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King Henry VIII 3-19 School
December 2025/Rhagfyr 2025

Christmas Carol Concert

Our Christmas Carol Concert was a wonderful celebration of music, community, and festive cheer. Pupils from across the school came together to perform a selection of traditional and modern carols. The event showcased the incredible talents and enthusiasm of our pupils, supported by staff, members of Abergavenny Borough Band, and our visiting orchestra. It was a fantastic way to mark the end of term and bring everyone together before the Christmas holidays. Thank you to all who attended and contributed to making this occasion so special.



 **Value of the Month**
Kindness/Caredigrwydd

Being friendly, generous and considerate. Being polite, thoughtful and patient.

Merits awarded:
7,234 merits

Sparx Maths:
217,705 questions answered correctly, and
4,353 hours of personalised learning completed

Accelerated Reader:
Pupils have read a total of 4,734,689 words
For 41 minutes per day (pupil average) in December

Key dates for January

- 5th – Pupils return for the start of term
- 7th - Current Nursery pupils return
- 8th - Mock Examination Results
- 9th - Start of term for new Nursery pupils
- 22nd - Careers Fair/Options Evening
- 29th - Year 11 Parents' Evening



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Christmas Nativity

Nursery and Dosbarth Eliffant joined together for their first nativity performance and it was bendigedig! The children worked so hard to learn their lines, the songs, the sign language, and even a song in Welsh! Da iawn!



Year 2 Christmas Nativity

The room was filled with lots of smiles and happy tears from the grown-ups. We are so very proud of each and every child - you are all superstars!



Boogie Woogie Nativity Show

Year 1 and Starfish class put on a fantastic Boogie Woogie nativity show. It was wonderful to see the singing animals, shepherds and kings, dancing reindeers, boogie angels and the brilliant Mary and Joseph. Everyone shone on stage and did a wonderful job. Ardderchog pawb!



Christmas Stay and Play

Our Nurture class had a Christmas stay and play where parents, carers, and grandparents came to celebrate their child's work. They took part in biscuit making, arts and crafts, singing carols and ended with a hot chocolate.



Specialist Resource Base pupils submitted some fantastic entries to the school's Christmas Card competition. Look out for the winning card, well done all!

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Christmas Lunch



All our pupils enjoyed their special Christmas lunches.



Tiger Tea Party

Year 1 had a wonderful tiger tea party with their families. The children enjoyed planning the party, writing invitations, and making sandwiches. What a lovely way to celebrate the end to term.



Year 4-6 Christmas Concert

Our Year 4-6 Christmas Concert was a fantastic celebration of festive talent! Year 4 wowed us by singing 12 Days of Christmas, and by performing a lively dance. Year 5 shared what they are thankful for, and performed Christmas Calypso. Year 6 delighted us with poems and songs including "Merry Christmas Everyone" and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town".



Christmas Surprise

Shrimp Class and Year 3 put on a wonderful, festive celebration! Singing, dancing, and percussion playing were enjoyed by all and helped us to get into the swing of Christmas. They were all a very merry triumph indeed!



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Year 7 Christmas Celebration Each form group in Year 7 performed a different scene from 'A Christmas Carol'. Thank you to our Year 7 families for attending.



School Choir – Our Community Connectors and members of our school choir visited Avenue Road Nursing Home to sign Christmas carols to residents.



Rewards Trips - Years 7-11 thoroughly enjoyed their rewards trip to Abergavenny cinema.



End of Term assembly

Our wonderful end of Term assemblies recognise the efforts and values our pupils have displayed throughout the term.



Primary Christmas Extravaganza

Our Primary Phase pupils created their own stalls for the Christmas Extravaganza. Thank you to our families for supporting us. Monies raised will go towards providing further opportunities for our pupils.



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Gwent YFC Autumn Fair



Congratulations to Tom and Finnbar (plus younger brother Alfie) who won second place in the "festival" theme Cookery competition at the Gwent Wales Federation of Young Farmers Autumn Fair. The boys had to prepare a three course meal on a gas stove in only one hour, using local produce. Their menu was chicken goujons, stir fry, and a raspberry layered dessert. The boys did particularly well as they were competing in the 10 to 28 age groups.

Menstrual Ambassadors

A group of Year 9 pupils have given up their time to train as Menstrual Ambassadors. The programme is designed to make periods feel normal, pupils to feel supported, and nothing to be embarrassed about. Pupils will benefit from resources, campaigns and access to products. They delivered a workshop to a year 7 PSE group which went really well, they were all excellent! The younger pupils felt more comfortable talking and asking questions to their peers rather than adults. Our Ambassadors are: Delilah, Megan, Nina, Lily, Martha, Isabella, Molly, Rylee and Ursula.



Friends of King Henry VIII 3-19 School

King Henry VIII 3-19 School would like to establish a "Friends Association" to fundraise and support our school community. With you, we can do more!

Do you have time to commit to organising activities?

Are you able to take on a committee role?

Do you have fundraising ideas?

Can you sponsor events and activities?

If you would like to get involved, please email us:

friendskhs@monmouthshireschools.wales

EVERYONE is welcome. Diolch.



Eco-Lab Christmas Stall

Eco-Lab pupils were full of festive cheer this December as they hosted a hugely successful Christmas sale, showcasing products they had designed and made themselves. The event highlighted not only pupils' creativity and practical skills, but also their strong commitment to sustainability. Using recycled and sustainable materials, pupils produced a wide range of thoughtful and inventive items, including decorations, small gifts, homeware and accessories. A huge well done and thank you to all the Years 9 and 10 pupils involved, and thank you to everyone who supported the Eco-Lab by purchasing a sustainable gift this Christmas.

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Sporting Success

- ✓ Congratulations to Dylan on winning a Silver medal at the senior Welsh sprint championships
- ✓ The Senior Phase Netball team represented the school in the 2025 Presidents Cup.
- ✓ Well done to the Year 7 Football team who drew 2-2 in an exciting game on Lower Meadow.
- ✓ Congratulations Year 8 on a good win in the Newport Cup against St Josephs. The boys really worked well as a team.
- ✓ Another Year 10 league Netball win: Well done girls - Player of the match was Lola
- ✓ A fantastic win for the year 7 Netball players v Lliswery

