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Respect, respond, be brave, rejoice!

Newsletter/Cylchlythyr

Friday 27th November 2026 / Dydd Gwener 27 Tachwedd 2026

Advent Windows Fund Raiser – Mrs Lloyd-Jones

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 years theme is Children's Literature to celebrate the National Year of Reading 2026. There are 22 brand-new windows showcasing beloved childhood favourites alongside modern illustrated stories, plus a special design by the pupils of Ysgol yr Esgob. Follow the daily reveals on Facebook (Kate Lloyd-Jones or Friends of Caerwys) and Instagram (@aylingkate), and please share every single day so we reach as many people and get as many donations as possible—online via our JustGiving page or in person by messaging Ysgol yr Esgob or Kate Lloyd-Jones directly. Many thanks. Kate Lloyd-Jones

Christmas Concert Tickets – Final Release Monday 30th November

The remaining Christmas Concert Tickets will go on general release on Monday 30th November.

Please check how many tickets are available for each of the performances before requesting and making payment. This will be updated each morning. Currently there are –

Tuesday 8/12 at 1.30pm - 16

Tuesday 8/12 at 6.00pm - 22

Wednesday 9/12 at 6.00pm - 16

Christmas Performance – 'Peter Pan'

The performances are on **Tuesday 8th December at 1.30pm and 6.00pm and Wednesday 9th December at 6.00pm.** Children are to come to school at 5.30pm to get ready for the evening performance. Children are to enter through their usual entrance doors at the rear of the school. The front entrance door 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. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December.

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.

Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 2nd December

Newydd School Meals Service will be offering Christmas Dinner to all pupils in Reception to Year 6 on Wednesday 2nd December.

Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 10th December

On Thursday 10th December the children may come to school in their Christmas Jumpers. Donations on School Gateway to Save the Children please.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The Hampers are going to be full of lovely goodies and well worth winning. Please try and sell as many tickets as possible. Each number costs a £1.00. 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. Please return tickets and money as soon as possible but no later than Thursday 10th December. The draw will take place on Friday 11th December at school.

Trip to see Aladdin at Rhyl Pavilion Reception to Year 6

On **Wednesday 16th December** children in Reception to Year 6 will be going to see Aladdin at Rhyl Pavilion. We will be leaving school at 9.10am prompt. School uniform is required as normal. We will be returning to school by approximately 1.00pm. **Your child will need a packed lunch from home or School Meals Service. This must be pre-ordered on the School Meal Ordering system no later than Monday 14th December.**

Christmas Party Food & Disco – Thursday 17th December

On Thursday 17th December Newydd are providing party food for lunch. In the afternoon we will be having a Disco. All children including Nursery can come to school in their party clothes. (Nursery children will have a party in the morning). NO PE on this day.

Christmas Carol Service – Friday 18th December

On the last day of term, Friday 18th December will be our Carol Service at St Michael's Church at 1.15pm followed by followed by sale of the children's craft, tea/coffee, cakes and mince pies back at school. All are welcome, children will be dismissed from school after the Carol Service which will finish at approximately 2.00pm.

Bonus Ball Fundraiser

Thank you to those who support the Bonus Ball Fundraiser. With some of the profit, £1,743 that has been made we have recently updated the Foundation Phase outdoor area.

School Admissions Useful Dates for 2026/2027

Applications for admission to join school in 2026/2027 are available on the Flintshire School Admission website as follows –

Children who are 4 years of age by 31st August 2027 are entitled to apply for a place in **Reception class** in September 2027. **Applications open on 21st September 2026 and close on 15th January 2027**. Parents notified on 16th April 2027.

Children who are 3 years of age by the 31st August 2027 are entitled to a place in **Nursery** (Monday to Friday, term time only) in September 2027. **Applications open on 4th January 2027 and close on 15th February 2027.**

Early Entitlement Nursery January 2027 and April 2027

Children get 10 hours of free Early Entitlement education per week. We offer Monday to Thursday morning, 2 hours per day, term time only the term after their birthday.

Children who turn 3 years of age between 1st September and 31st December 2026 are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement Nursery starting on 6th January 2027. **Applications for January admission open on the 18th October on the Flintshire Early Entitlement Website.**

Children who turn 3 years of age between 1st January and 31st March are entitled to apply for a place in our Early Entitlement Nursery starting on 5th April 2027. **Applications will open for this next year.**

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.

Last week's attendance was 97.07%

PE

PE for children in Onnen and Celyn (Year 3 to 6) will be having their PE lessons on a **Thursday.** Derwen Bach will have PE on a **Wednesday** (Reception to Year 2). 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.**

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.

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

- **Mobile Library Van – 2nd December**
- **Christmas Performance of Peter Pan – Tuesday 8th December 1.30pm and 6.00pm, Wednesday 9th December 6.00pm**
- **Save The Children Christmas Jumper Day – 10th December – donations on School Gateway**
- **Reception to Year 6 – Aladdin in Panto at Rhyl Pavilion – 16th December 2026 at 10.00am**
- **Reception to Year 6 - Christmas Party Food from Newydd followed by a School Disco – Thursday 17th December**
- **Christmas Service – St Michael's Church – Friday 18th December at 1.30pm followed by sale of the children's craft, tea/coffee, cakes and mince pies.**
- **School closes Friday 18th December**

School opens – Wednesday 6th January 2027

Year 6 – London Residential Visit – Wednesday 21st April to Friday 23rd April 2027

Year 4 & 5 – Plas Menai Residential Visit – Wednesday 28th April to Friday 30th April 2027