



Wood Memorial C.P. School Ysgol Gynradd Wood Memorial

'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'



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Happy Half term!

We have already reached the end of the first half term and it has been a busy one. In the last two weeks alone, we have had Nursery and Reception Induction, Parents Evening meetings, a Spooky Disco, Coed Woody sessions in our new outdoor classroom and a variety of dress up days to raise money and awareness for different charities and worthy causes.

Today, we are finishing for half term in our pyjamas to raise money for a local children's charity, before returning to school on November 4th to begin one of the busiest half terms in the primary school calendar... pop-up cinema and restaurant, and the build up to Christmas. I have listed some of the key Christmas dates and events for you below.

Thank you for all of your support over the past 8 weeks – have a lovely half term break,
Mr Johnson

Christmas – Key Dates

With such a busy half term ahead, I appreciate how it is important to share dates of key events as soon as possible. Our plan is stick to these dates – if anything changes due to unforeseen circumstances, I will update accordingly.

- 11th December - Pupils Christmas Dinner
- 11th December - Woody Christmas Fair (starting straight after school in the school hall)
- 13th December - Christmas Community Clean Up! (our annual sponsored Santa Dash event with a twist this year, followed by a Christmas Parent/Carer/Family Café in the school hall)
- 17th December - Christmas Performance 1 (AM) & Christmas Performance 2 (PM)
- 18th December – Christmas Performance 3 (AM) & Christmas Performance 4 (PM)
- 19th December – Christmas Party Day (last day of term)

Nasal Flu immunisations

Following the nasal flu immunisations this week, we are holding a catch up session in school on November 6th. Please contact the office if you need a form. There will also be a catch up clinic in Saltney on 31st October. Please call 03000 858599 to make an appointment.



Well Fed

The children will be bringing some activity packs home yesterday/today about healthy eating. They are entirely optional to do as part of national competition, and there is no need to return the packs to school – they are for the children to keep.

Patrwn yr Wythnos

Our Patrwn yr Wythnos (Welsh Phrase of the Week) is 'syniad da' which means 'good idea!'

The Criw Cymraeg from our Student Senedd have recorded a video to help you with the pronunciation:
<https://app.seesaw.me/#/item/item.ac0994f9-a993-4888-8b10-1d57b801e89f/share/Hu40EXzNR8GccTYVO5FgSq>

Welcome to our new Parent Governors

Following our recent advert for parent governors, I am pleased to announce that both vacancies have been filled.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Sonia Tudor and Ms Amber Forshaw to the Wood Memorial Governing Body, beginning their roles officially at our next meeting on November 27th.

2025 Nursery & Reception Admissions

How to apply for Reception:

Was your child born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021? Will they have reached the age of 4 by August 31st, 2025? If so your child will have the opportunity to start in Reception Class in September 2025. You now have the opportunity to express a preference for your preferred school.

You can apply on-line at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions/Reception.aspx>. Please ensure you receive an e-mail to confirm that your application has been submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, please re-submit. **The closing date for receipt of forms is 18th November 2024.**

How to apply for Nursery:

Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022? Will they have reached the age of 3 by August 31st, 2025? If so your child will have the opportunity to start at a Wood Memorial Nursery in September 2025. You now have the opportunity to express a preference for your preferred school.

You can apply on-line at <https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions/Nursery.aspx>. Please ensure you receive an e-mail to confirm that your application has been submitted. If you do not receive a confirmation e-mail, please re-submit. **The closing date for receipt of forms is 17th February 2025.**

After School Clubs

Autumn Term after school clubs will continue to take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 15:15-16:00. **You must book for your child to attend** via the link: <https://forms.gle/osXpBa6saSUaksnu9> (if it doesn't work by clicking, please copy and paste it in your browser). If you have already booked before half term, there is no need to do so again. Once booked, a place will then be reserved for your child each week.

- Tuesday: Digital & Homework (Years 3-6, Mrs Williams)
 - Tuesday: Welsh Games (Year 2-6, Mrs Harry)
 - Thursday: Writing & Reporter Club (Years 3-6, Miss George)
 - Thursday: Football (Years 3-6, Mr Johnson)
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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 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@hwmail.net. Alternatively, please call the school office to report sickness absence.

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>

Events & Dates

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

Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Wednesday 6 th November	Xplore! Science Trip – Years 5 & 6
Thursday 7 th November	Storyhouse Trip – Dosbarth Aspen
Thursday 7 th November	Swimming sessions begin for Year 2 & Dosbarth Rowan
Friday 8 th November	School photos for children who missed the first photo day