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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!  
**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 / Dydd Gwener 13<sup>eg</sup> Chewfror 2026**

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that here we are, ready for the children to have a well-deserved break for half-term! This half-term has absolutely flown by! It has been lovely over the past few weeks to spend more time with the children; hearing children read and spending time teaching in class. They are – without exception – an absolute credit to you all.

Our whole school attendance for this half-term is 92.04% which is below the target of 95% set by the Welsh government. Please remember that 90% attendance (which might sound positive overall) is the same as having one day off every two school weeks!

There has been significant improvements in appropriateness of parking over the last couple of weeks – we really appreciate your support in keeping our young people (and adults!) safe. Please continue to support us in this regard as we return after half term.

I hope you all manage to spend time together over half-term in whatever way you enjoy, and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.

With very best wishes,

Mr A Sutton

Acting Executive Headteacher

### **School Comms/Parent Pay**

As you know, we use School Comms/Parent Pay for on line payments, parental consent and text messages. As from 1<sup>st</sup> April they are changing (increasing!) the way they charge us for the texting service. This means that we will have to reduce the number of texts that we send out. We will continue to text you when necessary but will, in the main, be using email to contact you instead of text message.

**Please advise Mrs Tandy of your current email address / changes to email address as soon as possible and please add yemail@hwbcymru.net to your 'safe senders' list so emails from school do not end up in your junk folder.**

**Please keep all payments up to date on School Gateway.**



Please can we ask that all parents download the School Gateway App if you have not already done so. Text messages that come through to the App are charged at half the price (they used to be free)! Attached is information on how to ensure that you receive messages on the App.

Thank you for your help and co-operation with these changes that take effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

We are inviting all pupils to dress up as their favourite book character on World Book Day, 5<sup>th</sup> March if you so wish. You may also bring in your favourite book to share with the class. **As it is PE for Reception, Year 1, Year 4, 5 & 6, please bring your costumes in a bag to change into during the afternoon.**

### **Book Look Reception to Year 6 – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Following the success of last year, we will be having a 'Book Look' for pupils in Reception to Year 6 on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March** from 1.30pm to 4.30pm giving you the opportunity to see all the wonderful work your child/children have been doing so far. Children will be able to talk you through the work they have done and teachers will be on hand to answer any questions.

### **Mad Science After School Club**

There will be a Mad Science Assembly for pupils in Reception to Year 6 on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. This is to introduce an After School Club that they will run if we have 15 pupils or more who wish to take part. The proposed dates will be on a Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> April, 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 4<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May and 21<sup>st</sup> May from 3.15pm to 4.15pm. The cost will be £52.50 for the five sessions. Further details will be sent home following the assembly. You will then need to sign up direct. Please note that the club will not run if there is not enough interest.

### **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 have their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday between 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026 are eligible for Early Entitlement education funding and can join our Nursery from the 14<sup>th</sup> April through to the 17<sup>th</sup> July (school term time only). Applications open on **January 28<sup>th</sup> 2026** on the Flintshire County Council Early Entitlement Website.

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

This week's attendance is 95.47%



## 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.

## 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.**

## Dates for your Dairy (may be subject to change)

Library van at school – 4<sup>th</sup> March, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6<sup>th</sup> May and 27<sup>th</sup> May

Own clothes day/Wear P.J.s' – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – in exchange for an Easter Egg for the Easter Bingo

Swimming Lessons – Year 4, 5 & 6 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> March

Easter Bingo Fund Raising Evening – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 5.30pm to 7.00pm at school

Carmel Cricket Club Taster Session Years 2 to 6 – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon

Easter Service – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm St Michael's Church

Sports Day – 11<sup>th</sup> June (1<sup>st</sup> choice), 18<sup>th</sup> June (2<sup>nd</sup> choice)

## Residential Visits

Year 3 – Conway Centre – 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 (1 night)

Year 6 – London Trip – 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (**2<sup>nd</sup> March and additional payment 16<sup>th</sup> March**)

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai – 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 (**full payment by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**)

**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.

