



Wood Memorial C.P. School Ysgol Gynradd Wood Memorial

'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'



Kindness



Determination



Nurture



Respect



Integrity

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Happy half term break

We have reached the end of our first half term of the year. I have a lot to share in today's newsletter, so I apologise in advance for the amount of information. As always, the first half term is a busy one and, in spite of a number of challenges, the school community has come together and provided incredible support. Your compassion and understanding regarding the tragic loss of Mrs Broome has been a source of comfort to all within the school. Mrs Broome's family have again asked me to express their gratitude and thank to the Woody school community for your support and donations, which have been shared with the nominated charities.

I appreciate there have been changes very early on in terms of our planned staffing structure for the academic year as a result of what has happened, I can assure you that the children's well-being and learning have remained central to all changes, and the children have familiar and trusted adults in their classrooms.

Governors

We have also had some recent changes to our Governing Body – Mrs Nicola Gittins, our Chair of Governors, has stepped down from her role in last few weeks. On behalf of the Governing Body, staff, children and our school community I would like to say a huge diolch yn fawr from everyone at Woody for her support and commitment to our school over the near ten-year period that she has been a school Governor; a quite amazing achievement. Much of that time was spent as the Chair of Governors, providing the Governing Body and school community with outstanding leadership and guidance. Many will not understand quite how much work takes place behind the scenes, and in what is ultimately a voluntary role. She has given so much of her time to making sure the children and families of Wood Memorial receive the best education and nurture there is, whilst supporting staff and our community in so many ways.

We will elect a new Chair of Governors shortly and will share this information in due course. Our most recent Governors' Report to Parents and Carers (which summarises our achievements of the previous academic year) can be found at the following link:

https://www.woodmemorial.co.uk/files/uqd/ade6bc_aa80515003694b9aa3b9cf1b7ddd0b3d.pdf



Attendance

The Local Authority have appointed a new attendance officer, Mrs Becky Edwards, to cover schools in the Saltney and Broughton area. Some of you will have met her already and Becky will be making regular contact and home visits where attendance becomes a concern. Attendance in school is a legal requirement and we will work closely with our attendance officer and other appropriate bodies to ensure that children are attending school every day, unless of course there is a genuine reason for absence.

If needing to report your child absent from school or request holiday authorisation (which may not always be authorised should attendance be a concern), please email Mrs Ridge at ridgea3@hwbmail.net. Alternatively, please call the school office to report absences.

Family Learning

Mrs Ridge has sent some messages home this week regarding family learning sessions starting after half term. We will offer a range of different courses for families and children to take part in so please keep an eye on Seesaw for how to register and take part.

Parents Evening

Teachers will be sending a message home today with instructions of how to book a parents evening appointment. Parents evening will take place across two days – Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Our 'Pink Day' café was brilliantly supported and we raised over £200 for a great cause. Once again, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming you into school many times over the next half term as we head towards the very busy Christmas period.

Have a lovely half term break,
Mr Johnson

Chester FC Women

Free tickets for local families to attend upcoming Chester FC Women matches are available – they have made a fantastic start to the season and currently sit top of their division. Upcoming fixtures:

 Sunday 1 November 2026  Chester FC Women v Salford City  2pm kick-off

Families can register for their free tickets using the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/251972960032356>

There is no limit on the number of tickets a family can claim. Once registered, their name will be added to the guest list and they simply need to provide their name at the turnstile when they arrive. Turnstiles normally open 30 minutes before kick-off, with free parking available and refreshments available during the game.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-Curricular Clubs take place each Tuesday, starting straight after school and end at 16:00. Year 1-2 clubs will start a little later in the academic year. To reserve a place at one of our extra-curricular clubs, please complete the following form: <https://forms.gle/iiXu1Pydut2p4ZAL6>

Safety around our school grounds

We are still receiving calls from neighbours and local residents regarding the issue. On behalf of the children, neighbours, staff and everyone visiting the school – ***please do not park across residents' driveways, in the resident bays of the flats, or illegally on the road or paths.*** This also includes the turning island at the front of the school or across the school gates; it is incredibly dangerous and creates unnecessary risks for school visitors. Residents have been advised to report parking offenses to the relevant authorities. Please also use the one-way system if parking.

