



Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2024-2025

Adroddiad Blynnyddol y Llywodraethwyr 2024-2025

Dear Parents / Annwyl Rieni

On behalf of the Governors of Ysgol Derwen it gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for the year 2024-25.

The school year began with 193 pupils on roll, this is 4 pupils more than at the beginning of the previous school year and 31 pupils below the capacity of the school

This year we also said goodbye to Mrs Helen Francis who retired from the Governing Body after being involved in the school, once a teacher at the school Helen was asked to join the Governors before acting as Chair for many, many years. Helen remains a stoic supporter of the school

Throughout the last school year sporting activities, after school clubs and extra-curricular activities were a regular addition to the usual school day. The Governors would like to thank both staff and parents who give of their time to support the pupils and the school in so many ways. Without your dedication it would be impossible to give the children such a wide range of opportunities and challenges. Thank you all, your help and support is very much appreciated.

Our thanks also go to a small team of volunteers who come into school on a regular basis to give of their time and expertise to help both pupils and staff as well as the continuing support of FODS who, amongst many other activities organised and ran the summer and Christmas fayres, raising valuable funds for the school. Thank you all for your continued support.

The report is full and comprehensive and listed below are some of the highlights.

The Governors look forward to continuing their work with all members of the school community to enable pupils to achieve their full potential in a happy and secure environment at Ysgol Derwen.

Yours sincerely

Chris Turner. Chair of Governors

The following report is full and comprehensive.



"Happy Together, Learning Forever, Succeeding Wherever we may be"

School Governors Annual Report (Wales) Regulations 2024/25

GOVERNOR MEMBERS DETAILS

<u>Chair of Governors</u>	<u>Clerk to Governors</u>
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SCHOOL GOVERNORS 2024/2025

Name	Appointed by	Appointed/Elected	Expiry Date
Mr C. Turner (Chair)	Parent Governor	Elected	25/5/26
Mr R. Jones	Headteacher	Appointed	Ex-officio
Mr M Alport	Partnership Governor	Appointed	10.02.29
Mrs C. Leonard	Partnership Governor	Appointed	21.5.28
Mr M King	Partnership Governor	Appointed	10.02.29
Marianne Evans (Vice Chair)	Parent Governor	Elected	25/5/26
Aderyn Edwards	Partnership Governor	Appointed	10/2/29
Rhiain Jones	Parent Governor	Elected	25/1/28
Louise Esser	Parent Governor	Elected	25/1/28
Ruth Dockwray	Parent Governor	Elected	25/1/28
Mrs C Atkins	Staff Governor	Elected	25/9/29
Mrs S. King	Teacher Governor	Elected	25.9/29
Nigel Meyrick	Co-Opted Governor	Appointed	25/9/29
Mrs Amy Howell	Clerk To The Governors	Appointed	

SCHOOL STAFF 2024/25

Headteacher	Mr R.K. Jones
Deputy Head	Mrs S. King (Year 6)
Teacher	Mrs C Last (Nursery 0.5)
Teacher	Mrs K Mathieson (Reception 0.8)
Teacher	Miss B Lee (Year 1)
Teacher	Mrs S Taylor (Year 2)
Teacher	Mr L Coppack (Year 3)
Teacher	Mrs J Cartwright (Reception - 0.2 / PPA 0.2)
Teacher	Miss H Ellingham (Year 4)
Teacher	Mrs. R Payne (Year 5)

Teaching Assistants

Teaching Assistant	Mrs J Cleave (Year 1)
Teaching Assistant	Mrs C. Atkins (Nursery & Juniors)
Teaching Assistant	Mrs K Hughes (Year 2)
Teaching Assistant	Mrs C Meyrick (Reception)
Teaching Assistant	Mrs T. Reynolds (Reception)
HLTA	Mrs K Hughes (0.6)
HLTA	Mrs J Morgan (0.5)
Teaching Assistant 1:1	Miss E Swayne
Teaching Assistant 1:1	Miss E Morgan
Teaching Assistant 1:1	Miss K John (0.5)
Midday Supervisory Assistants	Mrs J Cleave/ Mrs K Hughes /Mrs T Reynolds/ Mrs C Atkins

Administrative Staff

Secretary/Finance Officer	Mrs V Rowlands
Caretaker	Mr T Bell
Cleaner	Mrs J Challinor

Kitchen Staff

Cook	Mrs N Chilton
Kitchen Assistant	Mrs S Haddock
Kitchen Assistant	Mrs N Robinson

IT Technician	Mr S Jones
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Peripatetic Music Staff

Piano	Mr A Griffiths
Singing	Miss R Kirkby
Guitar	Mr T Joy

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

We had three much-loved members of staff leaving our team at Ysgol Derwen this year.

Mrs Aderyn Edwards made the decision to retire from her role as Finance Officer/Secretary after over 30 years of service. Mrs Edwards has been a valued member of the staff and no question would ever go unanswered! Mrs Edwards is looking forward to her retirement and the upcoming birth of her first Grandchild.

