, soap, shower gel, toothpaste. Washing up liquid, washing powder, softener, hand soap

**Wednesday:** Chocolate, crisps, biscuits, savoury snacks, puddings, sweets

**Thursday:** Instant coffee and hot chocolate, UHT fruit juice, UHT Milk, breakfast cereals. NO Tea thank you

### **Year 6 Swimming Lessons**

Year 6 are swimming for 7 weeks during the second half of Autumn Term. The first session will be on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Children will need the appropriate swimwear: one piece swimsuit or trunks above the knees, as well as swimming goggles. As the children are transported by minibus we are required to gain permission for each child, which can be given on Parentpay.

### **Reception to Year 2 Theatre Trip**

Pupils in Reception to Year 2 have been given the opportunity to attend the Drill Hall in Chepstow to watch a performance of Little Red Riding Hood. Please remember to login to Parentpay to provide permission for your child to attend.

### **Year 4 Cardiff Museum Trip**

Year 4 parents should have received an email with information for their class trip to Cardiff Museum on Tuesday 26th November. If you have not received this email, please contact the office.



### **MonLife Half Term Activities**

Please find below information from MonLife regarding half term activities.

### **Monlife Halloween Active Play Engagement Sessions 2024**

Our Halloween themed Active Play is Back! Join in and dress up in your favourite fancy dress and get into the spirit of Halloween with face painting! Permission will be needed for face painting and this can be given on the day.

The Active Play Engagement sessions are for children aged 5-11 years old to engage in a variety of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, and play based activities. All sessions are free of charge to attend.

[Halloween Active Play Engagement Sessions 2024 \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

## Monlife Halloween Stay and Play October 2024

Our Halloween themed Stay and Play is Back! Join in and dress up in your favourite fancy dress and get into the spirit of Halloween with face painting! Permission will be needed for face painting and this can be given on the day.

Please note that parental supervision is required for children under the age of 11!

[Halloween Stay and Play October 2024 \(office.com\)](https://office.com)

## Remembrance Day Poppies



Last year Hannah Squires kindly donated these crochet poppies for Remembrance Day. We still have a few remaining. These are available to parents at a suggested donation of £2. Any monies raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion. We only have 16 remaining, so if you would like one of these poppies, please complete this [form](#).

## Volunteers

Are you interested in helping with the PTA or listening to readers within our school then, please get in touch regarding the volunteer registration process at school. All volunteers are required to go through our safer recruitment process, which involves applying for a DBS, having 2 references and completing safeguarding training. Please email [shirenewtonprimary@monmouthshireschools.wales](mailto:shirenewtonprimary@monmouthshireschools.wales) for an application form.



## Children in Need 2024

Children in Need 2024 will be on Friday 15th November 2024. Children can come to school on this day wearing non uniform or something spotty. We will be supporting Children in Need throughout the day with fun activities in each class. Please donate £1, if you are able to, so we can help to support the children and young people all over the UK.

Please use this [link](#) to make your donations

## PTA Reminders

If you offered your help to the PTA or if you were unable to attend the AGM but want to help then please sign up to our volunteer mailing list by using the following link - <https://tinyurl.com/4akuhnsu>

We will send out volunteering opportunities via the mailing list and you can choose to also receive our minutes so you can keep up to date with what we are doing even if you cannot attend meetings.

Please do follow our Facebook page, find us under Shirenewton Primary School PTA. We often put our announcements in the school newsletter, via schoop, via the parent social media groups and we have a noticeboard in the school car park where the children are picked up on the walking bus. We hope this means that our communication reaches everyone.

## Dates for your diary

**Christmas Fayre Planning Meeting, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – all welcome, see flyer below.

**Autumn Uniform Sales, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2.45 until 4pm.**

**Rags2 Riches Collection, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – please use the bin next to our storage to leave your donations for the week leading up to the collection or bring on the day and leave by the kitchens, opposite our PTA storage in the staff carpark.

