



### Value of the Month

Our Value of the month this month has been Hope. It's a value for all seasons. We have talked about how hope is important for all kinds of reasons, but also how empty hopes without actions may not help us achieve what we are hoping for, whether that is for a cleaner, greener environment, or to become a world class athlete; a brain surgeon; or a master craftsman.

### Christmas Performances

Hope is a value for all seasons, not least at Christmas! I have felt so hopeful for our children after seeing their performances this week. The hard work of our staff and children have been instrumental in achieving their hopes of outstanding Christmas performances. Thank you to you at home for the costumes and line learning. Of course, there are still a few more to go before the Christmas festivities begin in earnest, and I am really looking forward to them!

### Christmas Fete

A message from our PTA

*We were so very pleased to see so many people coming to enjoy the Christmas fayre and supporting our school last Saturday. It was lovely to see the kids enjoying their grotto visit and having fun on the games and Elfie selfie. It was also great to see their wonderful and creative enterprise efforts, for which we extend our thanks to the teachers and TAs for helping them. We would like to extend a huge thanks to everyone that made Saturday possible, we absolutely couldn't do it without the teamwork of a great number of people. We thank all who volunteered their time to make, bake, wrap, cook, look after stalls and games, set up, clear up, create grottos and the man in red and his elf! We also thank everyone, including the wonderful local businesses, for the generous donations to our various stalls and the wonderful raffle hampers, it's much appreciated. Lastly a huge thank you for bringing your family, friends and children to spend time together, creating a lovely festive atmosphere.*

*Together, after expenses, we raised £2060 for the school, an absolutely tremendous amount! Diolch o galon!*

*We hope to announce the success of our Christmas tree and pizza night fundraisers very soon.*

*Katie, Leah and myself wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year!*

*Emma  
Shirenewton PTA Chair*

From school, thank you to the PTA for all they do and thanks for your support. Our new library is being installed ready for the new year and without the fundraising of the PTA, your pupils would not have this fantastic resource

## Christingle

Reception to Year 3 had a walk to Shirenewton Church on Thursday to take part in Christingle Service, Led by Rev. Waters. They were well behaved and sensible throughout the service, especially when we lit the candles of their Christingles, to light up the world. Diolch to Sally Saysell, the Church Warden and the team of volunteers who keep the Church open and working for our community; to Rev. Waters who led the service (And for all the assemblies he leads in school!); and to the volunteers who helped us to walk the children there.



## Final Day of Christmas Term

A reminder that the last day of term for pupils is Thursday 22nd December and school will finish at the normal time. Diolch

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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 Derbyn	Blwyddyn Un	Blwyddyn Dau	Blwyddyn Tri	Blwyddyn Pedwar	Blwyddyn Pump	Blwyddyn Chwech
Huxley Noah Poppy	Fynnley Maddie Tilly	Oscar Penelope Ruby	Jacob Laken Oliver S.	Alexander Keira Morgan	Ava Catherine Finley	Amelie Heidi Zak



**This last few weeks we have been:**



**Shirenewton Reception** @Shire\_Reception · Dec 1  
 Maths Mania! @shi\_mathsale



**Shirenewton Year 1** @ShireYear1  
 A little sneak-peek at Year one busy making their Christmas Enterprise crafts for Saturday's Christmas Fayre.  
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**Shirenewton Year 2** @Shire\_Year2 · Dec 9

We've been so busy this week, I haven't had a chance to take many photos! The children have worked so hard on their enterprise project, thinking about costs, quality assurance and learning from their mistakes. Gwaith ardderchog pawb 🎄 @shirenewtonsch @shire\_arts @shi\_mathsale



**Shirenewton Year 3** @Shire\_Year3 · Dec 1

This week we explore resolution ideas and problem solving within our relationships with other people. Da iawn dosbarth 3 on your team work!



**Shirenewton Year 5** @Shire\_Year5 · Dec 13

So proud of our class and @Shire\_Year4 for their incredible performance today. All the staff are so incredibly proud of your efforts. It really was amazing! Ardderchog pawb! @shirenewtonsch



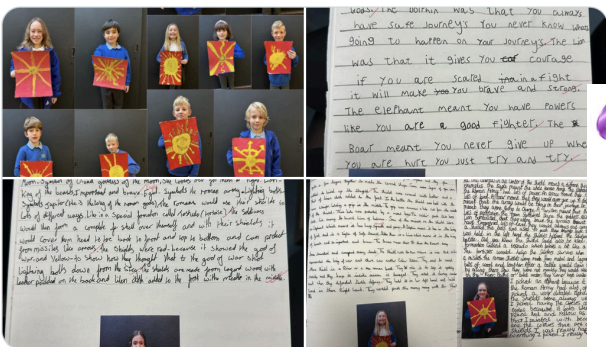
**Shirenewton Year 6** @shirenewton\_6 · Dec 12

Rehearsing for the Carol Service at Shirenewton Church next Monday. In memory of Benjamin Zephaniah, we are doing our own performance of Talking Turkeys. @shirenewtonsch @shire\_arts



**Shirenewton Year 4** @Shire\_Year4 · 18h

This week we have been carrying out our own independent research about the different meanings Roman Shields have, how they were looked after and how they were made. We then had a go at making our own Roman Shields, using our knowledge we picked a design we felt represented us 🌟



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## Diary Dates 2023/24

### New information highlighted in yellow

#### Autumn Term 2023

**Monday 18th December** - Tim Coed Coch Dress Rehearsal

**Monday 18th December** - Y6 Carol Concert 6pm

**Tuesday 19th December** – Y2 and 3 to Itton Church

**Wednesday 20th** - Tim Coed Coch Concert 2pm

**Thursday 21st December** - Last day of Autumn Term

**Friday 22nd December** – INSET Day school closed to pupils

**Mon 25th December to Friday 7 January** - Christmas Holiday

**Monday 8th January** - INSET Day school closed to pupils

#### Spring Term 2024 – Key Dates

**Mon 8th Jan** - INSET Day - School Closed to Pupils

**Wed 11th Jan** – Y3 swimming all term

**Mon 29th Jan** - Governors Meeting

**Fri 2nd Feb** – Dydd Miwsig Cymru

**Monday 5th Feb - Tues 6th Feb** - Y4 to Gilwern

**Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb** - Half Term Holiday

**Mon 19th Feb** – Back to School

**Mon 19th - Wed 21st Feb** - Y5 to Gilwern

**Wed 28th Feb** - Y3 in Gilwern

**Fri 1st Mar** - Eisteddfod

**Fri 8th Mar** - Coffee Morning 9:15am

**Week Beginning 11th Mar** - Parent Consultations

**Mon 18th Mar** - Governors' Meeting

**Fri 22nd Mar** - Last day for pupils

**Mon 25th Mar - Fri 5th April** - Easter Holidays



# Chepstow RFC Mini & Juniors



## NEW PLAYERS WELCOME



Boys & Girls welcome to come and enjoy rugby in a family friendly environment with WRU qualified coaches

**Under 6 – Yr 1**

**Under 7 – Yr 2**

**Under 8 – Yr 3**

**Under 9 – Yr 4**

**Under 10 – Yr 5**

**Under 11 – Yr 6**



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