

## **Derwen News September 30**

**Please see the letter below from Flintshire CC regarding admissions to Reception Classes.**

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To Parents of All Nursery Pupils

Date/Dyddiad September 2025

Ask Ton/Gofynnwr am Primary School Admissions

Email/ E-bost admissions@flintshire.gov.uk

Dear Parent

**Admission to Reception - September 2026**

**Was your child born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022?**

**Will they have reached the age of 4 by August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026?**

*If so your child will have the opportunity to start in reception class in September 2026.*

**From the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025, you will have the opportunity to express a preference for your preferred school. You can apply on-line at**

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions/Reception.aspx>

You need to apply for a place in a Reception class even if your child has attended Nursery class at the same school.

In order to assist you with your decision, all schools will produce a prospectus giving full details of the school.

The Local Authority provides a 'Guide to Education Services 2026' detailing the admissions procedure. The 'Guide to Education Services 2026' and a full schools list, is available on our website -

<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/Admissions/Useful-Documents.aspx>

It is important that you read the 'Guide to Education Services 2026' before completing your preference form so that you are aware of the oversubscription criteria and the school transport policy.

The timetable for admission to Reception is as below: -

| Admission forms available to parents | Parents' consideration period | <b>Closing date for receipt of forms</b> | Allocation places period | Offer Day    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--------------------------|--------------|
| 22/09/25 7am                         | 22/09/25 – 17/11/25           | <b>17/11/25</b>                          | 18/11/25 – 23/02/26      | 16/04/26 8am |

**All applications must be received by the closing date.**

Late applications are dealt with after those received on time, so it is important that you meet the deadline. Although it is possible to submit an online application after the deadline, if you apply after the end of the allocation period (23 February 2026) the application cannot be processed until after the national offer date (16 April 2026).

Yours sincerely

**Ruby Clarke – Primary School Admission Officer**

**Free Chester FC Season Tickets Available!**

**Ysgol Derwen has four season tickets available for Chester Football Club home matches this season. These tickets are completely free for our school community to use!**

**Each ticket set admits either:**

- 2 adults and 2 children, or**
- 1 adult and 3 children**

**It's a fantastic opportunity to enjoy a family day out and support your local team! (well one of them!!)**

**If you'd like to attend a match, please get in touch with Miss Lee via email at:**

**LeeB54@hwbcymru.net**

**Tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.**



**FODS AGM Reminder – All Parents Welcome!**



**TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER, 6:30pm in the school hall.**

**Come and join us for a friendly catch-up! We'll take a quick look back at last year and chat about the fun events coming up.**

- \* Got an idea to share?**
- \* Want to help out?**
- \* Or just fancy being part of our fab parents' group**

**We'd love to see you – come and say hello.**

**Half Term Activity**

## Hello from Clwyd Special Riding Centre.

**We would like to invite families to join us at our annual Spooktacular Family Fun Day on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2025, from 11am – 2pm. Held at Clwyd Special Riding Centre, it's packed with spooky fun for the whole family.**