Miss Emily Reynolds started at Ysgol Derwen as a 1:1 for a child in Nursery and followed the child throughout their time at Ysgol Derwen. Miss Reynolds decided that once the Child had reached year 6 and was transitioning to High School, this was her time to pursue a change also. Miss Reynolds was offered a role at the Local High School as a Learning Assistant. Miss Reynolds was a very spirited member of staff, always willing to help out any class and loved by all the children.

Mrs Lydia Critchley started at Ysgol Derwen as Supply staff and took on a role as a 1:1 for a child in Reception. After that child left Mrs Critchely became a valuable member of the teaching assistant team in the foundation phase and reception class. Mrs Critchely decided to leave Ysgol Derwen to spend more time with her family. Although her time at Ysgol Derwen was fairly short, she was well thought of and well regarded by staff and pupils.

Everyone associated with Ysgol Derwen will greatly miss all three, but we wish them every success, health and happiness in the years ahead and look forward to hearing about their new exciting futures.

This year we also welcomed back a much-loved Teaching Assistant, Mrs Meyrick. Initially on a part time basis. Mrs Meyrick slipped back into her previous role and was welcomed back by all staff and pupils.

Miss Katie John also joined our team as a 1:1 for a Child in Nursery. Having worked at the school as a supply TA for some time, Miss John continued her role in the foundation phase as Teaching Assistant in the afternoons. Always cheery Miss John is a valued part of the team.

FUNDING

Revenue

A continuing theme of much of the education community is finance and yet again Flintshire primary schools remain one of the poorest funded Authorities with Ysgol Derwen also then coming low down the list when compared to the other schools in Flintshire. Ysgol Derwen has a funding per pupil of approx £3000 (Highest per pupil share in Flintshire = approx. £15,000).

Many schools in other areas of Wales fund their pupils at a much higher rate per head than those in Flintshire. This puts considerable strain on those of us who strive to deliver high standards on a decreasing budget but we continue to do so. Despite the desperately poor funding levels we have managed our budget very carefully and have continued to prioritise staffing but with ever increasing costs not being met by the funds coming into the school the situation is one that requires more careful consideration than ever

Due to the geographical location of Ysgol Derwen in a relatively affluent area the school also receives a very small budget allocation for free school meals and deprivation.

(See Appendix 1)

Pupil Deprivation Grant (PDG)

The purpose of the Pupil Development Grant is to improve the educational attainment and achievements of pupils who are entitled to free school meals (FSM).

Welsh Government Definition - The PDG is intended to provide support to disadvantaged learners to overcome the additional barriers that prevent those from disadvantaged backgrounds achieving their full potential.'

As a school, we will implement the PDG to:

- Develop early literacy and numeracy approaches
- Support all eligible learners, including those who are MAT.
- Track pupils, identify underachievement and use robust intervention strategies.
- Place a high priority on teaching and learning, quality feedback and metacognition.
- Ensure support staff are highly trained and clearly identify the provision they are leading on.
- Develop effective systems and processes for tracking pupil's progress.
- Ensure that all PDG statements are published and available.

In addition to the above we have used the PDG funding to:

- Purchased Plus 1 and Power of 2 Resources
- Funding for a teacher to support target groups of children in KS2
- Catch Up sessions to help with language and maths.
- Purchase of RM Maths licence to help develop maths skills and confidence in maths.
- Toe By Toe - to help with reading and language.

In 2024-25 Ysgol Derwen were allocated total grants of £12189 (which included PDG & EYPDG). Ysgol Derwen has reference to PDG in the annual SDP as a vehicle for planning or a comprehensive plan, agreed and monitored by GwE and Flintshire Local Authority. *It is not appropriate for the school to publish a detailed plan as it could identify individual pupils.*

Outcomes of the PDG Plan

In 2024 / 25 the outcomes of the pupils eligible for the PDG were:-

Children who received these interventions have made good progress as shown in :

- Teacher assessment
- National test scores
- Target setting
- Pupils confidence in their work

PUPIL INFORMATION

Number of pupils on roll at the end of the school year were:-

Year Groups	Age	Number
Nursery	3 - 4 year olds	24
Reception	4 - 5 year olds	24
Year 1	5 - 6 year olds	21
Year 2	6 - 7 year olds	25
Year 3	7 - 8 year olds	20
Year 4	8 - 9 year olds	26
Year 5	9 - 10 year olds	16
Year 6	10 - 11 year olds	29
		Full-time - 161
		Part-time - 24
		Total - 185

SCHOOL EVENTS & CLASS VISITS (see Appendix 2)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES & SESSION TIMES FOR 2024/2025 (see Appendix 3)

ADMISSIONS TO SCHOOL

The School continues to be very popular, though there are some wide ranging disparities of the number of pupils in certain classes. The Governing Body is constantly aware of the potential for over-subscription and monitors the situation carefully year on year by reviewing the school Admissions Policy in line with any WG recommendations.

The school's admissions policy for admission in September 2025 was again reviewed and revised and adopted by the full Governing Body in February 2024.

