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Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back to school after the Christmas and New Year break. We have loved hearing all about their Christmas holidays and the thoughtful resolutions they have set for the year ahead. Their enthusiasm and positivity have truly brightened the start of the term.

We would like to extend our warmest welcome to our new EE children and parents/carers who have joined us this week. It has been lovely getting to know your children during their first days of school and we hope that they have had an enjoyable start to school life at Ysgol Bwlchgwyn.

This week has also brought some winter magic, and it has been great to see the children enjoying the snow and playing outside with their friends. Their excitement and laughter have made the playground a joyful place!

Thank you for your understanding regarding today's school closure due to the adverse weather conditions. Although many of the main roads are now mostly clear, the build-up of snow on the school grounds, car park, and Brymbo Road made it unsafe for pupils, parents / carers, staff and visitors. We appreciate your support in keeping everyone safe. If the poor weather continues, please rest assured that we will keep you updated promptly with any further information.

Wishing you all a safe and warm weekend.

Kind regards,

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The Bwlchgwyn Bulletin

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Fun in the snow!

This week, the children had an amazing time enjoying the winter weather. Our playground was transformed into a snowy wonderland, and the pupils made the most of it! From building snowmen and creating frosty sculptures to making snow angels and having friendly snowball fun, the laughter and excitement were wonderful to see.



Swimming (Class 2)

A reminder that Class 2 will be swimming each week on a Friday morning this term. There is no charge for the swimming but a contribution of £18 for this half term (£3 per week) towards transport costs is available via ParentPay please, the missed session this week will be adjusted in the next half term's payment. Can we ask parents to ensure children come to school with their swimming kits each Friday to include a towel, costume, goggles if required and underwear if they are wearing costumes under their uniform.

After School Clubs

We are excited to announce that our After School Clubs will be running during the Spring and Summer terms. These clubs provide wonderful opportunities for children to learn new skills, make friends, and enjoy activities beyond the classroom. We are currently finalising the details and will share more information, including dates and how to sign up, in the coming weeks.

Our first After School Club will be a Years 4, 5 & 6 Football Club with Robbie Evans from Active Wrexham. A letter outlining the details of the club and how to sign up have been shared earlier today.

Class 3 Residential Trip to Robinwood Activity Centre

Class 3 will be heading to Robinwood for their exciting residential trip on Monday 9th February. Robinwood provides high-quality, Key Stage 2-focused experiences designed to help children develop confidence, teamwork, and resilience through a range of fun and challenging activities. From the moment the children arrive to the moment they leave, they will be supported by an expert team, ensuring a safe and memorable adventure whatever the weather.

A reminder to parents and carers: please complete the Microsoft Form shared earlier this week to confirm your child's details and permissions. This is essential for us to finalise arrangements. Thank you for your support in making this trip a fantastic experience for all!

Tempest Photographs – Reception & Year 6

Tempest were originally scheduled to visit on Monday 9th February to take photographs of our Reception and Year 6 pupils. However, due to the Class 3 residential trip to Robinwood taking place at the same time, we are in the process of rearranging this session. We will confirm the new date as soon as possible.

Spring Term Topics

The children have been busy exploring the theme of this time of year through a variety of activities. They've enjoyed recapping their Christmas holidays, writing thoughtful New Year's resolutions and setting goals for the term ahead. Taking inspiration from the snowy weather, classes have focused on winter-themed work, with some pupils even creating fantastic stop-motion animations! Next week, our attention will turn to Spring Term topics. Children in all classes will have the chance to generate questions they'd like to investigate, helping to shape their learning. I'm looking forward to discovering more about each class's topic and sharing their topic webs with you soon.

Nursery Admissions September 2026

Applications for your child to join Nursery Education is now open until 16th February 2026. Applications are for children who will turn 3 years old on or before 31 August 2026. You will be able to apply for your child to join our school using the link below.

