

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sadly, I think we have seen the last of the summer now. As the weather has turned please can all children please wear a coat to school. We try to use the outdoors as much as possible throughout the week whatever the weather!

Thank you for coming to our 'Get to Know Your Teacher' sessions. We hope you found them useful. We will send interim reports out in November just before the Parent Consultations so you can see how your child is doing. Remember you can make an appointment to speak to your child's teacher at any time.





Our Christian value this half term is:



Father Julian and Mrs Balkwill lead our value assemblies.

Anti-Bullying

All children should have come home with an anti-bullying sticker this week. We talked to the children about the difference between playful teasing, or banter, and bullying.

I have heard from some of our parents that some of our older children are using on-line chats such as WhatsApp. Users of WhatsApp should be at least 13. I would urge you to always know what your child is accessing on-line. In the past, we have had some children becoming upset by on-line conversations or even accessing APPS really not suitable for primary school children.

Secondary School Places

The process for applying for a secondary school place in September 2025 opened on Wednesday 25th September 2025 and closes at 5pm on 13th November 2025.

Below is the direct link to the correct page on the Monmouthshire website in order for parents to make an application from Wednesday 25th September 2025.

Starting Secondary School - Monmouthshire



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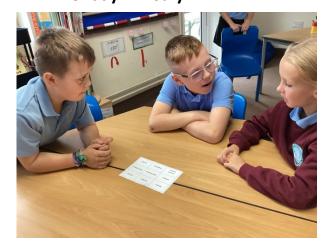
Term Dates

Autumn Term	02/09/24
Spring Term	06/01/25
Summer Term	28/04/25

Half	Term	
28/10/24	01/11/24	20/12/24
24/02/25	28/02/25	11/04/25
26/05/25	30/05/25	21/07/25

INSET Training Days 2024/2025

School closed to pupils: Monday 2nd September Friday 25th October Monday 4th November Friday 7th March Friday 27th June Monday 21st July



Instagram

Exciting news!

Our new Instagram page

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is now up and running. We will stop using our 'X' feed from Monday.



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Dates for Your Diary		
October		
Monday 7th	Year 1 Maths Share with Parents	
Tuesday 8th	Year 2 Maths Share with Parents	
Wednesday 9th	Rec Maths Share with Parents	
Thursday 10th	Year 3 Maths Share with Parents	
Friday 11th	Year 6 Maths Share with Parents	
Monday 14th	Year 4 Maths Share with Parents	
Tuesday 15th	Year 5 Maths Share with Parents	
Thursday 17th	MacMillan Coffee Afternoon	
Friday 18th	Show Racism the Red Card	
Friday 25th	INSET Day school closed to pupils	
November		
Monday 4th	INSET Day school closed to pupils	
Friday 8th	Interim Children Reports	
Tuesday 12th	Parent Consultations	
Wednesday 13th	Parent Consultations	
Tuesday 26th	Reception Parents— See How They Learn	
December		
Monday 9th 2pm	Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert	
Monday 9th 5.30pm	Rec-Y2 Christmas Concert	
Wednesday 11th 2pm	Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert	
Wednesday 11th 5.30pm	Y3-Y4 Christmas Concert	
Monday 16th 2pm	Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert	
Monday 16th 5.30pm	Y5-Y6 Christmas Carol Concert	
January		
Monday 6th	First day of term	

Music

We are pleased that our music lessons have started. Children in Year 3– Year 6 will have sessions at sometime during the year using a variety of instruments...I'm not spoiling the surprise! If you are interested in your child receiving bespoke music lessons please use the link below:

Home - Gwent MusicGwent Music

Playtime Snacks

I would like to thank parents, carers and children for following our fruit and vegetables only policy at playtimes. It has been wonderful to see children trying an increasing variety of snacks

Remember, we do have a tuck shop for fruit run by some of our pupils. The cost of a piece of fruit is 25p.



We have started our cookery lessons and the children are really enjoying them. Our focus is on healthy eating and we have plans for all sorts of recipes. Our first lesson was all about cutting skills and the children chose their own fruits t make a fruit salad. They looked delicious!





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Show Racism the Red Card

On Friday 18th October we would like all pupils to wear something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We will be talking to the children about being kind and inclusive to all.

Please do not buy anything special for this day: a hair ribbon, a scarf or red socks! As long as we're thinking about the message that's what matters.

We will not be collecting money but if you don want to make a donation please use the link: Wear Red Day - Show Racism the Red Card

Every heart and every mind that we change changes at least one life but has the capacity to change hundreds, if not thousands of others.

Be a proud anti-racist. Be the difference. Join us. Wear Red on Show Racism the Red Card Day



Staffing

We have 2 pieces of news for you. Some of you may have noticed that Miss Harper is expecting a baby. We are very pleased and excited for her. We expect Miss Harper to remain in school until November. We are looking at employing an excellent teacher to replace her until Mrs Bawler returns after Easter. We will be sad to see her go but we wish her all the best.

Miss Davis has decided, after much deliberation, that she is going to retire at Christmas to be able to spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Miss Davis has had a long and successful career in a number of schools but will be so missed at Llantilio Pertholey Primary School. Miss Davis has worked with thousands of children over the years in her capacity as a class teacher and an ALNCo. Her expertise has been invaluable to us. We still have her for a couple of months during which time she will be working closely with Mrs Balkwill who will be taking on the ALNCo role. We have



advertised for a new teacher and will be interviewing in a couple of weeks.

God bless,

Helen King (Headteacher)

Our School Vision:

Llantilio Pertholey Primary School will provide an inclusive, supportive and nurturing *learning environment to meet the needs of all of our children in a changing world.*

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