CANTREF PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2

12th September 2025

School Clubs

Please find the timetable for School Clubs at the end of this newsletter 😊

Netball and Football After School Clubs have been cancelled for Monday 15th September due to the yellow weather warning of wind.

What's been happening

News regarding Mrs A Price

After nearly 30 years of dedicated service, our wonderful school cook, Mrs A Price, will soon be leaving her role.

Throughout the years, she has prepared countless delicious meals for generations of children. Her commitment, hard work has been truly exceptional, and we know she will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils alike.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Price for everything she has done for our school over the past three decades. Her contribution has been invaluable, and we wish her all the very best for the future 😊



What's coming up

Reminder: Class Association Meetings

Here's a reminder of the dates and times for each class:

- **Reception**: Wednesday 17th September at 3pm
- **Year 1**: Wednesday 17th September at 2.30pm
- **Year 2**: Thursday 18th September at 3pm
- **Year 3**: Wednesday 17th September at 1.30pm
- **Year 4**: Tuesday 16th September at 3.30pm
- **Year 5**: Monday 15th September at 3.30pm
- **Year 6**: Thursday 18th September at 3.30pm



Pre-loved Uniform Exchange – Jumpers & Cardigans – Wednesday 17th October

We will be holding a jumpers and cardigans uniform exchange on **Wednesday 17th October from 3pm** outside the school office or in the Main Hall (weather dependent).



Dates for the Autumn Term 2025

Please see dates for the rest of the Autumn term below.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Week 3

Mon 15th Sep	Nursery and Reception children in full time
Tue 16th Sep	**Governors meeting – Finance at 4pm - Full Governors AGM at 4:30pm**
Wed 17th Sep	**Uniform Exchange from 3pm – Outside school office or Main Hall**
Fri 19th Sep	House Captain Speeches Assembly - Year 6

Week 4

Mon 22nd Sep	**Read, Write Inc workshop for reception parents and carers at 3.30pm**

OCTOBER 2025

Week 5

Tue 30th Sept	The Bumbles of Honeywood for Year 2
Thu 2nd Oct	National Poetry Day
Thu 2nd Oct	**School photographer – individual photographs**
Fri 3rd Oct	**Times Table Rockstars – Non-School Uniform Day**

Week 6

Mon 6th Oct	**PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS WEEK**
Wed 7th Oct	**Year 6 Trip to The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum, Brecon**
Thu 9th Oct	Event at KHS 3-19 school with Author Cressida Cowell - Year 4
Thu 9th Oct	**Non-School Uniform Day for Abergavenny Foodbank**
Fri 10th Oct	**INSET DAY 2**

