



Year 3 Swimming

Year 3 are swimming for 13 weeks during Spring Term. The first session will be on Wednesday 8th January 2025. Children will need the appropriate swimwear: one piece swimsuit or trunks above the knees, as well as swimming goggles. If your child is in Year 3 and you have not received the email with information regarding this, please contact the school office.

Flu Catch-Up Clinics

The School Nursing Immunisation Service recently visited the school to administer the nasal flu spray. If your child did not receive their vaccine in school, catch up clinics are available. Parents/Guardians can turn up to any clinic with their child/children, no appointment is needed.

For a full list of clinics please visit: <https://abuhb.nhs.wales/vaccinations/vaccination-pop-up-clinics/>
If you would like to discuss the nasal flu vaccine or have any questions, please contact the **School Nursing Service on 01633 431685.**

Musical Performances - Friday 13th December

Y2 Toots, Y3 Penny Whistles and Y5 Doods will be sharing the musical skills they have learnt on Friday morning. We still need to confirm the timings and will let you know on Monday.

Well-being Council Donations

Well-being Council have decided to collect items for the vulnerable people in our community and have joined forces with the SLS (Street Life Sarnies)

Collections start on Monday 9th December - Friday 13th December.

- 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

Performance Photos

If you have ordered photos through the form, please ensure you have made payment through Parentpay. Likewise if you have made payment please ensure you have completed the required form. Remember the closing date for Year 2 and Year 3 orders is Monday 9th December and Year 4 and Year 5 is Friday 13th December. Reception and Year 1 photos will be shared with parents early next week.

Christmas Dinner

Please make sure you have booked your child's christmas lunch if they require one. Please note that Jacket Potatoes will only be available to pupils with special dietary requirements on this day. If you have ordered a gluten free or dairy free jacket potato and your child does not have a special dietary requirement, they will be given the main meal, not jacket potato.

Children can also come into school on this day wearing a christmas jumper

Christmas Performances

Christmas performances continue next week with Bethlehem the Musical 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](#)

Y4/ Y5



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

Attendance Matters

Please remember to complete a [Term time absence](#) form if your child will be absent from school.

PTA Notices

The PTA are pleased to announce that we raised £1880 at the Christmas Fayre! We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming along and creating a fantastic festive atmosphere. We'd like to say a special thank you to Miss Whelan and the children from the School Choir for performing at the fayre and kicking off the festive spirit. Wonderful singing!

We would also like to say a big thank you to all those that volunteered to make the day a success and to those that donated items to help with the fundraising efforts.

Diolch yn fawr iawn!
Nadolig Llawen
PTA Committee



Thank You!

The PTA would like to say a huge thank you to all those that have donated raffle prizes and items to support the fundraising at the Christmas Fayre.

- Moonstone Holistic
- Toytastic
- Lowerhouse farm
- The Wave
- Raglan Farm Park
- Chepstow Garden Centre
- Carpenters Arms
- Chepstow Racecourse
- Sultan
- Chateau Bonbon
- Megan-Siân Photography
- Caerwent Post Office
- Waitrose Monmouth
- Tesco Chepstow
- The Mobile Farm
- The Lovesy Family
- The Jenkins Family
- Natasha Jones
- Lesley Manning
- Hannah Dudridge
- Jenni Manning
- Dave Brice

And a big thank you for all your wonderful donations to the tombola, mystery bags and the preloved teddies, books and toys.

Thank you everyone!



Diary Dates 2024/25

New information highlighted in yellow

Autumn Term 2024	
<p>Mon 9th Dec – Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents invited 10am</p> <p>Wed 11th Dec - Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert 2pm</p> <p>Wed 11th Dec - Y2 and Y3 performing at Itton Church</p> <p>Thurs 12th Dec - School Christmas dinner</p> <p>Thurs 12th Dec - Reception 2025 Information Event</p> <p>Thurs 12th Dec - Y2 Stargazing 6pm</p> <p>Friday 13th Dec - Year 3 Penny Whistle Performance (timings TBC)</p> <p>Friday 13th Dec - Year 5 - Doods Performance (timings TBC)</p>	<p>Friday 13th Dec - Year 2 - Toots Performance (timings TBC)</p> <p>Mon 16th Dec - Rec and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - grandparents invited 10am</p> <p>Mon 16th Dec - Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm</p> <p>Wed 18th Dec - Rec and Y1 Nativity Performance 2pm</p> <p>Thurs 19th Dec - Y3 visit to Crick Nursing Home</p> <p>Thurs 19th Dec - ShireFest-ive, Christmas enterprise 1.30pm - parents invited</p> <p>Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan - Christmas Holiday</p>
Spring Term 2025	
<p>Monday 6th Jan- - Return to school</p> <p>Thursday 9th Jan - Parent Gilwern meetings, Y4 3.45pm, Y5 4.30pm</p> <p>Mon 3rd-Tues 4th Feb - Y4 Gilwern</p> <p>Thurs 13th Feb - Y3 Gilwern</p> <p>Mon 17th-Wed19th Feb - Y5 Gilwern</p>	<p>Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb - Half term break</p> <p>Mon 3rd Feb - Return to school</p> <p>Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr - Easter Holiday</p>
Summer Term 2025	
<p>Mon 28th Apr - Return to school</p> <p>Mon 5th May - Bank holiday</p> <p>Wed 21st May - Sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited</p> <p>Mon 26th-Fri 30th May - Half term break</p>	<p>Mon 2nd Jun - Return to school</p> <p>Wed 4th Jun - Reserve sports day (Y3-Y6 am, Rec-Y2 pm), parents invited</p> <p>Mon 9th Jun-Fri 20th Jun - National test fortnight</p> <p>Tues 22nd Jul - Summer holiday</p>

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



**Carols Around the Village
Christmas Tree
With the Chepstow Town Band!**

Sunday 8th December at 6.30

'The Sultan' Car Park.

The Cash Collection will go to

'Medicins sans Frontieres'

Bring a torch. And some gloves.

A warm hat. And loud voices!

*And if it's raining we will head up to
the candle-lit church.*

