Wood Memorial C.P. School
Ysgol Gynradd Wood Memorial

'From little acorns, mighty Oaks grow'

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Newsletter

Parents Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming many of you to parents evening on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th November. **There will be no after school clubs on Tuesday 10th November.**

Christmas Diary Dates

As promised just before half term, please find many of the key dates ahead of the very busy Christmas period:

Monday 1st December – School Christmas Tree Lighting and Christmas Non-Uniform/Jumper Day (we kindly ask for bottle donations for our tombola at the Christmas Fair).

Thursday 4th December – Saltney Town Christmas Fair @ Saltney Tavern (after school)

Tuesday 8th December – Pupil Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Movie Night (after school)

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fair (straight after school).

Friday 11th December – Our annual sponsored event to raise much needed funds for digital equipment in school. Further details and sponsor forms will be shared shortly.

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Performance 1 (AM - includes Nursery children)

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Performance 2 (PM)

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Performance 3 (AM - includes Nursery children)

We will do our best to make sure these dates remain as they are, and will share further details/times, including how to get performance tickets as soon as we can. I hope this helps in terms of planning around work and family commitments.

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Swimming Lessons

Mrs Spencer has been successful securing a grant to support swimming in school. As a result, we have been able to offer swimming sessions and travel fully funded, which is fantastic news.

A Seesaw message was sent home earlier this week from the office explaining how families who had already paid for sessions earlier this term will be credited or reimbursed.

Children in Need

Children in Need is taking place on Friday 13th November, with this years theme being 'challenge yourself' and a special focus on the number 26. Children are welcome to attend school that day in Pudsy colours, outfits, face paint... and lots of yellow. We will be challenging the children to do a sponsored 26 minute shared read across the school, buddying children up across different classes. Children are welcome to bring something from home that they would like to read that day, and we have lots of reading resources here. We have already set up a donation option on the Gateway app - cash donations may also be sent to school.

Modernisation... the future of Wood Memorial CP School

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

Our School Website

We have updated sections of our website, including lots of helpful links about staying safe online. With AI generated images a very current topic in the news, we have added some family friendly guidance. Please take a look here. Updated Health Board information can also be found in the same section including an excellent link here to useful neurodevelopmental services.

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Our Core Values

WOOD MEMORIAL C.P. SALTNEY

OPEN DAY

FOR NEW NURSERY AND RECEPTION 2027

18th November 2026
15:30-16:30

We offer:

- A nurturing and engaging learning environment.
- Early Entitlement.
- Breakfast Club- 7:50-8:50am.
- Woody Wrap Around care from 11:20-17:30.

INFORMATION

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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 November. Book early to avoid disappointment as places are limited!



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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

Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th November	Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th November	Dodgeball Tournament (Y5/6)
Wednesday 11th November	Racing to School project (Y6)
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Tuesday 17th November	Indoor Athletics Tournament

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/msIUV

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 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.

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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.

Step 02 Key Dates

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

Step 03 Apply Online

Scan QR code to apply

Admission to Reception Class (Primary School) (September 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

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