

## **Derwen News October 22**

**A huge thank you to everyone for helping make the start of this academic year such a successful one at Ysgol Derwen.**

**Please remember that the Ysgol Derwen will be closed to children after school on Thursday October 23 ( Friday October 24 is a staff training day).**

**I hope you all have a relaxing half term with your families and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday November 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

### **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>**

### **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!**

### **Menu Change Thursday November 6th**

# EAT SMART FOR OUR PLANET

## OUR ECO MENU

### Edwards Welsh Beef Burger

Served On A 50/50 Burger Bun  
Plant Based Sweet Potato & Chickpea Curry With 50/50 Rice

### Msc Fish Burger

Served On A 50/50 Burger Bun  
Oven Baked Wedges  
Seasonal Steamed Carrots & Broccoli

Mario's Welsh Ice Cream Pot  
Or Llaeth Y Llan Yoghurt



THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Find the STICKER to  
WIN lots of ECO PRIZES!

- Two Eco Friendly Bikes
- Water Bottles
- Packs of Seeds (to Plant)
- Recycled Pencils



- EVERY BITE COUNTS!



## Half Term Activities

### Nev Powel Soccer School



## **Chester City FC Half Term Events**

**We're excited to share details of the fantastic activities we're running during the October Half Term — perfect for keeping children active, entertained, and involved in the community!**

### **⚽ Chester FC Soccer School**

**Dates: Monday 27th – Friday 31st October**

**Time: 10am – 3pm each day**

**Location: Goals Soccer Centre (drop-off and pick-up at Deva Stadium)**

**All children aged 5–15 years are welcome.**

**Sessions are led by qualified and experienced coaches, offering a great opportunity for young people to stay active during the holidays, progress their game, and make new friends.**

- **£18 per day**
- **Fun, structured sessions**
- **Skill challenges, matches, and plenty of prizes**

**Places are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!**

 **Book online at: <http://community.chesterfc.com/book>**

### **🎃 SEALS SPOOKTACULAR Halloween Party**

**Get ready for a frightfully fun afternoon at our SEALS Spooktacular!**

**Date: Tuesday 28th October**

**Time: 2pm – 4pm**

**Venue: King George V Sports Hub, Blacon, Chester**

**Come dressed to impress in your best spooky costume — prizes awarded for the best outfits!**

**The event features:**

- **Our friend DJ JAY bringing the Halloween vibes 🎵**
- **Guest appearances from Rumi (K-POP Demon Hunters), Wednesday Addams, and Frankenstein**
- **Chester FC players joining for photos and autographs**
- **Party games inside and football fun outside**

**Tickets cost £10 per child, which includes candyfloss, popcorn, and a hotdog.**

**Spaces are limited — book now at: [www.chesterfc.com/tickets](http://www.chesterfc.com/tickets)**



## Home Delivery Period Products - Cheeky Wipes

**Home Delivery of period products for 8-18-year-olds**

**We are offering free reusable period products for home delivery again through Cheeky Wipes from October until the end of March 2026, where parents (or the learners themselves) can choose from a range of reusable product bundles, either reusable period pads, reusable period underwear or a period cup and sterilising pod**

**bundle. This would be free of charge and delivered to their home address.**

**Please share this link with your parents / carers / learners through your communication channels:**

**If you are aged 8-18 years and attend a school in Flintshire, please visit <https://www.cheekywipes.com/flintshire.html> to apply for free period products.**



### **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**

- **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**

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

#### **SPRING TERM 2026**

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

#### **SUMMER TERM 2026**

<b>Term Opens</b>	<b>Monday 13 April</b>
<b>May Day Bank Holiday</b>	<b>Monday 4 May</b>
<b>Half Term Closes</b>	<b>Friday 22 May</b>
<b>Half Term Opens</b>	<b>Monday 1 June</b>
<b>Term Closes</b>	<b>Thursday July 16</b>
<b>Staff Training Day</b>	<b>Friday 17 July</b>
<b>Staff Training Day</b>	<b>Monday 20 July</b>