



...aiming high in all that we do.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive couple of weeks as we continue planning for an exciting year ahead. This term is packed full of engaging learning experiences, exciting activities and opportunities for our children to thrive.

All classes are now fully immersed in their new topics for the term (details can be found below). We share these topics with parents and carers each term so that you can support and engage with your child's learning at home. Talking about their topic, asking questions and exploring related interests together can make a real difference to their learning journey.

Topic overviews are available on your child's Seesaw Blog and on the school website. We encourage parents and carers to follow their child's learning journey through the Seesaw Blog, where you can see regular updates about classroom activities and achievements. If you need any support accessing Seesaw, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and we will be happy to help.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be making greater use of the My Child At School (MCAS) app to share important calendar dates, events and school updates. This will help ensure that families are kept informed about upcoming activities and key information. Moving forward we will share a monthly school bulletin, which will celebrate our successes and provide important reminders, dates, news and updates from across the school community.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing another fantastic term of learning with you and your children.
Kind regards,

Mrs Fox

Attendance and Punctuality Matter!

Good attendance and punctuality are essential for every child's learning, wellbeing and success in school. Every day counts, and even small amounts of missed learning can quickly add up. We regularly monitor attendance and use the following colour-coded categories:

- Green: 96-100% attendance
- Amber: 93-95.9% attendance
- Red: Below 93% attendance

Children should arrive at school ready to learn each day. School starts promptly at 8:55am, and our doors are open from 8:50am to help children settle into their classrooms ready for the start of the school day.

Being late can have a significant impact on learning. Arriving just 10 minutes late once a week adds up to 50 minutes of lost learning every half term and around 6 hours 20 minutes across a school year. That's almost a full school day of learning missed. Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly and arrive on time each day. Working together, we can ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed.

If your child is going to be absent from school, please ring the office by 9:15am so we can update the register. 01978 269930. If no reason is given for a child's absence, we will phone home as part of our first day calls.

Snack

As part of our commitment to promoting healthy eating, we offer healthy snack in school for just £1.50 per week. Snacks are provided daily and include a range of nutritious fruit.

Payment can be made on ParentPay.

If your child brings a snack from home, we kindly ask that it is fruit or vegetables only to support our healthy eating approach and help encourage positive lifelong habits.

Thank you for your support.



After School Clubs



Dance & Gym Club - every Friday

Lego Club - Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm (Years 1-3)*

Minecraft Club - Tuesdays 3:15-4:15pm (Years 4-6)*

*These will run until half term

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

Amazing Animals



This term, Nursery and Reception pupils will be exploring our exciting topic, Amazing Animals. Through stories, songs, creative activities and hands-on investigations, children will learn about different animals, their habitats, life cycles and how they grow and survive. They will develop their literacy and numeracy skills through animal-themed learning, including storytelling, mark making, counting, sorting and measuring.

Children will also enjoy outdoor learning, learning about caring for animals and wildlife, creating animal-inspired artwork and taking part in role-play activities. Alongside celebrating seasonal events such as Harvest, Diwali, Remembrance Day and Christmas, pupils will develop independence, curiosity and a love of learning through play-based experiences.



[Topic Overview](#)

SeeSaw Blog - you can access what the children have been learning about each week using the links below:

- Meithrin (Nursery): <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/meithrin2627>
- Derby (Reception): <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/derbyn2627> (please contact the school for the password)

Circus

Dosbarth 1

This term, Year 1 and 2 pupils will be stepping into the exciting world of the Circus! They will learn about famous performers, circus roles and how circuses have changed over time, including the work of Philip Astley, founder of the modern circus. Pupils will also discover circuses from around the world and explore questions about animal welfare.

Through creative and practical activities, children will develop their literacy, numeracy and digital skills. They will take part in drama and role-play, tackle circus-themed maths challenges, and use technology to create animations and moving pictures. Pupils will also enjoy circus-inspired art, dance and gymnastics while building confidence, teamwork and independence.

The topic encourages curiosity and creativity as children design their own future circus, learn circus skills, and experience the wonder and excitement of "The Greatest Show."



[Topic Overview](#)

SeeSaw Blog - you can access what the children have been learning about each week using the links below:

- Dosbarth 1: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/class1202627> (please contact the school for the password)

Dosbarth 2

The Brave, The Bad and The Beasties



This term, Year 3 and 4 will be exploring The Brave, the Bad and the Beasties, an exciting topic that combines brave historical figures, fascinating rainforest creatures and the importance of looking after our world.

Through their learning, pupils will investigate rainforests, habitats, animals and food chains, while discovering the lives of inspiring people such as Ruby Bridges, Nelson Mandela, Rosa Parks and Malala Yousafzai. They will develop their creativity through storytelling, poetry, art, music and drama, and carry out scientific investigations linked to living things and the environment.

The topic has been shaped by the children's own questions and interests, encouraging them to become curious learners, critical thinkers and confident explorers of the world around them.



