

Newsletter

Week Beginning

10.11.25

Dear Families,

We hope you all had a restful October half-term. It's wonderful to see our learners back and fully engaged in their learning. This term, we continue our focus on developing resilience and embracing challenge for every child, helping them grow in confidence and perseverance.

How you can support at home:

- Encourage a growth mindset – Praise effort rather than just results, and remind children that mistakes are part of learning.
- Create a calm routine – Consistent bedtimes and getting children to help prepare their things for school supports the development of positive habits.
- Talk about challenges – Ask what they found tricky today and celebrate how they overcame it.
- Stay connected – If you have any concerns, please reach out to us. Working together makes a big difference.

We know the darker months can feel a little harder, but with the sparkle of joy ahead and the festive season just around the corner, we'll keep spirits high and make this term a positive and rewarding experience for all.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child thrive.

Mrs Edwards

Warm Welcome Space

Please take advantage of our 'Warm Welcome Space' at the school on the following Monday's between 9:00am- 11:30am: **17th, 24th November, 1st and 8th December**. 'Warm Welcome' spaces across Monmouthshire offer somewhere you can spend time without spending money. We will have warm drinks on offer, use of internet and friendly company. If successful we will continue into the Spring Term. Please follow the link to indicate if you would like to attend: <https://forms.gle/ooAv92qGAxWYTXKg8>

Jolly Christmas Swap Shop

Please send in any unwanted Christmas Jumpers, tops or Christmas play costumes for our Swap Shop on Monday 17th November after school.

Gilwern Association of Parents

Thank you for your support our recent disco raised £764.75 Our Senedd group and Learner Leadership team are meeting next week to gather ideas to choose the focus of our fundraising drive. Gilwern Association of Parents have just funded our new reading scheme. Books cost £5000 and GAP funded £4,500, we are so grateful for all the work the volunteers do and for everyone's support and generosity. School budgets are becoming increasingly tightened and your help and support is nothing short of wonderful!



Non Uniform Day 21st November 2025

Please can you see the below donations lists that will support making Christmas Hampers. Please send any items relating to your child's class theme (see below) on Friday 21st November:

Reception & Year 1 - Christmas chocolates/Sweets

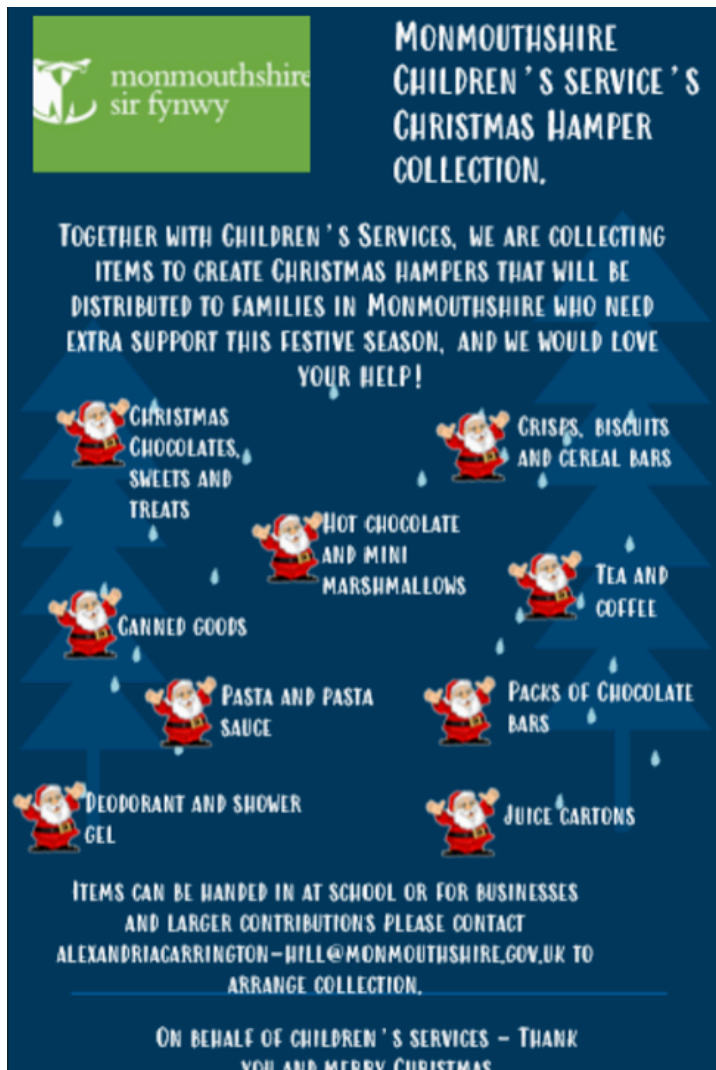
Year 2 & Year 3 - Christmas Decorations

Year 4 & 5 - Pamper Items

Year 6 - Festive Food

If you would like to be part of Gilwern Association of Parents please pass your details onto the school office.

Wider Community Opportunities



MONMOUTHSHIRE CHILDREN'S SERVICE'S CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTION.

TOGETHER WITH CHILDREN'S SERVICES, WE ARE COLLECTING ITEMS TO CREATE CHRISTMAS HAMPERS THAT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO FAMILIES IN MONMOUTHSHIRE WHO NEED EXTRA SUPPORT THIS FESTIVE SEASON, AND WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP!

- CHRISTMAS CHOCOLATES, SWEETS AND TREATS
- CRISPS, BISCUITS AND CEREAL BARS
- HOT CHOCOLATE AND MINI MARSHMALLOWS
- TEA AND COFFEE
- CANNED GOODS
- PASTA AND PASTA SAUCE
- PACKS OF CHOCOLATE BARS
- DEODORANT AND SHOWER GEL
- JUICE CARTONS

ITEMS CAN BE HANDED IN AT SCHOOL OR FOR BUSINESSES AND LARGER CONTRIBUTIONS PLEASE CONTACT ALEXANDRIACARRINGTON-HILL@MONMOUTHSHIRE.GOV.UK TO ARRANGE COLLECTION.

ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES – THANK YOU AND MERRY CHRISTMAS



ABERGAVENTNY STAR PARADE
CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

WHEN
6 DECEMBER 2025
STARTING @ 3PM

WHO CAN TAKE PART
EVERYONE!
GUIDES SCOUTS SPORTS CLUBS
SCHOOLS
COMMUNITY GROUPS
FAMILIES
OR SIMPLY YOU & YOUR STAR

MAKE
YOUR OWN STAR
OR JOIN A STAR-MAKING WORKSHOP
DATES & VENUES TO BE ANNOUNCED SOON

CONTACT
@ ABERGAVENTNYEVENTS
f i d

WHAT DO YOU NEED
YOU AND YOUR STAR
IT CAN BE SOMETHING YOU WEAR OR HOLD
COLOURFUL LIT UP
HOMEMADE OR BOUGHT
IT'S YOUR STAR - YOUR WAY

WHAT WE NEED
FROM YOU
COME ALONG ON 6 DECEMBER 2025 & JOIN OUR STAR PARADE
BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER
CELEBRATING EVERYTHING THAT MAKES ABERGAVENTNY SHINE

WHERE
YOU CAN JOIN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE PARADE IN CABB SQUARE
OR PICK IT UP ALONG THE WAY AS WE PASS
LEWIS LANE - CBE WALK
NEVILL STREET ST JOHN'S SQ
MARKET STREET & THE ANGEL PITCH

Two great community opportunities for you too support. Please get in touch if you would like further information.



November

Friday 21st – Non Uniform Day GAP – hamper donations – details to follow

December

Friday 5th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 9th – Year 3 & 4 Christmas Concert 2pm & 5:30pm

Wednesday 10th – Year 5 & 6 Christmas Concert 2pm & 5:30pm

Thursday 11th – Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas Concert 10am & 2pm

Friday 12th – Christmas Parties – details to follow

Tuesday 16th – Whole School Pantomime Trip – Sleeping Beauty – Details to follow

Wednesday 17th – Gilwern Winter Games – all children to wear warm outdoor clothing

Friday 19th – School Closed Training Day