## SPARE COAT HANGERS NEEDED PLEASE!

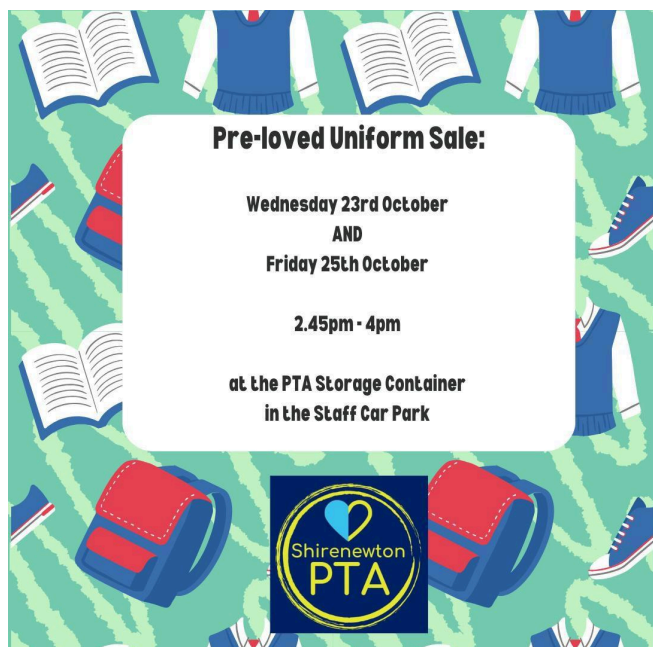


The PTA are in need of extra coat hangers for our pre-loved uniform store!

If anyone has any spares, please drop them in our PTA bin next to the storage container in the staff car park.

THANK YOU!





**Autumn Disco, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – TBC.**

Christmas Fayre, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 11am – 2pm.

### Current Requests

We are in need of coat hangers, please see the flyer above.

We would like to hold a Pre-loved Christmas Jumper sale at the Christmas Fayre, please start donating your jumpers, tops, hats etc now! Use the storage bin next to the unit for donations.

Raffle prizes, Event/Prize Sponsorship, Employer Match Funding – we are looking for any opportunities that you may be aware of to help us with the events over the coming year.

### Contact us

[Shirenewtonpta@outlook.com](mailto:Shirenewtonpta@outlook.com)

Or message us on Facebook

Many thanks and here's to a wonderful year of fundraising and events!

Your PTA Committee

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Congratulations to the following learners for earning themselves a headteacher certificate this week.

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| Dosbarth Reception | Blwyddyn Un | Blwyddyn Dau | Blwyddyn Tri | Blwyddyn Pedwar | Blwyddyn Pump | Blwyddyn Chwech |
| Adam               | Isla T      | Harrison     | Charlotte    | Dylan           | Coralie       | Ava D           |
| Archie             | Olivia      | Harry B      | Elliott      | Laken           | Jacob         | Halli-May       |
| James              | Rowan       | Hattie       | Archer       | Oscar           | Noah          | Theo            |



## This week we have been...



**5** **Shirenewton Year 5** @Shire\_Year5 · Oct 17

An exciting dood session this morning with Miss Wilson from @gwentm. A lot of learning, a lot of fun and a lot of noise. @shirenewtonsch



**R** **Shirenewton Reception** @shire\_reception · Oct 17

Super blending! @shirenewtonsch



**2** **Shirenewton Year 2** @Shire\_Year2 · 18h

Lovely carousel of activities this week, practising for Harvest, drawing tables and getting creative @shirenewtonsch





## Diary Dates 2024/25

### New information highlighted in yellow

| Autumn Term 2024  |   |
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| <b>Thurs 24th Oct</b> - Harvest Festival Assembly (children only)<br><b>Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov</b> - Half term break<br><b>Mon 4th Nov</b> - Return to school<br><b>Mon 4th Nov</b> - Y2 Pedestrian training starts<br><b>Wed 6th Nov</b> - Y6 Swimming this half term (weekly)<br><b>Sunday 10th Nov</b> - Remembrance Sunday<br><b>Mon 11th Nov</b> - School Photos<br><b>Wed 13th Nov</b> - School Disco<br><b>Fri 15th Nov</b> - Children in Need day<br><b>Thurs 21st Nov</b> - Rec-Y2 Little Red Riding Hood at the Drill Hall<br><b>Tues 26th Nov</b> - Y4 Museum trip<br><b>Mon 25th Nov</b> - Governors' Meeting | <b>Monday 2nd Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents’ invited 10am<br><b>Wednesday 4th Dec</b> – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert 2pm<br><b>Monday 9th Dec</b> – Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents invited 10am<br><b>Wednesday 11th Dec</b> - Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert 2pm<br><b>Thursday 12th Dec</b> - School Christmas dinner<br><b>Monday 16th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - grandparents invited 10am<br><b>Monday 16th Dec</b> - Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm<br><b>Wednesday 18th Dec</b> - Rec and Y1 Nativity Performance 2pm<br><b>Mon 23rd Dec to Friday 3rd Jan</b> - Christmas Holiday |
| Spring Term 2025  |   |
| <b>Monday 6th January</b> - Return to school<br><b>Mon 3rd-Tues 4th Feb</b> - Y4 Gilwern<br><b>Thurs 13th Feb</b> - Y3 Gilwern<br><b>Mon 17th-Wed19th Feb</b> - Y5 Gilwern  | <b>Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb</b> - Half term break<br><b>Mon 3rd Feb</b> - Return to school<br><b>Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr</b> - Easter Holiday  |
| Summer Term 2025  |   |
| <b>Mon 28th Apr</b> - Return to school<br><b>Mon 5th May</b> - Bank holiday<br><b>Mon 26th-Fri 30th May</b> - Half term break   | <b>Mon 2nd Jun</b> - Return to school<br><b>Tues 22nd Jul</b> - Summer holiday  |

