



Annwyl Rieni a gofawyr,

It has been lovely welcoming our new Reception, Year 7, and Year 12 pupils to our school family, they have settled in really well. It has been a very positive start to the term for all and it is wonderful to see pupils making great progress and making the most of all the opportunities offered.

Upcoming dates

Stay and Play with parents and carers (Reception)	Tuesday 23 rd September – 1.50pm
Trip to White Castle (Specialist Resource Base)	Wednesday 24 th September
Open Evening (Year 7s joining in September 2026)	Thursday 25 th September – 6.00pm
Open Morning (Year 7s joining in September 2026)	Friday 26 th September – 9.00am (please book in advance)
Geography Rivers Trip (Year 11)	Tuesday 30 th September and Thursday 2 nd October
Trip to Roman Museum (Specialist Resource Base)	Wednesday 8 th October
Road Safety Presentation (Year 12)	Wednesday 8 th October – 9.00am
Senior Team Open Door	Thursday 9 th October
Parents' Evening (Primary Phase)	Thursday 9 th October
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Harvest Assembly (Year 3)	Friday 17 th October – 9.30am
Trip to Pumpkin Farm (Specialist Resource Base)	Wednesday 22 nd October
Stay and Play with parents and carers (Nursery)	Thursday 23 rd October – 9.00am
Halloween Disco (Primary Phase)	Thursday 23 rd October
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Training Day (School closed to pupils)	Monday 3 rd November

**Parents and Carers are sent further information regarding their child's specific year group.*

Pupil drop-off and collection

We are making a few changes to our pupil drop-off procedures. This is for families who bring their children to school. From Monday 22nd September, please drop pupils off and collect as follows:

Primary Phase pupils	Continue with the Old Hereford Road entrance. Please use the parking spaces and not the minibus/taxi areas. Please do not park in the disabled bays unless they are for you.
Specialist Resource Base pupils	Continue with the Old Hereford Road entrance.
Secondary Phase pupils	Change to Pen-Y-Pound entrance. At the start of the day please use the drop-off area in the carpark. At the end of the day please park in a parking bay and wait for your child.

The Old Hereford Road entrance is very busy due to the on-going building works. The above changes should help reduce congestion in this period. Thank you for your support.



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Enrichment activities

[Please click here for our Enrichment Activities timetable.](#) Secondary Phase enrichment starts immediately. Primary Phase enrichment starts Monday 29th September. Primary Phase pupils will shortly be able to book a place in our clubs on ParentPay (they are free of charge) and we will contact you shortly about this.

School Lunches

Please order meals for Primary Phase pupils at least 24 hours in advance. You can order up to a term in advance. If you need to be reissued with your login information, please contact Kinghenryviii319finance@monmouthshireschools.wales, and we will be happy to help. A reminder that Secondary Phase pupils will need their ParentPay accounts credited before they can purchase a school lunch. Please log onto ParentPay and click on Active Payments to top up your child's account. [Please click here](#) for a guide on booking and purchasing school lunches on ParentPay.

Home-learning

Please see below our home-learning arrangements.

Reception, and Years 1 and 2	Years 3, 4, 5, and 6	Years 7, 8, and 9	Years 10 and 11
Weekly reading book to practise sounds and words (5-10 minutes per day for a few days per week)	Times Tables Rock Stars (20 minutes per week)	Vocabulous (Activities for a new root word are released every fortnight)	Weekly tasks set by subject teachers
	Study Ladder (one Literacy task per week)	Sparx Maths (Weekly assigned questions)	
		Educake (Science questions released at various points of the half-term)	
	Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by teacher – once per fortnight)	Learn Welsh vocabulary (provided by teacher – once per fortnight)	
		Tasks from Home-Learning Grids (Two tasks per week)	
	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)	Read for Pleasure (15 minutes per day)

Senior Team Open Door

We regularly run Senior Leadership Team 'Open Door' sessions. These are an opportunity for you to discuss any suggestions you may have, on aspects of school life, with a member of the Senior Team. The next 'Open Door' session will take place on Thursday 9th October 2025 between 4pm – 6pm. [Bookings can be made by clicking here.](#) The deadline to book a slot is 4pm on Monday 6th October 2025. Please use our normal channels of communications if you would like to discuss your child's progress or any pastoral matters.



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Attendance

Regular school attendance is really important so that your child can make academic and social progress. Please, only let pupils miss school when absolutely necessary. If you are worried about your child's attendance or need to speak to someone regarding any concerns, please contact the school and we will work with you to remove any barriers.

If your child is absent due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, please let us know through ClassCharts or by phone on the first day of absence (please select option 1 for the primary phase and option 2 for the secondary phase). Please also contact us on any subsequent days, to keep us informed of the situation.

Thank you for your positivity and support.

Yours sincerely / Yn gywir,

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