Week 7

Fri 17th Oct	**Non School Uniform Day - Wear Red – Show Racism the red card**

Week 8

Mon 20th Oct	**Harvest Festival Celebrations at Christchurch at 10am – Whole School**
Tue 21st Oct	**Spooky Disco**
	(Lower Phase Disco: 3:45pm – 4:45pm & Upper Phase Disco: 5pm – 6pm)

~~~ HALF TERM: Monday 27th October 2025 ~ Friday 31st October 2025 ~~~

NOVEMBER 2025

Week 10

Mon 10th Nov	**ANTI BULLYING WEEK**
Tue 11th Nov	Remembrance Day – Whole School
Fri 14th Nov	**Non-School Uniform Day - Children in Need**

Week 11

Mon 17th Nov	**ROAD SAFETY WEEK ~ Theme is safe Roads for all**
Wed 19th Nov	**Whole School Flu Immunisation**
Thu 20th Nov	**Governors Meeting - 4pm Finance 4:30pm Full Governors**
Fri 21st Nov	**Non-School Uniform Day for Cantref Christmas Fair**
Fri 21st Nov	Carers Rights Day

Week 12

Fri 28th Nov	**Cantref Christmas Fair**

DECEMBER 2025

Week 13

Mon 1st Dec	Christingle Practice at St Mary's Church 9.30am (Year 5 & 6)
Tue 2nd Dec	Christingle Service - 6pm St Mary's Church Whole School & parents/carers
Wed 3rd Dec	**Christmas Lunch**
Fri 5th Dec	School choir Singing in Abergavenny Town

Week 14

Mon 8th Dec	**School Elf Day & Fun Run – Non-School Uniform Day**
Wed 10th Dec	**Year 3/4 Christmas Production at 1.45pm**
Thu 11th Dec	**Year 3/4 Christmas Production at 9.30am**
Thu 11th Dec	**Christmas Jumper Day – Non-School Uniform Day**
Fri 12th Dec	**Elf Takeover Day**

Week 15

Wed 17th Dec	**Infant Nativity for Year 1 and 2 parents/carers at 1.45pm**
Thu 18th Dec	**Infant Nativity for Nursery and Reception parents/carers at 9.45am**
Fri 19th Dec	**Autumn Term Ends – School Finishes at 2pm**

SPRING TERM 2026

Monday 5th Jan	**INSET Day 3**
Tuesday 6th Jan	First day back for pupils

Coats

As we have experienced a lot of rain and more rain is forecast for next week, please can we remind parents/carers to send a coat in to school with their children each day 😊



Water bottles

There has been an increase in children requesting paper cups each day, please can we ask parents/carers to send a water bottle in with their child each day.

To avoid water bottles from ending up in 'Lost Property' we kindly ask that you label your child's water bottle with their name and year group please.

Thank you for your cooperation 😊



Cold compresses

We are missing most of our cold compresses, if your child has taken a cold compress home with them, please can you return it to school at your earliest convenience. Thank you in advance 😊



Items Needed

Do you have any puzzles and boardgames (for 4–5-year-olds) that you no longer need and that you could kindly donate our Reception class? If you do have any puzzles and boardgames that you wish to donate, please drop them off at the school office.

Our Nursery class are also in need of some baby doll clothes, if you have any that you no longer need and that you could kindly donate to our Nursery class, please drop them off at the school office too. Thank you in advance 😊





Message from the School Nursing Team

The School Nursing Service will be visiting the school to offer Reception – Year 6 pupils a nasal flu spray vaccine on Wednesday 19th November. A consent form needs to be completed for children to receive their vaccine.

The consent form can be found here:

2025/26 Childhood Influenza School Vaccination Programme Consent Form

Please submit one form per child no later than 48 hours before the above date. Any consent forms submitted after this time may result in your child not receiving their vaccine on the day. Should you have any difficulties accessing the above link, please contact 01633 431685 for further support.

For information about flu vaccination please visit: About the vaccine - Public Health Wales (nhs.wales)

If you have any further queries, please contact the School Nursing Team on 01633 431685



Cantref Primary School Young Carers

At the beginning of this new school term, we are focused on identifying all the young carers we have here at Cantref and making these children and their families aware of the help and support available to them. We understand that some of our young carers are perhaps in need of a little extra help to enjoy and do well at school and we want to ensure all these pupils are identified and supported effectively.

What is a young carer?

A young carer is someone under 18 who is caring, unpaid, for a family member, or friend, who is mentally or physically unwell, frail, disabled or who misuses substances.
They often take on practical and/or emotional caring responsibilities that would normally be expected of an adult.

There are a great many young carers in the UK today, a large number of which are unaware they are in fact a young carer themselves.

As the Young Carers 'Operational Leads at Cantref Primary we have a responsibility for ensuring all young carers are able to enjoy school, make good progress and benefit fully from all the opportunities available to them, despite their family circumstances.

If you think your child might be a young carer or could be affected by any of the issues we've highlighted, please let us know by filling in the form below and bringing it into school in a sealed envelope addressed to the member of staff named in this letter. If you do not feel comfortable doing this, or have any further questions, please send an email to:

BrownH145@hwbcymru.net or stephensm11@hwbcymru.net

