

Happy half term, everyone! I can't believe it's the end of another 8 week period in school. It seems to have flown by. Reflecting on the term so far, the children and staff have achieved a huge amount and I am really proud of them. Thank you to all of you for your support in helping our school to be the place it is!

Harvest Donations

Thank you so much for all of your donations. We received a large amount of items to donate to the food bank, who are very grateful. The produce was picked up this morning - Chepstow Food Bank are enormously grateful



Year 6 Swimming Lessons

Year 6 are swimming for 7 weeks during the second half of Autumn Term. The first session will be on 6th 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.

Mathletics

Mathletics and Reading Eggs / Reading Eggspress

Please encourage your children to use these excellent resources at home - they are expensive to subscribe to and if they are not used, we will not be able to sustain or justify the cost. At present only around a quarter of pupils use the resource at home. If you are unsure of your child's login details for these, please speak to their class teacher or email the office.



Absence and Lateness

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 illness before 9.10am. Likewise if your child will be later than 9.10am please use the absence line, to ensure the office are able to code the register correctly. If you have any questions on any attendance matters please do not hesitate to contact the office for support and advice.

Remembrance Day Poppies

We still have a few poppies remaining. These are available to parents at a suggested donation of £2. Any monies raised will be donated to the Royal British Legion. If you would like one of these poppies, please complete this [form](#).



Breakfast Club

We appreciate that there are always a lot of things to juggle, but it is really important that pupils who attend breakfast club prior to 8.30am are booked before 8am on the day. This is also the case for school dinners. The consequence of not doing so has a significant impact on resources at school, so please endeavour to book in a timely manner - diolch yn fawr.

New Lunch Menu

The canteen will be providing a new lunch menu from Monday 4th November 2024. As always please ensure meals are booked prior to 8am.



PRIMARY SCHOOL MENU

AVAILABLE DAILY

BREAD AND FRESH FRUIT

JACKET POTATOES WITH VARIOUS TOPPINGS

SALAD BAR

ANY ALLERGIES OR SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS, PLEASE INFORM THE CATERING SERVICE



AUTUMN/WINTER 2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Fish Fingers, Salmon Fishcake or Country Bake (V) Potato Wedges or Baby Potatoes Peas • Cucumber Sticks Fruit Wedges with Cheese + Crackers	Chicken or Quorn (V) in Tomato Sauce Pasta Garlic Bread Broccoli Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt	Roast Turkey or Cauliflower + Broccoli Bake (V) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast + Boiled Potatoes + Gravy Carrots • Peas Chocolate Biscuit	Beef or Vegetarian (V) Chilli Rice Tortilla Wrap Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt	Tomato Pasta (V) or Mac + Cheese (V) Crusty Bread Leafy Green Side Salad Autumn Fruit Sponge + Custard
WEEK 2	Battered Fish, Salmon Fingers or Cheese + Onion Quiche (V) Mashed Potato or Baby Potatoes Peas • Cucumber Sticks Fruit Wedges with Cheese + Crackers	Mild Chicken or Chickpea (V) Masala Rice Naan Bread Broccoli Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt	Pork or Glamorgan (V) Sausage Yorkshire Pudding, Roast + Boiled Potatoes + Gravy Carrots • Green Beans Oat Cookie + a Glass of Milk	Beef or Vegetarian (V) Bolognese Pasta Garlic Bread Cabbage + Leeks • Peas Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce	Cheese + Tomato Pizza (V) or Rainbow Veg Pizza (V) Chips Leafy Green Side Salad Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt
WEEK 3	Fish Fingers, Salmon Fingers or Country Bake (V) Mashed Potato or Potato Wedges Peas • Cucumber Sticks Fruit Wedges with Cheese + Crackers	Chicken or Chickpea (V) Korma Rice Naan Bread Cauliflower • Carrot Sticks Carrot Cake	Roast Beef or Quorn (V) Yorkshire Pudding, Roast + Boiled Potatoes + Gravy Carrots • Cabbage + Leeks Fruit Salad + Yoghurt	Meatballs or Plantballs (V) Tomato Sauce Pasta Broccoli Toffee Apple Crumble + Custard	Cheese + Tomato Pizza (V) or Cheddar + Vegetable Frittata (V) Chips Leafy Green Side Salad Fresh Fruit + Yoghurt

NOVEMBER 2024

DECEMBER 2024

JANUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2025

MARCH 2025

Please scan QR code for further details or visit our website: www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/school-meals

This menu has been analysed by Welsh Local Government Association and is certified compliant with the Healthy Eating in Schools Regulations 2013.

Committees

This week the pupil committees held votes for their Chairperson, Vice Chair and Secretary. Please see below a list of the committee members.

