

Derwen News November 19



CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

All classes at Ysgol Derwen are now in full preparation for their annual Christmas concerts and the school is constantly filled with the sound of children singing.

An application form for tickets will be sent home with the children today. As in previous years we will be able to guarantee at least two tickets for each family. There may be more tickets available once the first allocation has been made.

Information regarding any additional tickets will be circulated once each family has been allocated their tickets. Admission will be strictly by ticket only. We cannot accept payment on the door.

Concert Dates and Times:

December

- **Thursday 4 – Christmas Concert – Nursery & Reception @10am**
- **Friday 5 – OAP Christmas Concert @ 9.30am**
- **Monday 8 – Christmas Concert – Years 1,2 & 3 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**
- **Tuesday 9 – Christmas Concert – Years 4, 5 & 6 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**



Senior Citizens Christmas Performance.

On Friday December 5th at 9.30pm the Year 1,2 and 3 children will be performing their Christmas Concert in full to any senior citizens /grandparents who would like to join us.

Following the concert, we will be serving tea/coffee and mince pies before the audience also being treated to songs from the Year 4,5 and 6 concert.

This performance is non-ticket and free. The doors will open shortly after 9am for a 9.30am start.



FODS CHRISTMAS FAIR

Wednesday November 26th @ 3.30 – 5.30PM

Our FODS Christmas Fair will be taking place on Wednesday November 26th. This will be a good opportunity for you to meet up with friends, purchase some Christmas gifts and help support the school through FODS.

We will be welcoming back our very special guest, Father Christmas, who will be in his grotto in the school foyer. Booking details are included below.

If you have some time free after school on the Wednesday evening please make the effort to attend the Christmas Fair and help raise some much-needed funds for our school. We hope to see you there where there will be much more for all the family to enjoy!

Santa's Grotto Booking

As part of the FODS Christmas Fair on Wednesday 26th November there will be an opportunity for the pupils to meet Santa and go into his grotto !!

FODS would like to allocate specific slots to the children who want to meet Santa, with the first slot from 3.45- 4.15pm, the second slot from 4.15-4.45pm.

Please note these are only preferred times and we cannot guarantee the slot you have selected. Slots will be confirmed when allocated.

Please use the link below to book a slot with Santa. Payment will be taken on the night.

[Ysgol Derwen - Santa's Grotto \(Wednesday 26th November\) – Fill in form](#)

Ysgol Derwen Eco Schools

Members of the Eco Council have been busy thinking of new ways to encourage nature and wildlife onto our school grounds. Their latest idea is to make homemade bird feeders to help support the birds as the weather gets colder.

The children have been very fortunate to have the resources and bird feed needed donated by ??????? so huge thanks to both organisations.

Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Ysgol Derwen is again supporting the Christmas Shoebox Appeal again this year.

Leaflets were sent home with the children before the half term break and for more information on this year's appeal and how to get involved please visit

<https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Can any filled boxes please be dropped off at school with and deadline for the boxes to be delivered to school is by Wednesday November 26th ready to be collected by T4U.

Dates

November

- **Wednesday 26 – FODS Christmas Fair**
- **Friday 28 – Castell Alun Cluster Football and Netball Tournaments**

December

- **Thursday 4 – Christmas Concert – Nursery & Reception AM**
- **Thursday 4 - Basketball Tournament**
- **Friday 5 – OAP Christmas Concert AM**
- **Monday 8 – Christmas Concert – Years 1,2 & 3 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**
- **Tuesday 9 – Christmas Concert – Years 4, 5 & 6 @ 2pm & 5.30pm**
- **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>