



Wood Memorial C.P. School Ysgol Gynradd Wood Memorial

'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'



Kindness



Determination



Nurture



Respect



Integrity

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tree lighting & Christmas jumper Day

This Monday, 1st December, we will be lighting and decorating our school Christmas Tree. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers and festive outfits to school for the day.

Rather than a non-uniform day donation, we are kindly asking for bottle donations, to be used as prizes at our Christmas Fair tombola. Thank you in advance for your support!

Christmas Performance tickets

Tickets for our Christmas performance, 'Woody's Christmas Through the Decades,' will be available from the office from Monday 1st December. Performance dates and times are as follows:

- Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Performance 1 (10:00)
- Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Performance 2 (13:30)
- Wednesday 17th December - Christmas Performance 3 (10:00)

Families can purchase two tickets per performance in the first instance. Tickets are £3.50 each and will be available until Wednesday 10th December, so that everyone has a fair opportunity.

From Thursday 11th December, any remaining tickets will be made available for general sale, even to families who have already purchased tickets and may wish to buy more.

the Big Woody Community Christmas Clean Up

The children have now brought sponsor forms home for our annual Christmas fundraiser – The Big Woody Christmas Clean Up! Thank you to those who have returned sponsor money already! This is our annual sponsored event to raise funds for digital equipment in school.

If you would like to volunteer on the day, please let Mrs Ridge or Mrs Higgins in the office know. It will begin at approximately 9:15 and we welcome all helpers back to school afterwards for some refreshments and mince pies, in the hall.



The future of Wood Memorial C.P. 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. The Objection Period closes on the **5th December 2025** 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

If you wish to formally object to the proposals, it is vital that you to share your objections. Even if you completed the consultation document in the Summer to express your views, you **MUST** now submit your objection formally by following the guidance above.

Events @ St. Mark's Church, Saltney



HOPE
at Christmas ♥

Sunday 7th December
4pm Christingle service – A fun service for all ages, with Puppets!
Come and make your Christingle from **3.30pm** and then enjoy learning all about its meaning during our service.

Sunday 14th December
10:30am Family Carol Service

Sunday 21st December
6:30pm Candlelit Carol Service – followed by mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 24th December
3:30pm Crib service – Come and dress up and join the Puppets as they tell us the Christmas story. For families with little ones.
11pm Midnight Communion Service
Welcoming in Christmas day together

Thursday 25th December
10:30am Christmas Day Celebration
with Holy Communion

LOVING GOD AND MAKING HIS LOVE KNOWN

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will pause now until the New Year due to the different Christmas events in the diary after school. A new club timetable will be shared in early January.

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@hwbmail.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 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://shorturl.at/AVLtE>

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| Monday 1 st December | Tree Lighting & Christmas Jumper Day – Bring a Bottle |
| Tuesday 2 nd December | Saltney Town Christmas Fair @ Saltney Tavern (16:30-18:30) |
| Wednesday 10 th December | Pupil Christmas Dinner & Christmas Fair (15:15-17:00) |
| Thursday 11 th December | The Big Woody Christmas Clean Up! followed by Christmas Café in the hall as groups return to school (9:15 – 11:30) |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Christmas Performances 1 (10:00) and 2 (13:30) |
| Wednesday 17 th December | Christmas Performance 3 (10:00) |
| Thursday 18 th December | Pupils' last day in school – Class Party Day |