



YSGOL BWLCHGWYN BULLETIN



...aiming high in all that we do.

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to use this opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their flexibility and support during the recent hot weather, ensuring that all pupils remained safe, comfortable, and well cared for throughout. Their commitment in ensuring the smooth running of the school has been very much appreciated. A special thank you must also go to both Efa and Daisy's parents in Class 1 for their kind donation of ice lollies; this thoughtful gesture was greatly appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed by both children and staff alike.

It was a real pleasure to see the children spending time in their new classes during transition morning yesterday, and we were delighted to welcome our new children into Ysgol Bwlchgwyn. There were lots of smiling faces and I hope that everyone enjoyed their morning with their new class and teacher (if they've moved up this year). I am also very much looking forward to hearing how all of the Year 6 to Year 7 transition days went. It is a huge step for the children, but they are certainly ready to spread their wings and embrace the opportunities that secondary school has to offer.

Hope you have a lovely weekend!
Diolch, Mr Holmes

Shakespeare Performance & Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

Tuesday 14th July

The children in Class 2 and Class 3 will be performing Shakespeare's *Tempest* to Year 3, 4 & 5 parents / carers. The children need to be back at school for 4:30pm, with the performance starting at 5pm.

Wednesday 15th July

The children in Class 2 and 3 will be performing Shakespeare's *Tempest* to Year 6 parents / carers and family members only. Doors open at 1pm, with the performance starting at 1:30pm.

Following this performance, there will be a Year 6 leavers' assembly and an opportunity for you to enjoy tea and cake with us.



Cricket Festival



Well done to our cricket team who represented the school in the Cricket Wales Wrexham Finals on Monday. They took part with real enthusiasm: bowling, batting and fielding excellently.



After School Clubs



Dance & Gym Club - Friday 26th June / Friday 10th July



Instead of our usual weekly celebration assembly, I would like to take a moment to recognise and celebrate all of our children for the fantastic way they have coped during the recent hot weather. They have shown great resilience, responsibility and a positive attitude, adapting well to the conditions and continuing to work hard in their learning. We are very proud of how they have supported one another, followed guidance to stay safe and comfortable, and maintained such a calm and focused approach throughout the week. Diolch pawb - your excellent behaviour didn't go unnoticed!



Please have a look at our Class Blogs on Seesaw to see more of the children's learning experiences.



You can also follow us on Facebook @Ysgol Gynradd Bwlchgwyn



Dosbarth Meithrin a Derbyn



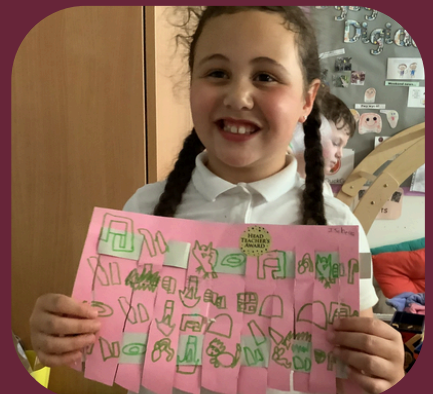
This week in Early Years, the children have been learning about the continents, researching facts and working together to create posters. In Maths, they have been focusing on money; the children have worked on identifying coins, the value of coins and paying for items. In PE, lots of fun was had playing water spray tag and water relay sponge races to keep the children cool. In Forest School, the children made imaginative bugs using natural materials. Early Years also had a lovely morning on Thursday for their transition morning where we welcomed some new pupils into our class ready for September.

Seesaw Blog link for EE: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/dosbarthee26>

Seesaw Blog link for Dosbarth Meithrin: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/meithrin25>

Seesaw Blog link for Dosbarth Derbyn: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/derbyn25>

Dosbarth 1



Dosbarth 1 travelled to Italy this week! They learned lots of interesting facts and used Kapla blocks to create different Italian landmarks. The children also researched the Italian artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo and explored his unique style by creating their own fruit portraits in groups. In addition, they learned how to make papyrus paper and used it to write messages in hieroglyphics. Isabella took this learning even further by creating her own paper and writing a message independently in the craft area as part of a challenge.

Seesaw Blog link for Class 1: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/class202526>

Dosbarth 2



Dosbarth 2 have been very busy preparing for their Showcase on Thursday 2nd July. They have worked incredibly well together, showing excellent teamwork and enthusiasm throughout. The children have created some fantastic models inspired by the time of the Celts and Romans, carefully designing and building them with great attention to detail. We are very proud of their hard work and can't wait to see their efforts on display at the showcase! They have also enjoyed ice lollies to help keep them cool during their hard work in the warm weather.

