

Derwen News July 17

Hwyl Fawr Blwyddyn 6
Goodbye Year 6



As this is the last Derwen News for 2024/2025 I would like to wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck in all that they do in the future.

The children led a fantastic Leavers Service on Monday July 14 and reminded everyone present what a special group of children they have been throughout their time at Ysgol Derwen.

Most of the 2025 cohort will be starting in Castell Alun High School in September with some of our pupils moving on to different high schools (Catholic High, St Davids, Queens and Wirral Grammar). We hope that they all have an enjoyable and productive time at their new schools and we wish them all the very best.



Good Luck Mrs Edwards and Miss Reynolds

Mrs Edwards is retiring from her role as school finance officer at Ysgol Derwen after 32 years of dedicated service. Miss Reynolds is also leaving at the end of term to start in her new role as a Teaching Assistant at Castell Alun High School. We wish them both every success for the future.

Thank You

The past year has been a most challenging year for myself and the school with the Estyn inspection in October followed by facing unprecedented ongoing cuts to the school budget. A huge thank you to all our parents for your continued support over the past year in helping make this another very successful year for Ysgol Derwen. Your support is much appreciated.

A massive thanks also to the dedicated group of parents who answered the call to revive FODS. They have been active all year providing exciting events for the school community and in doing so helped raise much needed funds to help the school and pupils.

Can I also wish the very best to those parents whose association with Ysgol Derwen will come to an end when their child moves onto high school in September. You will always be welcome at the school and we look forward to hearing about your children's future successes.

We look forward to welcoming all students back to Ysgol Derwen on Wednesday 4 September 2024.

Have a very happy and restful summer.

R Jones

Dates

July

- **Thursday 17 – School Closed for the Summer Holiday at the end of the school day**

2025 / 2026 Training Days

Five training days have been confirmed for the 2025/26 academic year.

There will be one more to add which will be communicated to parents once we have the date.

Confirmed training days when the school will be closed to pupils

- **Monday September 1 & Tuesday September 2**

School Opens for Pupils On Wednesday September 3

- **Friday October 24**
- **Monday January 5**
- **Monday July 20**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

<i>Staff Training Day</i>	Monday 1 September
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	Tuesday 2 September
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday 3 September
Half Term Closes	Friday 23 October
Staff Training Day	Friday 24 October
Half Term Opens	Monday 3 November
Term Closes	Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026

Staff Training Day	Monday 5 January
Spring Term Opens	Tuesday 6 January
Half Term Closes	Friday 13 February
Half Term Opens	Monday 23 February
Term Closes	Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026

Term Opens	Monday 13 April
<i>May Day Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Monday 4 May</i>
Half Term Closes	Friday 22 May
Half Term Opens	Monday 1 June
Term Closes	Friday 17 July
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 20 July</i>

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS ONE ADDITIONAL TRAINING DAY TO BE
CONFIRMED**