



Trellech Primary School Newsletter

Friday 2nd October 2026



Harvest Festival

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome so many families to our Harvest Festival at St Nicholas Church. As one of the first events of the school year, it was wonderful to come together as a school community and celebrate the season of harvest. A huge thank you to Dosbarth Chewch for leading the service so confidently, and to all classes for their beautiful singing throughout the celebration. We would also like to congratulate Dosbarth Derbyn, who performed in front of a large audience for the very first time. They showed great confidence and enthusiasm, and we are incredibly proud of them. Finally, a sincere thank you from our Charity Committee for your generous donations. Your support is greatly appreciated, and all contributions will be gratefully received by Monmouth Foodbank.

Urdd Eisteddfod Welcome Event

At the weekend, staff, pupils and colleagues from school and across our cluster were delighted to attend the Urdd Eisteddfod Welcome Event in Newport. The event marked the beginning of the exciting journey towards the Urdd Eisteddfod 2027, which will be held in Newport next June.

It was wonderful to see pupils representing our cluster so proudly and joining others from across the region to celebrate Welsh language, culture and community. The event provided a fantastic opportunity to build excitement for what promises to be a memorable occasion and to learn more about the opportunities that will be available for children to participate in the months ahead.

We look forward to being involved in the celebrations and activities leading up to the Urdd Eisteddfod and encourage all pupils to take part in this special national event. Diolch to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success.



Communication & SeeSaw

We are delighted to share that we have liaised with SeeSaw and upgraded our subscription moving forward to share your child's learning journey and as a form of communication. We will continue using Schoop as a form of communication during this period of transition. In the coming week's your child's teacher will reach out as they begin to utilise the platform and share your child's learning. Further information in readiness can be found: <https://seesaw.com/resource/family-resources/>

Sharing Session and Parent Consultations

We look forward to welcoming to share your child's achievements so far as they settle into the new academic year. Sharing Session takes place on Tuesday 6th October and Parent Consultations on Wednesday 7th and Friday 8th October. Please use the following link to book an appointment: <https://bookings.cloud.microsoft/book/TrellechPrimaryParentConsultationsAutumn12026@hwbwave15.onmicrosoft.com/?ismsaljsauthenabled>

Healthy Snacks

Please support our healthy school by providing a piece of fruit or veg in a reusable container for break. Please no nuts due to pupil allergies. Fruit Tuck runs each Friday during morning break, each item costs 30p.

PTFA Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee afternoon on Friday, 25th September. A special thank you to those who



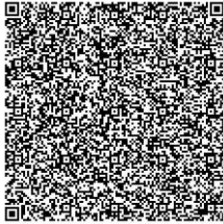
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generously donated or made cakes. We are delighted to share that we raised £119! Should anyone still wish to donate, the link is still live and accessible here:
<https://cm26.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/cm26049825>

Thank you again for supporting Macmillan and making the event a success.



Academic Year 2026/ 2027

Fri 2nd Oct: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 5th Oct: Y6 Trip to Big Pit

Tues 6th Oct: Sharing Session

Weds 7th Oct: Parent Consultations

Thurs 8th Oct: Parents Consultations

Thurs 8th Oct: Colorfoto Individual & Sibling Photographs

Fri 9th Oct: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Fri 23rd Oct: End Autumn Term One

Mon 2nd Nov: Autumn Term Two Commences

Fri 13th Nov: Children in Need

Tues 8th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Weds 9th Dec: Acorns Nativity 9.30am

Thurs 10th Dec: Whole School Pantomime Trip

Weds 16th Dec: Whole School Christmas Lunch

Fri 18th Dec: End of Autumn Term

Mon 4th Jan: Spring Term Commences

Mon 25th Jan– Fri 5th Feb: National Assessments (Y2–Y6)

Fri 5th Feb: End of Spring Term One

Mon 15th Feb: Spring Term Two Commences

Weds 17th March: Pupil Report to Parents/ Carers

Fri 19th March: End of Spring Term

Mon 5th April: Summer Term Commences

Thurs 29th April: Sharing Session

Fri 30th April: Cluster INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 4th May: Parent Consultations

Weds 5th May: Parent Consultations

Thurs 20th May: Colorfoto Class/ Group Photos

Fri 28th May FP Sports Day- 9.30am

Fri 28th May KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Fri 28th May: End of Summer Term One

Mon 7th June: Summer Term Two Commences

Fri 11th June: Reserve FP Sports Day- 9.30am

Fri 11th June: Reserve KS2 Sports Day- 1.30pm

Tues 22nd June: Oaks Summer Performance (pm)

Weds 23rd June: Oaks Summer Performance (6pm)