There are a number of unused spaces on the Anchor Car Park every day; please use them and then walk along the Learners Way path. Please be considerate of others too when on the school yard. Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school grounds as this can lead to avoidable accidents. E-scooters are illegal to use in Wales in public spaces - please do not bring them to school. We want everyone who visits Wood Memorial to remain safe and we need everyone's support to make Woody a safe space.

Woody Wraparound – Limited Places!

Please see the timetable below for Woody Wraparound activities taking place throughout October. Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited!

November's after school club activities				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
2 Beaded pipe cleaner trees 	3 Board games 	4 Smoothie making 	5 Choc breadstick sparklers 	6 Diwali paper lanterns 
9 Hama beads 	10 Science experiment 	11 Poppy cookies 	12 Hot chocolate and movie 	13 Painting Kindness rocks 
16 Treasure hunt 	17 Journal crafts 	18 Slime making 	19 Baking sausage rolls (veggie) 	20 Air dry clay sculptures 
23 Sports 	24 Beetroot brownies 	25 Making keyrings 	26 Mrs Elson's leaving party 	27 Quiz 
30 Christmas decorating 				

Reception & High School 2027 Admissions

Please see the posters below regarding applications for 2027 Reception Class and High School.

Key Information, Events & Dates

Term dates can be found here: <https://shorturl.at/XfWbS>

Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Tuesday 3 rd November	Upcycling Sessions (see Mrs Ridge)
Tuesday 3 rd November	Reception Screening
Thursday 4 th November	Hockey Festival Year 5/6
Tuesday 10 th & Wednesday 11 th November	Parents Evening

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 or phone 07831811718. Current session times and prices can be found at <https://shorturl.at/mslUV>

Sickness Absence & Holiday Requests

If needing to report your child absent from school or request holiday authorisation, please email Mrs Ridge at ridgea3@hwbmil.net. Alternatively, please call the school office to report absences.

School Essentials Grant & Free School Meals

All children from Reception to Year 6 in Wales 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>

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is the responsibility of all adults - everyone has a responsibility to keep children safe. **Do you have a safeguarding concern? If so, it needs to be reported!** The school Designated Safeguarding Person at Wood Memorial is Mr Johnson, Headteacher. The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Person is Mrs Spencer. Our Chair of Governors is Mrs Nicola Gittins. You can contact Flintshire Social Services directly on 01352 701000 or out of hours 0845 0533116. In an emergency contact the Police 999.





Admission to Reception Class September 2027

Was your child born between
1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023?
Will they have reached the age of 4
by August 31st, 2027?

If so your child will have the opportunity to start in
reception class in September 2027.



If you are unsure which is your closest school, you can contact admissions@flintshire.gov.uk or school.transport@flintshire.gov.uk for more information about eligibility for free transport.



Step 01 Choosing a school

Before making your application:

- Visit school Open Days and read individual school prospectuses.
- Read the Parent's Guide to Education Services in Flintshire 2027.
- Check the Local Authority's over subscription criteria an admission process.
- Consider how you will get your child to school.



Scan QR code to apply

Step 03 Apply Online

[Admission to Reception Class](#)
(Primary School) (September 2027)

Step 02 Key Dates



Applications Open	21st September 2026
Applications Close	15th January 2027
Parents Notified	16th April 2027



Step 04 Late Applications

- It is possible to submit an online application after the closing date.
- If you apply after the 15 January 2027 deadline but by 23 February 2027, your application will be classed as late and considered after all on time applications.
- Applications received after 23 February 2027 will not be processed until after the national offer date on 16 April 2027.



Need Help?

Support with completing
your application is
available from **Flintshire
Connects.**

Full information:



Parent's Guide to
Education Services
in Flintshire 2027