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/.../school.../nursery-admissions>

We welcome applicants from Bwlchgwyn and surrounding areas to come and join our school. We will be holding open days on the following dates:

- Wednesday 14th January at 1:30pm
- Thursday 22nd January at 10:00am
- Wednesday 4th February at 1:30pm
- Thursday 12th February at 10:00am

Current Bwlchgwyn School parents are very welcome to come along with their children to have a look around and a chat, as well as new parents. Please register a place at one of the Open Days using the link below: [Nursery Admissions Open Days 2026 – Fill in form](#)



Please have a look at our class blogs on the Seesaw app and our Facebook page to see more of the exciting learning experiences the children are engaging in at Ysgol Bwlchgwyn.



Please note dates for your diary below:

INSET DAY 2025/26

- ~~Mon 1st Sep '25~~
- ~~Tues 2nd Sep '25~~
- ~~Fri 24th Oct '25~~
- ~~Mon 5th Jan '26~~
- Mon 13th Apr '26
- Mon 20th July '26

Academic Year Dates 2025-26

14th Jan '26: Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2026 starters
22nd Jan '26: Nursery Open Morning for September 2026 starters
4th Feb '26: Nursery Open Afternoon for September 2026 starters
9th Feb '26: Class photographs (Rec & Yr 6) - **To be rearranged**
9th - 11th Feb '26: Class 3 Residential to Robinwood
12th Feb '26: Nursery Open Morning for September 2026 starters
13th February '26: Half term ends
W/C 16th February '26: Half term (School Closed)
16th Feb '26: Nursery Applications for September 2026 closes

23rd Feb '26: Pupils return to school
18th Mar '26: Parent Consultations (further details to follow)
19th Mar '26: Parent Consultations (further details to follow)

27th March '26: Spring Term Ends
W/C 30th March '26: Easter Break (School Closed)
W/C 6th April '26 Easter Break (School Closed)

13th April '26: INSET DAY (School Closed)
14th April '26: Pupils return to school

4th May '26: Bank Holiday (School Closed)

22nd May '26: Half term ends
W/C 25th May '26: Half term (School Closed)

1st June '26: Pupils return to school
11th June '26: Sports Day
18th June '26: Reserve Sports Day
25th June '26: Common Transfer day
17th July '26 - Summer Term Ends
20th July '26: INSET DAY (School Closed)

BWLCHGWYN CABIN CREW



Cabin Crew will be open for February half term between 16th - 20th February '26. Bookings will open early next week and can be made in the usual way via: [iPAL: Booking, payment and management system - Login \(ipalbookings.com\)](https://www.ipalbookings.com)

EXCITING NEWS - BWLCHGWYN CABIN CREW FLYING START (FUNDED CHILDCARE FOR 2 YR OLDS)

Welsh Government Flying Start 2-year-old funded childcare has been extended to include postcodes in Bwlchgwyn and Gwynfryn, in addition to other local areas which include Brymbo, Bryn Cefn, Coedpoeth, Minera & New Broughton. This means that local families now have the opportunity to apply for funded childcare through Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew.

What does this mean for you?

Parents and carers can now apply for a Flying Start place for their child from as young as 15 months, allowing children to start their childcare placement from the term after their 2nd birthday and continue until they turn 3 years old. Children who are not eligible for the funded places yet can still attend our Playgroup sessions, open for all children aged 2+ years each weekday morning between 9:00am - 11:30am, alongside our Flying Start provision. Playgroup plus sessions are also available between 11:30am until 3:10pm. Playgroup and flying start sessions include an opportunity for children to have lots of fun, get messy, learn new skills and build relationships with other children that will be in their year/class in school.

We are proud to be part of this initiative and to offer Flying Start places to our local community. This is a fantastic opportunity to give your child access to high-quality early education and care, fully funded by the Welsh Government.

If you're interested or would like more information about the Flying Start funding and how to apply, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. We are more than happy to answer any questions or provide assistance in the application process.

Apply here: [Flying Start Childcare Offer for 2 year olds | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

We look forward to welcoming new children and supporting all our little learners on their journey!

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