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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 5th December 2025 / Dydd Gwyner 5 Rhagfyr 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr

Christmas Performance – ‘No One Wraps Like An Elf’ – All performances are sold out!

The performances are on Wednesday 10th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm, Thursday 11th December at 6pm. **Children are to come in to school at 5.30pm to get ready for the evening performance.** Please do not arrive later than 5.45pm. Children are to enter through their usual entrance doors at the rear of the school. The front entrance will be open for you to take your seats from 5.30pm in the evening and 1.10pm for the afternoon performance. We will be selling raffle tickets for the Hampers on the door at £1.00 a number. Draw to take place on Friday 12th December at school.

We are really looking forward to seeing you all and having our school family together. However, to make sure everyone can enjoy the show that the children have worked so hard on, we ask that if your pre-school child becomes noisy or disruptive, you please step outside with them for a short break before returning. Thank you for your understanding.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

On **Thursday 11th December** the children may come to school in their Christmas Jumpers. Donation to Save the Children if you so wish, on School Gateway please.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The draw for the Hampers will take place at school on **Friday 12th December**. We have a total of 11 hampers to raffle. Please see photographs below, as you can see they are well worth winning. Thank you so much for your kind donations. **Please return all tickets and money no later than 10th December.** If you need more tickets please contact the school office. For all those who sell 10 tickets or more your child's name will be entered into a draw for a specific child's prize.

Christmas Party Food and Disco – Wednesday 17th December

On Wednesday 17th December Newydd are providing party food for lunch. In the afternoon we will be having a Disco. **Please note that PE will be on Wednesday morning this week and not Thursday.**

- Nursery can come to school in their party clothes



- Reception and Year 1 are to come in their PE Kits and bring party clothes in a named plastic bag to get changed into.
- Year 2 & 3 pupils are to bring their party clothes in a named plastic bag to get changed into.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 are to come in their PE Kits and bring party clothes in a named plastic bag to get changed into.

Trip to see Sleeping Beauty at Rhyl Pavilion on Thursday 18th December

On Thursday 18th December children in Reception to Year 6 will be going to the Rhyl Pavilion to see Sleeping Beauty. We will be leaving school with B E Davies at **9.10am prompt**. School uniform required as normal. We will be returning to school by approximately 1pm. Your child will need a packed lunch from home or from the School Meals Service. **This must be pre-ordered on the School Meal Ordering system no later than Monday 15th December.**

Nursery pupils are to come as normal on the Thursday morning, 18th December.

Christmas Carol Service – Friday 19th December

On the last day of term, Friday 19th December will be our Carol Service at St Michael's Church at 1.15pm to 2.00pm. Children can be picked up early from school following the service. All welcome to attend.

Advent Windows – Mrs Lloyd Jones

Now in its third year, the much-loved Advent Windows project is once again getting ready to light up Caerwys with festive cheer! This magical tradition aims to raise vital funds for our wonderful school, Ysgol yr Esgob, and St Michael's Church. This year, we're excited to unveil some fabulous new designs (including one made by the fantastic children in the school!) alongside some cherished favourites from previous years. Can't visit in person? Don't worry! You can still enjoy the countdown by following the daily reveals on FB! If you're able to please donate by visiting our JustGiving page using the link below to make an online contribution or if you would prefer to donate in person please feel free to get in touch directly.

<https://www.justgiving.com/.../caerwysadventcountdown2025...>

Residential Visits

Year 3 – Conway Centre – 26th & 27th February 2026 (1 night) **(Full payment by 19th December)**

Year 6 – London Trip – 22nd April to 24th April 2026 **(instalments due by 30th January and 2nd March)**

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai – 29th April to 1st May 2026 **(instalments due by 30th January and 31st March 2026)**

School Admissions Useful Dates for 2025

Applications for admission to join our school in 2025/2026 are available on the Flintshire School Admissions website as follows –

Children who turn 3 years of age between 1st September 2025 and 31st December 2025 are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement in January 2026. Applications open on **22nd October 2025**.

Children who are 3 years of age by 31st August 2026 are entitled to apply for a place in Nursery in September 2026. Applications open on **22nd September 2025** and close on 16th February 2026.



Attendance

If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Children do suffer from coughs and colds, however unless they are running a temperature they can still come to school. There is guidance on the NHS website if you are unsure. Children need to remain at home for 48 hours after the last episode of a tummy bug!

Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before registration. Please remember in an effort to maintain Welsh Government attendance recommendations any holiday requests must be submitted to the office for approval.

Our attendance last week was 83.72%.

PE

All pupils will be having their PE lessons on a **Thursday**. Please ensure all children come to school in their PE Kits with the appropriate footwear.

PE Kit

Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE Kit on PE days and especially for sporting events that they will take part in –

Black/grey jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts, plain white t-shirt, red jumper. Children must wear sensible trainers for PE. No jewellery please. If your child has earrings that cannot be removed, surgical tape will be applied for safety reasons. Please ensure that long hair is tied back, to prevent any accidents and reduce the spread of headlice.

Dates for the Diary – (may be subject to change)

- Library Van – 10th December
- Whole School – Christmas Concerts – ‘No One Wraps Like an Elf’ – Wednesday 10th December afternoon and evening, Thursday 11th December evening only
- Whole School – Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children minimum of £1.00 donation – Thursday 11th December
- Newydd Christmas Party Food for lunch followed by School Disco – Wednesday 17th December
- Reception to Year 6 – Sleeping Beauty Pantomime at Rhyl Pavilion – Thursday 18th December leaving school at 9.00am prompt.
- Whole School – Christmas Carol Service at St Michael’s Church – Friday 19th December at 1.15pm

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be open from 8.00am to 8.15am for those who pay £1.50 per day, £7.50 per week, payable on School Gateway. The doors will not be open until 8.00am. **Please pay in advance and state clearly the day the payment is for.** The FREE Breakfast Club run from 8.16am. **Doors close at 8.40am. Breakfast is only served until 8.30am. If you arrive after 8.40am please use the playground entrance doors will open at 8.55am. Please remember children are not permitted to bring their own food to Breakfast Club.**



Wrap Around Care

CBB runs wrap around care from 11.30am to 3.00pm for children 2.5 years old up to Nursery age. It also runs an after school club until 6.00pm. This is a secure unit that provides, safe, enjoyable care during the working week. Any correspondence or contact needs to be made directly to Alice either by email or mobile 07895 580302.

Please note that the office is not staffed full time. Mrs Tandy works from 7.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Thursday and 11.30am on a Friday. If it is urgent, please leave a phone message as we will not pick up School Gateway until the next day.