[Topic Overview](#)

SeeSaw Blog - you can access what the children have been learning about each week using the links below:

- Dosbarth 2: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/dosbarth2for2026to27> (please contact the school for the password)

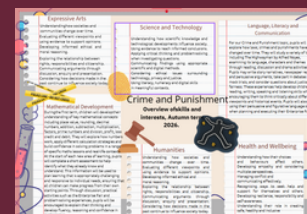
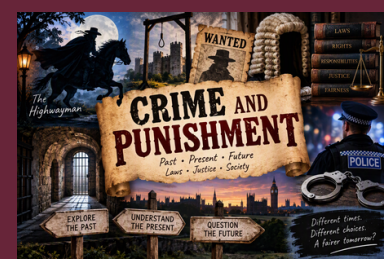
Crime and Punishment

This term, Year 5 and 6 will be exploring Crime and Punishment, finding out how laws, crimes and punishments have changed throughout history. Using The Highwayman as inspiration, pupils will explore themes of justice, fairness and responsibility.

Children will develop their reading, writing and debating skills through stories, newspaper reports and mock trials, while also learning about how society has changed over time. A key part of the term will be our Enterprise Fair, where pupils will develop financial literacy, teamwork and business skills in a real-life context.

The topic is driven by the children's own questions and interests, helping them become thoughtful, confident and responsible learners.

Dosbarth 3



[Topic Overview](#)

SeeSaw Blog - you can access what the children have been learning about each week using the links below:

- Dosbarth 3: <https://app.seesaw.me/blog/c32627> (please contact the school for the password)

Information

You can access all of our class topic overviews on our school website:

[Click here to access](#)



Additional Financial Support for Families

Families may be eligible for extra financial support to help with the cost of school uniform, equipment and some educational visits.

In Wales, all pupils in primary school receive a free lunch through the Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme. However, it is still important to apply for Free School Meals if you think you may be eligible, even if your child already receives a free school meal.

Applying for Free School Meals may give you access to additional support, including:

- The School Essentials Grant to help with the cost of school uniform and equipment.
- Financial assistance or remission towards some school trips and activities.

We strongly encourage all eligible families to apply.

To check your eligibility and submit an application, please visit:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

ParentPay

Snack, events and trip payments must be paid in advance via ParentPay. School meals must also be booked in advance by 8am. If you require any support with ParentPay please contact the school office.



ADMISSIONS



Secondary School (Year 7 - September 2027 start)

- Applications open: 1 September 2026
- Applications close: 31 October 2026
- Offer date: 1 March 2027



Reception Class

- Applications open: 21 September 2026
- Applications close: 15 January 2027
- Offer date: 16 April 2027



Nursery

- Applications open: 5 January 2027
- Applications close: 15 February 2027
- Offer date: 5 May 2027



Funded Early Education (January 2027 intake)

- Applications open: 1 September 2026
- Applications close: 23 October 2026

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



Meet the Teacher - You're Invited!

We are looking forward to welcoming all parents and carers to our Meet the Teacher session, taking place straight after school on Wednesday 14th October 3:15pm to 4:00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom, see where they learn each day, look through some of their work, meet their teacher, and enjoy an informal chat about how they are settling in.

We are proud of the learning taking place in our school and look forward to sharing it with you. We hope to see as many families as possible there! 😊

Key Dates

Harvest Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 14th October 2:30pm

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We would love to welcome parents and carers to our Harvest Coffee Afternoon from 2:30pm. Join us for a relaxing paned, a slice of cake, and a chance to chat with other families and staff.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will also be collecting donations for Wrexham Foodbank. Items such as tinned soup, tinned meat, pasta, rice, cereal, UHT milk, tea, coffee, and toiletries would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to seeing you there! 💛🌿

Training Days 2026 - 2027	October 2026	November 2026
~~Monday 1st September 2026~~ ~~Wednesday 2nd September 2026~~ Monday 2nd November 2026 Monday 4th January 2027 Monday 19th July 2027 Tuesday 20th July 2027	Wednesday 14th October: Harvest Coffee Afternoon (2:30 - 4:00pm) Wednesday 14th October: Meet the Teacher (3:15 - 4:00pm) 20th - 22nd October: Parent Telephone Appointments (see individual class appointments on link) Thursday 22nd October: PTFA Halloween Disco (3:15-4:15pm Reception-Year 2; 4:30-5:45pm Years 3-6) 26th - 30th October - Half term (School closed)	Monday 2nd November: Training Day Thursday 12th November: Nasal Flu Friday 13th November: PTFA Non School Uniform - Bring a bottle for prizes for the Enterprise Fair Wednesday 18th November: Enterprise Fair After school Friday 20th November: Children in Need Day
December 2026	December 2026	January 2027
Thursday 10th December: Nursery - Year 2 Christmas Concert. Two performances: • 1:30pm • 3:45pm *Children will stay in school for the 2nd performance Friday 11th December: Reception - Year 2 (9:00 - 12:00pm) *Nursery children come in for the afternoon session 1:00-3:00pm Tuesday 15th December: 10:30am - Community Carols 5:00pm - Carols by Candlelight	Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Party Day Thursday 17th December: Year 3-6 Panto Trip (arriving back in school for around 4:30pm) Friday 18th December: Last day in school! 19th - 3rd January: Christmas Holidays	Monday 4th January 2027: Training day

Cabin Crew



Bwlchgwyn Cabin Crew



Cabin Crew will be open for the October half term between 26th October - 30th October 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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