

Derwen News October 16

FODS Disco

🎃FODS Spooky Disco with a DJ🎃 - Tuesday October 21

- **Reception to Year 2 - 3.05 pm to 4.15pm**
- **Year 3 to Year 6 - 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

Please use the link below to confirm attendance and payment for your child to attend the disco.

<https://square.link/u/BxRlxIqT>

Children may attend in dress-up/ party clothes.

Children in Reception to Year 2 can also come to school in their dress up clothes if they wish.👻🎃🕷️.

Children do not need to bring any additional money to the event.

Please fill in a new form for each child.

Please complete form & payment by Friday 17th October 2025.

We cannot guarantee places for any requests to attend the disco received after Friday 17th October 2025. It will not be possible to pay on the door. Tickets will NOT be issued for this event.

Should your child have any allergies/ special dietary requirements please email fodspta@gmail.com.

Nev Football & Netball Disco Arrangements

If your child attends Nev's after school football sessions or Netball with Mrs Payne and they are also planning on going to the disco:

Nev and Mrs Payne will pass the children planning on attending both the Football / Netball session and the Disco to Mr Jones at 4.15pm when the clubs finish and the children will be looked after until the Junior disco starts at 4.30pm. The children will be given

time to change into their disco clothes if they have brought a change of clothing to school with them.

FODS Christmas Fair

FODS are also planning for a Christmas Fair which will be taking place after school on Wednesday November 26th . More information about this event and how you can help will be shared in the coming weeks.

School Admissions

Nursery and Reception Admissions September 2026

If you have a child eligible for these classes or know of someone looking for a place for their child at Ysgol Derwen, please complete an online application form found on the link below.

Application Forms

Applications must be made on an official electronic application form on the Flintshire County Council Admissions Portal (Link Below)

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

These will be available in accordance with the published dates. Parents will be asked to provide official documentation showing their child/children's date of birth.

Admissions Timetable 2025/2026



Admission Phase	Admission forms available to parents w/c	Parents' consideration period	Closing date for receipt of completed forms	Allocation period by LA/admitting authority	Parents informed by ("Offer date")
Secondary	01/09/25	01/09/25 03/11/25	03/11/25	04/11/25 – 05/01/26	02/03/26

Reception	22/09/25	22/09/25 - 17/11/25	17/11/25	18/11/25 – 23/02/26	16/04/26
Nursery	22/09/25	22/09/25 – 16/02/26	16/02/26	17/02/26 – 23/03/26	05/05/26

Admissions to High School

The application process for High School is also open with the relevant forms also available on Flintshire CC Website.

Please ensure you complete your application by November 3rd to avoid any disappointment associated with late applications. Pupils from Ysgol Derwen have been refused entry into Castell Alun having attended the school and living within the village due to late applications in the past. Castell Alun is annually over subscribed, and the appeal process is very stressful!

Macmillan Coffee Fundraiser

A huge thank you to everyone who came to Ysgol Derwen and supported our Macmillan Coffee fundraiser a couple of weeks ago. It was lovely to see the whole community coming together at Ysgol Derwen to help support such a fantastic cause. Thanks also for your very generous donations of cakes, both shop bought and homemade, which enabled the event to be so successful.

So far, our efforts have raised an incredible £570 with donations still coming in!

Harvest Appeal

We will be again supporting the Flintshire Foodbank for our Harvest Appeal this year. With the cost-of-living crisis worsening with each year, there is an expectancy that the Flintshire Foodbank will be supporting far more families than usual in the coming months.

Any donations of tinned food or UHT milk etc will be collected up until Thursday October 23rd when the school closes for half term.

Reception Class Photo

The children in our Reception Class have had a class photo taken by a photographer from the Leader.

This photo will be in the Wrexham and Flintshire Leader on October 24th.

Dates

October

- **Tuesday 21 – Nursery Class Parents Meetings**
- **Wednesday 22 – FODS Spooky Disco**
- **Thursday 23 – Break for Half Term**
- **Friday 24 – Training Day - School closed to pupils**

November

- **Monday 3 – School Open**
- **Tuesday 11 – Remembrance Service (Bell @ 11am)**
- **Wednesday 12 - PC Stu visiting Derwen to talk to classes.**
- **Thursday 13 - Tempest Photography will be in school taking individual pupil photos.**
- **Friday 14 – The School Council will be organising events to help support the Children In Need fundraiser.**
- **Wednesday 19 – Flu Vaccinations PM for pupils in Reception to Year 6**
- **Thursday 20 – Indoor Athletics Event**
- **Wednesday 26 – FODS Christmas Fair**
- **Friday 28 – Castell Alun Cluster Football and Netball Tournaments**

December

- **Thursday 4 – Christmas Concert – Nursery & Reception AM**

- **Friday 5 – OAP Christmas Concert AM**
- **Monday 8 – Christmas Concert – Years 1,2 & 3 @ 2pm & 6pm**
- **Tuesday 9 – Christmas Concert – Years 4, 5 & 6 @ 2pm & 6pm**
- **Wednesday 10 - Christmas Dinner Day**
- **Tuesday 16 – Year 3 attending First experience Concert at the William Aston Hall**
- **Friday 19 – School Closed for Christmas at the end of the school day**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Staff Training Day	Monday 1 September
Staff Training Day	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	Thursday July 16
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Friday 17 July</i>
<i>Staff Training Day</i>	<i>Monday 20 July</i>