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

***'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'***

Kindness Determination Nurture Respect Integrity

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Newsletter

## A busy week at Woody...

It has been a very busy week at Woody and we have an even busier three weeks ahead! Following our Governing Body Chairperson, Mrs Nicola Gittins, stepping down from her role after nine years' service earlier this term, I would like to introduce our new Chair and Vice Chair of Governors – Mr Marc Edwards as Chairperson and Mrs Emma Mansfield-Fay as our Vice Chairperson. They have both been part of our Governing Body here at Wood Memorial for some time already and place the best interests of the children and wider school community at the centre of all decisions. We look forward to working together, helping Woody continue to thrive.

Children will be returning home from school today with a Woody 'Santa Circuit' sponsor form. On December 11th, every class will complete a Christmas themed fitness circuit in the school hall wearing whatever Christmas themed outfit they wish to… all to raise much needed funds for digital equipment and school resources. We need your support and cannot do this without you! We will then hold a Christmas Café later that day in the school hall for families at 14:00 – all are welcome to take part in Christmas craft and themed activities. Refreshments available.

The Mayor of Saltney's Christmas Fayre takes place next Thursday at The Saltney Tavern (Saltney Social). We will be there with a stall, along with other local school. Please come along and support the event. Some other key reminders…

- Tickets for 'Woody's Jukebox Jingle' are on sale now from the main school office
- The children's Christmas Dinner Day has moved to Wednesday 9th December
- Extra-curricular clubs (football, netball etc) have now finished until January

Finally, a special thank you to a kind member of our school community who has bought and donated the Christmas tree for our school hall this year. The person wishes to remain anonymous, but on behalf of everyone at Woody we are very grateful for their kindness and generosity.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Johnson

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# Chester FC Women – Free tickets

*A message from Chester FC Woman…*

Following the success of our previous free ticket offer, we're delighted to be doing it again! We had a fantastic response from local families, who enjoyed an entertaining afternoon of football and the opportunity to support Chester FC Women. We'd love to welcome even more families along to our next two home fixtures.

⚽ **Upcoming Chester FC Women fixtures**
🗓️ **Sunday 29 November 2026**
Chester FC Women v Warrington Town @ 2pm kick-off
🗓️ **Sunday 13 December 2026**
Chester FC Women v West Didsbury & Chorlton AFC @ 2pm kick-off

Families can register for their free tickets using the link below:
https://form.jotform.com/251972960032356

There is no limit on the number of tickets families can claim. Once registered, their name will be added to the guest list and they simply need to provide their name at the turnstile on arrival. Turnstiles normally open 30 minutes before kick-off. Free parking is available, with refreshments also available during the game. It's a great opportunity for families to enjoy an affordable afternoon together, experience live football and get behind the women's team representing our community.

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# Modernisation... the future of Wood Memorial CP School – LAST CHANCE

Please see the message below from the Local Authority. This is your final opportunity to share your opinion on the plans to amalgamate Wood Memorial and Saltney Ferry CP School:

*The Statutory Notice for the proposal to close Saltney Ferry C.P and Saltney Wood Memorial C.P and open a new maintained community school operating on the current two sites whilst a new building is approved and constructed on the Saltney Wood Memorial site will be available to view and download from Flintshire County Council's website today.*

*This Statutory Notice marks the start of a 28-day Objection Period from **03 November** to the **01 December 2026** and sets out the address to which objections in writing may be submitted.*

*https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/School-Modernisation-Related/Proposal-To-Reorganise-Saltney-Ferry-C.P-And-Saltney-Wood-Memorial-C.P.aspx*

*Printed copies of the Statutory Notice are available. If you require a paper copy, a version in an alternative format (such as Braille or large print), or assistance with interpretation in another language, please contact the School Modernisation Team on 01352 704018 / 01352 704014, or email saltneyconsultations@flintshire.gov.uk*

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## Important Dates

Term dates can be found here.

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| Tuesday 1st December | Tree Lighting & Christmas Jumper Day (bring a bottle) |
| Thursday 3rd December | Saltney Town Council Christmas Fair @ Saltney Tavern |
| Tuesday 8th December | Christmas Movie Night (evening) |
| Wednesday 9th December | Pupil Christmas Dinner Day |
| Thursday 10th December | Christmas Fair (straight after school) |
| Friday 11th December | 'Woody Santa Circuit' sponsored event & Family Christmas Cafe |
| Monday 14th December | Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal |
| Tuesday 15th December | Christmas Performance 1 @ 10:00 |
| Tuesday 15th December | Christmas Performance 2 @ 13:30 |
| Wednesday 16th December | Christmas Performance 3 @ 10:00 |
| Thursday 17th December | Children's last day in school – class parties |
| Monday 4th January | INSET Day – school closed |
| Tuesday 5th January | Children return to school |

## Woody Wraparound & Breakfast Club

To book a place at breakfast club or Woody Wraparound, please use the School Gateway app at least 24 hours in advance. **ALL** payments and bookings must be made via the app. To contact Woody Wraparound for anything else, please email woodywraparound@gmail.com or phone 07831811718. Current session times and prices can be found here.



## 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. Alternatively, please call the school office to report absences.

## School Essentials Grant & Free School Meals

You may be eligible for the School Essentials Grant (SEG). You may also be entitled to help towards payments for residential school trips. Please click here for further details.

## 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 Mr Marc Edwards. You can contact Flintshire Social Services directly on 01352 701000 or out of hours 0845 0533116. In an emergency contact the Police 999.

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