All information will be treated sensitively, and no information will be shared without your knowledge. We are here to help and support in any way we can so please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Miss H. Brown - Reception LSA and Mrs M. Stephens HLTA

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Monmouthshire Young Carers

Young Carers Reply slip

Pupil's name: _____

Class: _____

Does the pupil have parents or other family members who have a long-term illness or disability, or who are affected by poor mental health or substance misuse? Please delete as appropriate:

Yes No

If you wish, you can give further details here: (not required)

_____

_____

Would you like more information about the types of support the school provides to young carers?

Yes No

The local authority provide support for young carers in Monmouthshire, here is a link to what they can offer and their contact details:

https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/social-care/carers-project/young-carers/

Phone: 07970 166975 (10am-3pm Mon to Fri)

Email: YoungCarers@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Any direct referrals are required to go to Early Help Panel email via an Early Help referral form.

Email: earlyhelppanel@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Carers of all ages are entitled to an assessment of need via the Local Authority, please see the link below;

https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/social-care/carers-project/needs-assessment/

Please provide a name and telephone number or email address so that we can contact you about support for your child:

Name: _____

Telephone/email address: _____

Cantref Primary School
Young Carers

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JAZZ FESTIVAL

Fun for Little'uns

at

Little Green Refills

Market Street, Abergavenny

Sunday 28th September: 12noon to 4pm

For youngsters aged 10 years and under

A FREE supervised drop-in workshop led by local artists

Create playful drawings inspired by music and jazz

Pop in for a quick sketch or stay a while

COMMUNITY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

FREE MUSIC AROUND TOWN

WWW.BLACKMOUNTAINJAZZ.CO.UK



Admission to Primary School 2026

Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Gynradd 2026

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Primary School

Application Available
13th November 2025

Closing date for applications:
15th January 2026 at 4pm

Offer date:
16th April 2026

Ysgol Gynradd

Pecynnau ar gael:
13th Tachwedd 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
15th Ionawr 2026 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnig:
16th April 2026

Please note: if you are a Monmouthshire resident, you must apply for your school place through Monmouthshire County Council (excluding applications to voluntary aided/independent schools) even if your preference is for your child to attend a school outside of Monmouthshire.

Nodwych, os ydych yn byw yn Sir Fynwy rhaid i chiwneud cais am le mewn yshol trwy gyngor Sir Fynwy (ac eithrio ceisiadau i ysgolion Annibynnol/Ysgolion Gwirfoddol a gynorthwyir) hyd yn oed os yw'n well gennych i'ch plentyn fynychu ysgol y tu allan i Sir Fynwy.

Ewch i •Visit: monmouthshire.gov.uk/applying-for-a-school-place



Admission to Secondary School 2026

Derbyniadau i Ysgolion Uwchradd 2026

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Secondary School

Application Available
19th September 2025

Closing date for applications:

31st October 2025 at 4pm

Offer date:
2nd March 2026

Ysgol Uwchradd

Pecynnau ar gael:
19th September 2025

Dyddiad cau ceisiadau:
31st Hydref 2025 am 4pm

Dyddiad cynnig:
2nd Mawrth 2026

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Information from Foster Wales

Could You Offer a Short Break to a Child in Need?

We're inviting parents, carers, and anyone interested in fostering to join a **free online recruitment event** on **Monday 6th October 6pm - 7pm**.

Whether you're just curious or ready to take the next step, this is a great chance to learn more and ask questions.

Book your free place here:
https://buytickets.at/fosterwalestorfaen/1828501

Please feel free to share this with friends or family who may be considering fostering.



CANTREF SCHOOL CLUBS TIMETABLE

MONDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	~~**Netball* – Year 5 & 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm**~~ Mrs B Watkins & Mrs B Morgan ~~**Football* – Years 4, 5 & 6 - 3.30pm – 4.30pm**~~ Miss A Schwank ***Both clubs cancelled due to yellow weather warning** **Gardening Club** – Year 5 – 3.30 - 4.30pm** Miss C Baulch & Mrs M Stephens ****(Start date to be confirmed. This club is on a rota & will be shared by Miss B)**
TUESDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	Glee Club – Years 3, 4, 5, 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Mr J Jones, Mrs C Collins & Mrs K Williams
WEDNESDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
Board Games Club – Year 2 Mrs H Woodhouse	
THURSDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**
	Forest School – Year 2 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm Mrs C Price **Homework Club* – Year 6 – 3.30pm – 4.30pm** Miss A Schwank ***Starting from Thursday 25th September**
FRIDAY	
LUNCHTIME	**AFTER SCHOOL**