Eco Committee Chair - Florence Vice Chair - Abe Secretary - Henry O V. Secretary - Charlotte	Criw Cymraeg Chair - Ava S Vice Chair - Huw Secretary - Ava D	Digital Leaders Chair - Henry G Vice Chair - Isla Secretary - Max I	Wellbeing Council Chair - Angela Vice Chair - Jessica Secretary - Jack
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Football Tournament

Pupils from Year 5 and 6 took part in the south east Wales Finals today -



they all performed superbly, narrowly missing out on securing a place in the play off for the next round. We were so proud of you - better luck next time

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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
Famke	Ellie	Cameron	George	Daniel	Aoife	Alexandra
Hazel	Lowenna	Ivy	Rohan	Oliver J	Digby	Danny
Mollie	Ryan	Lily	Theon	Samuel	Morgan	Henry O

This week we have been...



Shirenewton Year 1
@Shire_Year1

Year 1 are making the most of our pumpkins! 🎃 We've created a magical pumpkin fairy garden, composted the waste, and dried out seeds to grow and send back to the farm for the next harvest. Don't forget that delicious soup we made last week. #Sustainability @shirenewtonsch



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Shirenewton Year 5 @Shire_Year5 · Oct 21

Wow! Amazing mathematical inquiry this morning using arrays to help us find prime numbers. Da iawn pawb. @shirenewtonsch



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Shirenewton Year 4 @Shire_Year4 · Oct 22

Year 4 were working hard during PE today. We are working on communicating and working as a team in PE without using our voices. The best quote from the session was "it doesn't matter if we win because we are having so much fun". Bendigedig 🌟



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Shirenewton Year 2 @Shire_Year2 · Oct 22

Getting better every week! Dal a ti pawb and diolch yn fawr eto i @gwentmusic @shirenewtonsch @shire_arts



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Shirenewton Year 6 @shirenewton_6 · Oct 23

Superb research skills in operation this week, finding out about black scientists and inventors who have helped change the world for the better. #BlackHistoryMonth2024 @shirenewtonsch @shi_llcaole



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Diary Dates 2024/25

New information highlighted in yellow

Autumn Term 2024	
Mon 28th Oct - Fri 1st Nov - Half term break Mon 4th Nov - Return to school Mon 4th Nov - Y2 Pedestrian training starts Wed 6th Nov - Y6 Swimming this half term (weekly) Wed 6th Nov - PTA Meeting Sunday 10th Nov - Remembrance Sunday Mon 11th Nov - School Photos Wed 13th Nov - School Disco Fri 15th Nov - Children in Need day Mon 18th Nov - Reception 2025 Information Event Thurs 21st Nov - Rec-Y2 Little Red Riding Hood at the Drill Hall Mon 25th Nov - Governors' Meeting Tues 26th Nov - Y4 Museum trip Wed 27th Nov - Y2 We are the Curious trip	Sat 30th Nov - Christmas fayre Mon 2nd Dec – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents’ invited 10am Wed 4th Dec – Y2 and Y3 Christmas Concert 2pm Mon 9th Dec – Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert Dress Rehearsal - Grandparents invited 10am Wed 11th Dec - Y4 and Y5 Christmas Concert 2pm Wed 11th Dec - Y2 and Y3 performing at Itton Church Thurs 12th Dec - School Christmas dinner Mon 16th Dec - Rec and Y1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal - grandparents invited 10am Mon 16th Dec - Y6 Carol Concert at Shirenewton Church 6pm Wed 18th Dec - Rec and Y1 Nativity Performance 2pm Mon 23rd Dec to Fri 3rd Jan - Christmas Holiday
Spring Term 2025	
Monday 6th January - Return to school Mon 3rd-Tues 4th Feb - Y4 Gilwern Thurs 13th Feb - Y3 Gilwern Mon 17th-Wed19th Feb - Y5 Gilwern	Mon 24th-Fri 28th Feb - Half term break Mon 3rd Feb - Return to school Mon 14th-Fri 25th Apr - Easter Holiday
Summer Term 2025	
Mon 28th Apr - Return to school Mon 5th May - Bank holiday Mon 26th-Fri 30th May - Half term break	Mon 2nd Jun - Return to school Tues 22nd Jul - Summer holiday



Rags2Riches



Our next Rags2Riches Collection is on
Tuesday 12th November

You can leave donations from 4th November
in our PTA storage bin next to our container
in the staff car park. On the day of collection
please leave by the kitchens.

Please see what items are suitable below, NO damaged or
dirty clothing and NO uniform.

SHIRENEWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jewellery and Accessories
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Paired Shoes and Footwear	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR

LIGHT PARTY!

A fun, friendly and **free** alternative to Halloween -
no scares and no gore

ON

SUNDAY 3RD NOV
3:30-4:30PM

Join us for....

- Design your own pumpkin carving
- Biscuit icing
- Quiz and games
- Free glowsticks and mini disco
- Prizes for best superhero, princess and animal costume!

AT SHIRENEWTON CHURCH HALL

Contact Revd Zoe for more info: 07754 306229



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FOR 7 WEEKS

PÊL-FASGED IAU JUNIOR BASKETBALL

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STARTING 6TH 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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christmas Quiz Night

Sat 23rd Nov 24

QUIZMASTER

BIG ED THE QUIZ HEAD
£12^{PP}



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 or scan here

Vegan/Vegetarian food options available on
request

