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We've had a lovely start to the second half of the autumn term, and it's been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled back into school life—even with all the excitement surrounding Bonfire Night! Their enthusiasm and energy have been channelled beautifully into their learning and classroom routines.

All families should have received a letter on Tuesday explaining that Estyn will be visiting our school from Monday 17th November to Wednesday 19th November. The letter included a link to a parent questionnaire, which we encourage you to complete. Your feedback is incredibly valuable and helps us showcase the strengths of our school community. The questionnaire will remain open until Sunday 9th November at 11pm, and I've included the link again here for your convenience:

👉 <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/K30HIM/>

The letter also invited parents to attend a meeting with the inspectors on Monday 17th November at 3:30pm. This is a great opportunity to share your views and help Estyn gain a full picture of our school.

An Estyn inspection is a positive opportunity for us to celebrate everything we do well and to reflect on how we can continue to grow. We're proud of our school and the supportive partnership we share with our families—thank you for being part of it.

CHOCK SHOP VISITS GEORGE STREET!



On Wednesday, Year 2 had a deliciously exciting visit from Chock Shop, the artisan brownie company that's been delighting taste buds across the UK.

Founded by passionate baker Greg Shearman, Chock Shop began with a simple mission: to create the very best brownies imaginable. Greg didn't settle for ordinary ingredients—he searched high and low through delicatessens to find the finest components, ensuring every brownie was handmade, hand-cut, and hand-decorated for maximum freshness and flavour.

During the visit, pupils learned about the journey from kitchen to market stall, discovering how Greg's dedication turned a small baking passion into a nationwide sensation. Chock Shop's brownies have become famous for causing queues at festivals and markets all over the country—and now, they've made a sweet impression on Year 2!

The children were inspired by Greg's story of creativity, hard work, and entrepreneurial spirit of how a passion can shape your future career.

<https://www.chockshop.co.uk/>



A Reminder About Safe Pick-Up Procedures After Extra-Curricular Activities

We kindly ask all parents and carers to use the front pathway when collecting children from after-school clubs and activities from the main entrance. For everyone's safety, please avoid walking through the staff car park, especially between 4:00 and 4:30pm, when staff may be leaving for the day and vehicle movement increases.

Using the designated pedestrian route helps ensure a calm and safe environment for children and adults alike. Thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community safe.

SPORTING EVENT

Try Something New Event



We were thrilled to take part in the *Try Something New* event, hosted by the Torfaen Sports Development Team and Cwmbran Stadium. Twelve of our enthusiastic Year 6 pupils embraced the opportunity to explore a range of exciting activities including target shooting, table tennis, climbing, athletics, flag football, and basketball.

The children showed fantastic determination, stepping out of their comfort zones and giving their all in every challenge.

They worked brilliantly both individually and as part of a team, and their energy and enthusiasm were truly inspiring.

If any pupils across the school are interested in joining local sports clubs, please get in touch. We'd be happy to connect you with community coaches who would be delighted to welcome new members.



Football Festival

Our football team had a fantastic time at the recent festival held at West Mon School, where they played matches against New Inn and Griffithstown. The team showcased great skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the event.

Match results:

- vs New Inn – 4-0 win
- vs Griffithstown – 3-1 win

Well done to all players for your brilliant effort and impressive performances!



Cross Country Update

Unfortunately, due to poor weather conditions, the scheduled cross-country race has been postponed. We'll share the new date as soon as it's confirmed. Thank you for your understanding!

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER



Our newly elected School Council have been working hard to plan a fun and meaningful day for Children in Need. After sharing and discussing several creative ideas, each class voted—and the winning choice is a fancy dress day!

This year's theme is "Challenge", so we're encouraging children to get imaginative with their outfits. Whether it's customising an old costume or putting together

something quirky from items at home, there's no need to buy anything new.

We kindly ask for a 50p donation to support this important cause.

Thank you for your continued support!

HEADTEACHER'S CERTIFICATE – CONGRATULATIONS SEBASTIAN!

Sebastian from Year 3 has been an absolute delight around school. His cheerful attitude and consistent politeness truly stand out—he always makes a special effort to say hello whenever he passes by my office, which is such a joy to see. His kindness and positivity brighten everyone's day, and for that reason, I'm thrilled to award him my certificate this week. Well done, Sebastian!

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November 2025	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Assembly – pupil-based event
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need (see paragraph above for more info)
Monday 17 th November	Year 5 visit to Pontypool Library
Monday 17 th November	Parent Meeting with Inspectors 3:30pm in School Hall
December 2025	
Monday 1 st December	Step Into Christmas. Children are invited to wear festive clothing to school. Families will be invited to school to be part of this very exciting day. More info about parent visit to follow.
Wednesday 3 rd December – Friday	Year 6 Manor Adventure residential trip
Monday 8 th December	Year 3 visit to Pontypool Library
Tuesday 9 th December and Wednesday 10 th December	Year 4 Christmas Market. Families invited. More info to follow from class teachers.
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner Day. Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers.
Monday 15 th December	Poppy and Tulip 'The Busy Nativity'. Families are welcome to one of the sessions: either 10:00am or 2:30pm. More info to follow from class teachers.
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 2 Christmas Concert. Families invited. More info to follow from class teachers.
Wednesday 17 th December	Snowdrop and Sunflower Christmas Nativity. Families welcome. 10am. More info to follow from class teachers.
Friday 19 th December	INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

COMMUNITY LINKS



Mobile Enforcement Car to Enforce School Parking Restrictions



A new mobile enforcement car will be used to enforce parking restrictions helping to improve road safety outside schools.

With CCTV fitted, the vehicle will capture footage of cars parked illegally.

Full enforcement will begin on Monday 17th November

Dear parents/guardians,

We would like to share with you details of the next series of Talks in Torfaen for parents/caregivers - (please see flyer attached).

These are **FREE** 1-hour wellbeing talks that take place weekly on **Mondays from 9.30 - 10.30am**, and start on **Monday 10th November 2025**. Talks take place online using Microsoft Teams and are facilitated by NHS Clinical Psychologists.

Talks are targeted towards **ALL** parents of children who are **nursery or primary-aged (1-10 years)**.

To register to attend these talks, you can click the link here:
<https://forms.office.com/e/6MQAq9AMnn>



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