Mon 5th- Weds 7th July: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Fri 16th July: Y6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am

Fri 16th July: Last Day of Summer Term for Pupils

Mon 19th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Tues 20th July: End of Academic Year

Mon 6th– Weds 8th July: Y6 Residential to Gilwern

Mon 20th July: INSET Day School Closed to Pupils

Mon 20th July: End Of Academic Year

Class News

Dosbarth Derby

Yet another fortnight has passed In Reception and what a busy one it has been. In Maths we have been learning about repeated patterns and making our own ones using loose parts. We have also been busy learning our numbers between 0-10 and how to correctly form them by using the rhymes. We know that 0-9 has a rhyme and 10 we need to combine! Forming numbers aren't the easiest but I was so pleased with how hard the children tried, and they all had a go. We have also been practicing forming numbers in the sand to help with our motor skills.

We have been busy discussing different emotions and what makes us feel them using our emotion cards and figures. This led nicely into our Welsh where we learnt



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how to say the emotions and have been singing our Mr Hapus ydw i song.

For our topic work, we have been talking about who helps us at home and why. The children gave lots of great answers and reasons which was great. This week we celebrated our first Harvest festival at the church. I'm sure you'll agree the children were amazing and all sang their song 'Harvest time is here again' beautifully. As we have had our first harvest festival it was important to talk about what harvest is and where our food comes from so our children understand it's importance. If you were able to bring in a donation for the food bank, thank you so much! As all of Reception are a part of the Charity Committee it meant a lot to show our support for our local Monmouth Foodbank.

Next week we commence our Read Write Inc sessions. If you were able to attend the workshop on Thursday afternoon, I want to thank you again for supporting your child's school and home learning.

Whatever your plans are for the weekend, I hope you have a lovely one!

Dosbarth Un

We've had another busy and exciting fortnight in Year 1!

In Literacy, we completed our writing about our dream houses using adjectives. The children came up with some wonderfully imaginative descriptions and pictures, and it was fantastic to see their creativity shine through in their work. Da iawn, Blwyddyn Un! We will now be moving on to writing autumn poems, and I am looking forward to hearing all of the children's wonderful ideas next week.

In Maths, we have continued practising our number bonds and have had lots of fun making sensible estimates. We even used our Harvest donations as part of our learning, estimating how many tins had been collected before counting them. Thank you to all families for your generous Harvest donations.

As part of our topic work, we have been learning about where we live. Using DigiMaps, we located our school and explored where we all live in relation to it, discovering who lives nearest to school. We then created a tally chart to record where we live and used our data to find out which area was the most common.

We have also continued learning about communities and what it means to be a member of a community. We discussed how acts of kindness and generosity, such as supporting our Harvest collection, help to make our community a better place.

A particular highlight this week was looking at our baby photos. We talked about how we have changed since we were babies, things we couldn't do then but can do now, and what we think we might be able to do when we are older. We also enjoyed playing "Guess the Baby" and had great fun trying to identify our friends and teachers from their photographs!

Finally, a huge well done to Blwyddyn Un for their wonderful performance in the Harvest Festival. We are so proud of every one of you for your hard work, confidence and enthusiasm.

Dosbarth Dau

Hwyl mae pawb, Yet another busy week in Year Two!

In numeracy lessons, pupils have been partitioning two and three-digit numbers to recognise the hundreds, tens and ones within a number. We have also used the 'Hungry Crocodile' to determine whether a number is greater than or less than another number, for example: $78 > 68$.

The children have revised colours in Welsh and have been telling us where they live using phrases such as "Dwi'n byw yn Nhrellech."

I have been really pleased with the progress in our rugby lessons. The children are now jogging and passing the ball backwards in a line. Ffantastig! During indoor PE, we have been developing our gymnastics skills, focusing on different types of rolls and working collaboratively to perform sequences of movements on mats.

In Expressive Arts and Design, we have been exploring our Roman topic by designing our own Roman shields. During enhanced provision, the children have also used LEGO to recreate and build their shield designs, demonstrating great creativity and problem-solving skills.

In literacy, our class text has been **Perfectly Norman**. Inspired by the story, we have written character descriptions about ourselves, using ambitious adjectives to describe our personalities, strengths and interests.

We have also enjoyed many wonderful stories during our 'Think While We Drink' sessions and have spent lots of time exploring all areas of the classroom. It has been lovely to see the children developing their independence, resilience and creativity through their learning and play.

Dosbarth Tri

It has been a fantastic start to the term in Year 3. The children have approached their learning with enthusiasm, curiosity and a positive attitude, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow each week.