## **Pre-loved Uniform Sale:**

**Wednesday 23rd October**

**AND**

**Friday 25th October**

**2.45pm - 4pm**

**at the PTA Storage Container  
in the Staff Car Park**





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ONLY**

**£22.40**

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**FOR 7 WEEKS**

# **PÊL-FASGED IAU JUNIOR BASKETBALL**

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**STARTING 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**DYDD MERCHER  
4:45PM – 5:45PM**



**WEDNESDAYS  
4:45PM – 5:45PM**

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# Local Support in Chepstow



## MCC Community Hub

Walk into one of our community hubs; they can advise what help may be most relevant for your circumstances.

📍 Manor Way,  
Chepstow, NP16 5HZ

☎ 01633 644 644

🌐 [monmouthshire.gov.uk](http://monmouthshire.gov.uk)

## Citizens Advice

FREE, confidential, and non-discriminatory advice such as debt, benefits, family & relationships, consumer, legal, and more!

📍 The Gate House, High Street,  
Chepstow, NP16 5LH

☎ 01291 422 119

🌐 [monca.org.uk](http://monca.org.uk)

## Chepstow Food Banks

Providing essential support. Chepstow Foodbank offers 3 days of nutritionally balanced food to local individuals in emergency and crisis who are referred.

📍 Bridge Church, Unit 1,  
Bulwark, Industrial Estate,  
Chepstow, NP16 5QZ

📍 Chepstow Baptist Church,  
Lower Church Street,  
Chepstow, NP16 5HJ

☎ 07931 911 869

🌐 [chepstow.foodbank.org.uk](http://chepstow.foodbank.org.uk)

## Monmouthshire Upcycling Project

The Upcycling Project is a charity which collects unwanted furniture items and electrical goods and sells them at a heavily discounted price. Baby & Children's goods are also available. Plus, Bikes!

📍 Unit 3 Station Yard Industrial  
Estate, Chepstow, NP16 5PF

☎ 01291 408 300

🌐 [forestupcyclingproject.com](http://forestupcyclingproject.com)

## Basecamp, Chepstow

Provides affordable counselling services, youth and community hub, packaging recycling program and clothes and toy swapping events. Free period products are also available for 11-24-year-olds and those who struggle financially to otherwise afford them.

📍 11 Welsh Street or Green Room,  
Chepstow

☎ Text PERIOD to:  
07938 022 615

🌐 [basecamp-chepstow.co.uk](http://basecamp-chepstow.co.uk)

## Chepstow Food Club

Quality food at affordable prices with FOOD Club, committed to alleviating food waste.

Join for only £1 per year for a family membership and purchase a weekly bag of delicious food for just £3.50 (worth about £10 - £15).

📍 Rainbow Café, 38 Moor Street,  
Chepstow, NP16 5DF

☎ 07977 636 522

🌐 [facebook.com/ConnectingCommunitiesThroughFood](https://facebook.com/ConnectingCommunitiesThroughFood)

## Chepstow Community Fridge

A volunteer-run organisation which collects surplus food and gives it away to prevent food waste. Everyone is welcome. Check for opening times.

📍 Rainbow Café, 38 Moor Street,  
Chepstow, NP16 5DF

🌐 [facebook.com/CCFridge](https://facebook.com/CCFridge)



# Christmas Quiz Night

Sat 23rd Nov 24

QUIZMASTER

## BIG ED THE QUIZ HEAD

£12<sup>PP</sup>



CALDICOT CHOIR HALL, CALDICOT // START 7PM

FREE DRINK ON ARRIVAL // RAFFLE // HOG ROAST  
INTERACTIVE ROUNDS // CASH PRIZES // FESTIVE FUN

Book your tickets for you and the team at  
[www.caldicottownteam.co.uk](http://www.caldicottownteam.co.uk) or scan here

Vegan/Vegetarian food options available on  
request

