



# Wood Memorial C.P. School Ysgol Gynradd Wood Memorial

*'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'*



Kindness



Determination



Nurture



Respect



Integrity

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## End of term message & Modernisation Update

After a very short (but very busy) half term, the children are off school next week for a well earned rest. We will return to school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for the final half term of the year... another very busy one with lots going on, so please check the 'events and dates' section at the end of the newsletter for diary markers.

I also have some very important news to share regarding the future of Wood Memorial, and schools within the area.

Many of you will remember filling in the 'Early Engagement' document approximately 18 months ago, proposing different options for re-structuring schools within the Saltney area. Following this, Flintshire County Council posted a press release earlier this year, proposing that Wood Memorial C.P. School and Saltney Ferry C.P. School are amalgamated into one newly built school building. The new school would be built on Wood Memorial's school field.

The next stage of this process, is a public consultation, whereby you have the opportunity to share your views with the council regarding the plans. The public consultation will go live on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and run till July 18<sup>th</sup>. I will share all of the information with parents, families and the wider community once they are available. I will also look to hold a drop-in café session to provide an opportunity to talk through the document and ask any questions.

We want as many people as possible to respond to the consultation (whether affiliated to the schools or not) as this will impact everyone living in the area, so please share widely once it is available.

***Again, this is YOUR chance to share how you feel about what is being proposed and an opportunity to be heard, so please take it.***

As always, thank you for your support this term – we really do appreciate it. Have a lovely week off and we look forward to seeing the children back at Woody on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Diolch and take care,  
Mr Johnson



# New School Year Dates 2025-2026

The dates for the next academic year are listed below, including INSET days (teacher training days - children are not in school):

## Autumn Term

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – INSET days (school closed for pupils)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 – Children return to school

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 - Pupils finish for Half Term

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025 - INSET days (school closed for pupils)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 - Pupils return to School

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - Pupils finish for Christmas

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 - INSET day (school closed for pupils)

## Spring Term

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 - Pupils return to School

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - Pupils finish for Half Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 - Pupils return to School

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - Pupils finish for Easter

## Summer Term

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 - Pupils return to School

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026 - Pupils finish for Half Term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 - Pupils return to School

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - Pupils finish school for Summer

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> & Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026 - INSET days (school closed for pupils)

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## Uniform and P.E. Kit

As we are reaching the middle point of the summer term, we have a number of events and trips out, and a lot of visitors coming into school. Whenever we go out from school (or have visitors here), we are very proud representatives of Wood Memorial - our uniform is an important part of that identity.

We have noticed that lots of children are not currently wearing the correct uniform. We appreciate that we are coming to the end of the school year and families may wish to wait until September to purchase new uniform. We do however have lots of pre-loved uniform on site (and some brand new discounted uniform too) which we would love to re-home. Please see Mrs Ridge if there is anything you need. Football shirts should not be worn to school for P.E. days at any point.

We have also seen an increase in children wearing different jewellery for school at the moment including chains, bracelets and dangly earrings. This is not part of our uniform policy and, more importantly, poses a health and safety concern.

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that children wear the appropriate uniform for school every day, including on P.E. days.

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## Extra Curricular Clubs

Clubs continue to take place each Tuesday, running from 15:15-16:00. Places at clubs must be booked here: <https://forms.gle/TRnBacrngNSgYKMS8>. You will NOT need to submit it again each week. **The final club sessions for this year will take place on June 10th – this is due to other events taking place in the school calendar each Tuesday throughout the summer term.**

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## Woody Wraparound & Breakfast Club

We have breakfast club, a playgroup and after school club on site offering childcare from 7:50 – 17:30. To book a place on breakfast club, please use the Gateway app. To book a place in Woody Wraparound, please book via the School Gateway app at least 24 hours in advance. **ALL** payments and bookings must be made via the app. To contact Mrs Elson for anything else, please email [woodywraparound@gmail.com](mailto:woodywraparound@gmail.com) or phone 07831811718. Current session times and prices can be found at <https://shorturl.at/mslUV>

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## Sickness Absence & Holiday Requests

If needing to report your child absent from school or request holiday authorisation, please email Mrs Ridge at [ridgea3@hwbmail.net](mailto:ridgea3@hwbmail.net). Alternatively, please call the school office to report absences.

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## School Essentials Grant & Free School Meals

All children from Reception to Year 6 in Wales now receive Free School Meals (FSMs). However, if you think you may be eligible to receive FSMs, we are still advising parents to apply for FSMs, because you may be eligible to other benefits such as the School Essentials Grant (SEG). You may also be entitled to help towards payments for residential school trips. Please click the link below for further details: <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Council-Tax-and-Benefits-and-Grants/Free-School-Meals-and-School-Essentials-Grants.aspx>

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## Events & Dates

Term dates can be found here: <https://www.woodmemorial.co.uk/copy-of-health-and-wellbeing>

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Triathlon (Years 3-6)
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Moving Up Day and Reports sent home
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Open Evening after school... meet your child's new teacher
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Fair
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Summer Fair Reserve Day (in case of bad weather on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Play (1-3pm) & Prom (after school – time TBC)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's last day in school; summer holidays begin
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Children return to school to start the new school year