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In Numeracy, we have been recapping and developing our understanding of place value. The children have been exploring the value of digits within numbers, comparing and ordering numbers, and applying their knowledge through a range of activities. Da iawn to everyone for their effort and perseverance.

In Literacy, we have been focusing on fiction writing, developing our scene and character descriptions. The children have enjoyed bringing their ideas to life through imaginative writing and are beginning to use increasingly ambitious vocabulary to engage their readers.

Our topic this term is Our Capital, Our Wales. We have been discovering the different eras that have shaped Cardiff's rich history and learning how the city has developed into the vibrant capital we know today. The children have asked some thoughtful questions and shown great interest in the topic.

Friday afternoons have become particularly lively thanks to Gwent Music's Samba drumming sessions. The children have explored a range of instruments, including the surdo drum, agogo, tamborim and ganza. These sessions have been tremendous fun and have brought a wonderful new atmosphere to the end of the week. Ardderchog!

We have also been busy preparing for our Harvest celebration. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning their Harvest song and were very excited to perform it on Tuesday. I was incredibly proud of the confidence, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour they showed during their first performance as Year 3 pupils.

Finally, we are now making excellent use of Google Classroom. It has been fantastic to read the homework being submitted online, and I know these activities will further support and enhance the children's learning. Thank you for your continued support with this at home. Diolch yn fawr.

We look forward to another exciting few weeks in Year 3!

Dosbarth Pedwar

We have made a fantastic start to our new topic, Fearless Vikings! In Literacy, we have been exploring the character traits and appearances of dragons using powerful descriptive language. The children identified synonyms with the help of a thesaurus to enhance and elaborate on their descriptions. We then created a *simile dragon bank* to help us write even more vivid and engaging sentences about dragons. This week, we took a short break from our dragon work to enter a poetry competition based on the theme of Autumn. The children used literary devices such as personification and alliteration to create imaginative

and expressive poems. In Topic, we have been learning about the food that Vikings ate and how they obtained it. We compared their diet to our own and concluded that Vikings actually had a very healthy and balanced diet. We are now beginning to create our own Viking Trading Post, where the children can use their imagination while consolidating and applying mathematical skills they have been learning in class. As always, the children never cease to amaze us with their creativity, enthusiasm, and brilliant ideas. In maths we have been using counters pictorially to support our learning in column addition. This has really helped the children as the sums become more challenging and using the bigger numbers. Thank you for your support in the church this year for our Harvest. It was lovely to see so many of you in the congregation to listen to the service and our singing which the children worked so hard to learn. We have had our first visit to forest school of the Autumn term this week. The children enjoyed creating obstacle courses using resources from around the forest and challenged teams to complete their obstacles. Thank you for your support.

Dosbarth Pump

We have had a fantastic start to our new topic, From Valleys to Victories, focusing on World War II. As part of the topic the children explored a wonderful workshop at Abergavenny Museum. The children started the sessions by being Artefact Detectives, here they used a variety of detection skills to work out what the object was, the purpose of the object and then provide 3 clues to help the other children guess. We then enjoyed an immersive experience learning all about the Anderson shelters. The children were fantastic role models throughout the trip and I was a very proud teacher indeed.

In ICT, the children have developed a range of digital skills by researching important information and creating timelines using Google Slides. They confidently inserted images and text boxes, as well as editing font colours to produce engaging presentations. In Literacy, the children have been reading *Hannah Goes to War* and used the first chapter as inspiration for a wonderful piece of writing based on the announcement of war. Using iPads, the children recorded their own news announcements, each taking on a different role. The emotional language used to convey Hannah's feelings was particularly impressive. In Maths, the children have been focusing on developing pictorial methods for number. For addition and subtraction, they have been partitioning and recombining numbers to strengthen their understanding, while in multiplication they have used jottings, sharing and grouping strategies to build confidence and fluency. The children have also explored the role of food banks and the reasons they are needed. To support this



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learning, they used Digi Maps to identify the locations of food banks in and around Monmouthshire. This linked closely to our Harvest Festival work, and it was wonderful to see the children learn the songs and perform so confidently at the church.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dosbarth Chwech

