

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 3rd.

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



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



SEALS SPOOKTAGULAR

Come dressed to impress in your best spooky costume and get ready for 2 hours of dancing, fun games, and exciting outdoor activities. There will be prizes for the best fancy dress, plenty of games and challenges and loads of Halloween fun for everyone. Don't miss out - it's going to be frightfully fantastic!

Special Guest Appearance: **Rumi** from the K-POP Demon Hunters will be joining us, so get your phones ready for a selfie and sing-a-long

AGES: U16 KING GEORGE V SPORTS HUB

28TH OCT 2PM - 4PM **£10.00 PER TICKET**

BOOK NOW
www.chesterfc.com/tickets

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SOCCER SCHOOL OCTOBER HALF TERM

Join us this October for fun coaching, small-sided games, challenges and tournaments. Children will need kit including boots, shin pads, a packed lunch, snack and water bottle.

AGES: 5-15 GOALS SOCCER CENTRE, WITH DROP OFF / PICK UP AT DEVA STADIUM, CH1 4LT

MONDAY 27TH TO FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER **£18.00 PER DAY**

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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

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