



# BE KIND, BE YOUR BEST

## October Half Term 2026



## THE DELL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

This half term has been one of team work and success at The Dell Primary School.

Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of learning activities both inside and outside the classroom. I have seen so many of our pupils embrace the challenge of their new year groups and engage enthusiastically when learning new skills.

In October Year 6 visited Swindon Steam Museum extending their learning on War and Peace and earlier this week Year 4 visited Berkeley Castle as part of their Mind Your Head Tudor theme.

Over the last eight weeks staff have engaged with parents and carers holding Meet The Teacher sessions and Parent/Teacher Consultations. We also held two successful Open Mornings for parents looking for a Reception place for their child in September 2027. I would like to thank all the pupils for their enthusiasm and hard work this half term. It is an absolute pleasure to work with such dedicated and empathetic learners.

Many thanks to the staff for all their care and support this half term, ensuring our pupils transition successfully to their new year groups. I would also like to thank the pupils and staff for all their hard work during our recent Estyn Inspection. The full Estyn Inspection Report will be published next month. All parents and carers will receive an email with a link to the report on the day of publication. We will also publish the Estyn report on our school website.

It has been a demanding but very successful half term and all our pupils and staff deserve a well earned rest next week. School is open again following the half term break on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November. I hope you all have a very enjoyable and relaxing holiday.

Thank you for your support,  
Mark Adams.

Many of our learners have enjoyed Outdoor Nurture provision this half term. Mrs James and Mrs Newcombe provide a range of supportive and challenging activities that are engaging and fun for all. Sgiliau da.



Many congratulations to our Senedd Leaders for 2026/27. They have already been instrumental in school life, working closely with the Estyn Inspection Team last month. Diolch yn fawr!

## YOUNGmINDS

Support for children (AND Parents) at  
[www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)



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Many congratulations to our School Ambassadors for 2026/27. They have already demonstrated their excellent leadership qualities by working superbly with the Estyn Team during our recent inspection. Diolch yn fawr!



Congratulations to our Sports Ambassadors for 2026/27. They will lead and participate in sporting events throughout the school year as well as undertaking Level 2 Sports Leader Training with MonLife. Sgiliau da!

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### PTA Update...

Our PTA will be holding another pupil disco next month. This year we will be organising our PTA Disco slightly differently. The Early Years Disco will take place in school from 2:30pm - 3:30pm. Then the Upper School Disco will be 4:00pm - 5:00pm. These discos will be run by school staff with the PTA providing a stall with snacks and drinks for our pupils.



Year 6 enjoyed an exciting day of learning at Swindon Steam Museum. They further developed their knowledge and skills on WWII as part of their War and Peace theme. Diolch.





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### STAFFING UPDATE

At the end of Autumn Term we will say a temporary goodbye to Mrs Elliott who starts her maternity leave in January. Mrs Elliott has provided excellent teaching provision in her PPA Role this term, covering classes across the school. We will let parents and carers know who will be covering Mrs Elliott's role before the end of Autumn Term.

### THE DELL PRIMARY - DIARY DATES 2026

20<sup>th</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings

21<sup>st</sup> Oct - Parent Teacher Meetings

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct - INSET Day

26<sup>th</sup> Oct to 30<sup>th</sup> Oct - Half Term Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Children in Need

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Year 1 Christmas Concert 14:30- 15:30 - Afternoon

2<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Year 3 Christmas Concert 9:30- 10:30 - Morning

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Year 3 Christmas Concert 14:30 - 15:30- Afternoon

3<sup>rd</sup> Dec - Year 1 Christmas Concert 9:30 - 10:30 - Morning

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Upper school Christmas service at St Mary's - 2pm

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Upper school Christmas service at St Mary's - 2pm

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 2 Christmas Concert - 2:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception Christmas Concert - 2:30pm

8<sup>th</sup> Dec - Year 2 Christmas Concert - 9:30am

9<sup>th</sup> Dec - Reception Christmas Concert - 2:30pm

7<sup>th</sup> Dec - Hannukkah Week

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - PTA Christmas Fayre

11<sup>th</sup> Dec - Sharing Afternoon 2pm

15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Pantomime trip to Riverfront Theatre

16<sup>th</sup> Dec - Class Christmas Parties

17<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christingle

18<sup>th</sup> Dec - INSET Day

19<sup>th</sup> Dec to 3<sup>rd</sup> January - Christmas Holidays

4<sup>th</sup> Jan - Spring Term Starts

13<sup>th</sup> Jan - Year 6 Parents Gilwern Meeting 4pm.

8<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Feb - Half Term Holiday

## October Half Term 2026

Monmouthshire County Council have asked us to share a link to the Monmouthshire Residents Survey 2026.

[Monmouthshire Resident Survey 2026](#)

The survey is open until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026. Thank you for taking part.



Many thanks to our School Ambassadors who led two fantastic Harvest Assemblies earlier this month. Thanks to all the pupils for their wonderful Harvest art work and music. Sgiliau da!