It has been a wonderful start to the term, and our Year 6 pupils have settled well into their final year of primary school and their leadership roles across the school. They are demonstrating great maturity and are working exceptionally hard across all areas of the curriculum. A highlight of our week was leading the Harvest Assembly at the church. The children spoke with confidence and clarity, knew their lines thoroughly, and brought the service to a delightful close with a fantastic school song. We were immensely proud of how well they represented our school community. In class, pupils are fully engaged with our *Pits and Ponies* topic and our novel, *Coal Dust and Dreams*. Their recent Literacy work culminated in a "Star Write," where they crafted evocative pieces exploring the feelings of a young girl breaking the law to work underground in a Welsh mine to support her family. They demonstrated excellent technical writing skills, utilizing fronted adverbials and clear paragraphing to structure their thoughts effectively. Building on this historical focus, the children also studied the Senghenydd colliery disaster, showing great sensitivity while creating informative presentation slides complete with active hyperlinks. In Mathematics, we have been focusing on pictorial methods for subtraction and multiplication, encouraging pupils to explore and select the strategies that suit them best. In Science, learning has been very hands-on as we investigate the human skeleton and respiratory system. The children particularly enjoyed constructing working models to demonstrate the functions of lungs and antagonistic muscles. With just one swimming session remaining, we have seen great progress, particularly in essential self-rescue and life-saving techniques. Finally, in Online Safety, the children explored what "clickbait" is and discussed practical steps to navigate the digital world safely.

Thank you for your continued support as we look forward to another productive week.

Let's Talk: Monmouthshire Resident Survey 2026

Monmouthshire County Council is inviting residents to take part in the Let's Talk Resident Survey 2026.

This is your opportunity to share your views on your local area, council services and the issues that matter most to you. Your feedback will help shape future priorities and ensure local voices are heard.

We'd encourage you and all members of your household (who are aged 16+) to share their views, so we have all generations represented. All voice matter.

The survey only takes about 10 minutes to complete and runs until **Friday, 30 October**.

You can complete the survey online through Let's Talk Monmouthshire, or download a paper copy, or pick one up from your local Community Hub, Library, or Leisure Centre.

You can also return completed paper surveys to these locations.

Complete the survey here: [Monmouthshire Resident Survey 2026](#)

Thank you for taking part.





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MONMOUTHSHIRE DADS PROJECT

A STRONG FATHER-CHILD RELATIONSHIP
CHANGES THEIR LIFE FOR THE BETTER

BY DADS, FOR DADS

Dads get overlooked too often. **We're here to change that.** From the moment you find out you're expecting, to the school gates and beyond – it's never too early or too late to build that bond. **We're here to support you with that.**

SOMEWHERE TO GO

- Weekly groups across the county, all year round
- Free, no booking required, with a relaxed format – just turn up!
- An all-male space
- Dad-friendly play for children age 0-4
- Meet other dads, pick up tips and good ideas – no pressure to talk
- We even tidy up afterwards – leave when you want



"CONNECTION, NOT PERFECTION"



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FEEL BETTER, FATHER BETTER

- Time with Dads Advisors who are fathers themselves and know the score
- Get help sorting out the practical stuff
- Someone to talk to, whatever's on your mind – without judgement
- Support with the ups & downs of being a dad – however that looks
- Arrange to meet at a time convenient to you

MEET THE DADS

We're just dads too. Same sleepless nights, same worries, same bad jokes. Whoever you speak to, you'll get the same friendly, practical support – we work as one team.



GEZ

Single dad to a school-age daughter

Background – Community and careers coaching

Loves – Helping single dads, reading, and play

Off duty – Walking, veggie food, electronic music

Message – 07816 182432



GILES

Dad to a school-age daughter

Background – Healthcare and life coaching

Loves – Helping dads not sweat the small stuff

Off duty – Road cycling, cooking curries, electronic music

Message – 07977 817312



IAIN

Dad to two neurodiverse little ones

Background – Health, fitness and wellbeing

Loves – Helping dads feel more connected to their children

Off duty – Family, football and Hip Hop music

Message – 07870 168832

GET IN TOUCH

Whoever you are, and whatever's going on, you're welcome here. Everything we do is free, always.

- Message/WhatsApp or call on any of the numbers above
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We'll help you find the right group, activity or support.



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Clipper Round the World Race

An invitation to join Rotary Monmouth for an exceptional evening with Eric Froggatt, as he shares the remarkable story of taking on one of the world's great adventures, the 2023–24 Clipper Round the World Yacht Race.

Imagine racing 46,000 nautical miles around the globe and facing some of the toughest conditions on the planet. Hear Eric's gripping first-hand stories of battling freezing storms in the North Pacific, confronting the huge swells of the legendary Roaring Forties, and living and competing for months at sea. Whether you are a seasoned sailor, an adventure enthusiast, or someone who loves an inspiring story of overcoming the extreme, this evening promises to be unforgettable.

Tickets are free and can be obtained by either using the link below:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/clipper-race-2023-24-tickets-1997971549689?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

or, alternatively, log on to the Rotary Club web page "rotarymonmouth.com" and scroll down to our "Happening Soon" paragraph and click on "Details", then click on "HERE" to get to the Eventbrite booking link.