Seesaw Blog link for Class 2: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/dosbarthdau2025to26>

Dosbarth 3



This week, Dosbarth 3 have been studying the Royal Shakespeare version of *The Tempest*, working on understanding the Elizabethan language patterns. The children have impressed in rehearsals this week and have been immersed in their performances - despite the heat! They needed to take extra care of chickens in the heat. They have tested a dust bath and a water bath to keep the chickens cool! It turns out that the mini paddling pool was a winner! Finally, they have also welcomed in the new September cohort. Some of the current Year 5 children shared their knowledge of coding with their new peers.

Seesaw Blog link for Class 3: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/class32526>

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Is your child finding it hard to make a friend?

The award-winning makers of The Dog House are casting for a brand-new BBC series about friendship.

We are looking for children aged 5 to 8 from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



Does your child shine at home, but struggle socially around other kids? The team behind The Dog House is making a brand new BBC series about childhood friendship and are looking for kids aged 5 to 8 who are finding it hard to make a friend.

If this sounds like your child – or someone you know – filming is in July/August 2026, and we would love to hear from you.

🔗 Apply at: <https://bemyfriend.tv/>



FRIENDS Adult Resilience Strong, Not Tough



🌸 FRIENDS Adult Resilience for Parents – Strong, Not Tough – 2-day FREE Summer Term Course

For any parent/carer aged 16+. This programme teaches older adolescents and adults the skills to recognise and manage anxiety, take care of their emotional wellbeing, and face challenges.

Presented by East CAMHS School In-Reach Service

🌱 Boost Your Wellbeing

Take time to focus on your mental health in a supportive, empowering environment.

The Programme

💡 About the Course

Learn practical coping strategies to build resilience, manage stress, and improve wellbeing. It's never too late to develop positive mental health skills.

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- Build your own resilience
- Strengthen parenting skills
- Support your family using the FRIENDS "language"

📖 What You'll Learn

- Relaxation and mindfulness techniques
- Managing stress and anxiety
- Building positive relationships
- Problem-solving and goal setting
- Confidence and emotional resilience



[FRIENDS Adult Resilience - Parent Sessions](#)

📅 **Book your place using the link above**

Two courses are available: (10am till 3pm) 6th & 7th August and 17th & 18th August

Location: ~~Halkyn~~ Castle Woods

Follow the link to choose and book your preferred dates.

Key Dates



INSET Days 2025 - 2026	June 2026	July 2026
<p>Monday 1st September 2025</p> <p>Tuesday 2nd September 2025</p> <p>Friday 24th October 2025</p> <p>Monday 5th January 2026</p> <p>Monday 13th April 2026</p> <p>Monday 20th July 2026</p>	<p>1st June: Pupils return to school</p> <p>2nd June: Girls' Cricket Festival @ Gresford CC</p> <p>8th June: Cricket Festival @ Chirk CC</p> <p>11th June: Sports Day (pm)</p> <p>18th June: Reserve Sports Day (pm)</p> <p>19th June: PTFA Father's Day Gifts</p> <p>25th June: Common Transfer day</p> <p>26th June: EY & Class 1 trip to Greenacres Animal Park</p>	<p>2nd July: Class 2 Showcase</p> <p>3rd July: EY & Class 1 Showcase</p> <p>6th July: Jambori ' Stiwt Theatre - Class 1</p> <p>10th July: School Reports sent home</p> <p>14th July: KS2 Shakespeare performance (evening)</p> <p>15th July: KS2 Shakespeare performance (pm)</p> <p>16th July: Fun Day!</p> <p>17th July: Summer Term Ends</p> <p>20th July: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>21st July: Summer holiday (School Closed)</p>
September 2026	October 2026	November 2026
<p>1st September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>2nd September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>3rd September: Pupils return to school</p>	<p>W/C 26th October: Half term holiday (School Closed)</p>	<p>2nd November: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>3rd November: Pupils return to school</p>

2026-2027

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
<p>1st September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>2nd September: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>3rd September: Pupils return to school</p> <p>26th October: Half Term Holiday</p> <p>2nd November: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>3rd November: School Open</p> <p>21st December: Christmas Holiday</p>	<p>4th January: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>5th January: Pupils return to school</p> <p>8th February: Half Term Holiday</p> <p>15th February: Pupils return to school</p> <p>22nd March: Easter Holiday</p>	<p>5th April: Pupils return to school</p> <p>3rd May: Bank Holiday (School Closed)</p> <p>31st May: Half Term Holiday</p> <p>7th June: Pupils return to school</p> <p>19th July: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>20th July: INSET DAY (School Closed)</p> <p>21st July: Summer Holiday</p>

Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew



Cabin Crew will be open for the Summer Holidays between 20th July - 2nd September 2026. Bookings can be made in the usual way via:

iPAL: [Booking, payment and management system - Login \(ipalbookings.com\)](#)

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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