The school will continue to accommodate pupils in those classes that are, as yet, under capacity and whose parents have expressed a desire for them to be educated here.

The school's admission number for pupils entering the school from Reception age is set at a number of 28.

Pupil numbers do continue to fluctuate with some being low. Little Acorns have now established a new playgroup. It is hoped this will help to attract pupils to Ysgol Derwen and to help plan for future admissions.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Pupil Attendance

Attendance Figures 2024/2025 (September - July)

Nursery	85.2%
Reception	93.3%
Year 1	95.72%
Year 2	93.70%
Year 3	97.41%
Year 4	94.87%
Year 5	96.81%
Year 6	94.99%
Whole School	94.45%

- * School target for attendance would usually be 95%+. Attendance at Ysgol Derwen was good = 94.45%

Although the school does notify parents about the negative impact taking children out of school during term time may have on their education, there was a rising trend in the number of parents taking pupils out of school for holidays during the last term of the academic year.

We are pleased with the way most parents responded with regards to requesting holiday leave during term time. However we would ask that parents bear in mind that taking their children away on frequent holidays during term time or the school not receiving any notification for a child's absence from school does have an impact on the child's education and on school data. In line with Welsh Assembly Government policy we strongly discourage parents from applying for holiday leave at any time when the school is open. Indeed there is increasing evidence to confirm that the implications for pupil learning are real and adverse, especially for younger pupils. When children are absent from school on holiday during term time it can cause problems such as:

- Your child's education suffers
- Lessons and extra-curricular activities are missed
- Continuity of project work is lost
- The class is generally disrupted and other pupils may suffer as a result

The trend for taking pupils out of school for holidays continues to increase which impacts upon continuity of learning for all children, not just those who are absent. Under the Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 1995 parents must apply to the Headteacher for permission to remove their children from school during term time. It is not possible for the school to provide useful, alternative curriculum experiences while children are away from school and we would therefore ask all parents to consider this issue carefully.

The Governing Body fully supports the Headteacher in his efforts to improve pupil attendance and agreed that a maximum of **10** days non-medical absence will be authorised at the Headteacher's discretion unless there are, in the Headteacher's judgement, exceptional circumstances. The Attendance Policy is reviewed and if needed, updated annually.

ACHIEVEMENTS

In July the Ysgol Derwen Drama Group staged a fantastic performance of "Treachery at Traitors Key" in the school hall to an audience of parents and family members.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

The school took part in a variety of tournaments and events throughout the year. All the children who have represented our school at these events should be very proud of their achievements and are always a credit to Ysgol Derwen. See Appendix 2 for more details of these events.

School Organisation

Ysgol Derwen is an English Medium School where Welsh is taught as a second language and incidental Welsh is used daily in a number of situations throughout the school. Derwen Primary School is open to girls and boys aged 3+ to 11 years. Children are arranged in classes according to age, from Nursery to Year 6. Each teacher is responsible for teaching all subjects to one class but also takes responsibility for the development of one or more curriculum areas, giving guidance to colleagues and organizing resources throughout the school.

Classes are grouped according to age in all classes and additional teaching assistants have been employed to support pressure points in pupil numbers. Our Nursery / Reception and Years 1 / 2 classes share resources and areas of learning and are called Lower and Upper Foundation respectively.

Occasionally teachers may exchange classes in order to give specialist tuition. Children are taught as a class, in groups, in mixed ability classes and are also encouraged individually to progress to the limit of their capabilities. Thus one can find pupils working at different levels of attainment all within one group.

Ysgol Derwen has very strong links with Castell Alun High School and works closely with the High School and all consortium primary schools to aid transition and to raise standards in Maths, English, Welsh and Science. The school has also over the past year started working on joint initiatives with schools from other local authorities.

Additional Needs are the responsibility of each class teacher in liaison with the school's AN Co-ordinator. Children with additional needs follow individual plans. More Able and Talented pupils are dealt with in a similar manner.

Each class has designated PE or Games sessions timetabled during the school day. These lessons can take place in the school hall or outside on the school yard and field. The school also offers a wide variety of after school clubs in various sports and occasionally use the expertise of external sports coaches.

Pastoral care and safeguarding is the responsibility of all staff under the overall supervision of the Headteacher.

Additional Needs

The system for supporting children and young people with special educational needs and disability in Wales has changed. From September 2021, the Welsh Government introduced a new, simpler and more responsive system of meeting the needs of children with special educational needs or disabilities. The new system puts the learner at the heart of everything that happens. It was brought in gradually between 2021 - 2024. The school worked very closely with Castell Alun and the cluster primary schools on a joint project to further improve provision for our most able pupils in preparation for the new AN Code.

The school's aim is to allow all pupils, where possible, to study the Curriculum for Wales and to be included in all activities. Pupils who are identified as having additional learning provision will have their need met through differentiated work within the classroom. Children with complex additional learning needs may require an Individual Development Plan to help them achieve their potential.

The school makes a significant contribution from its budget to support ALN. A small amount of additional resources, which are over and above the school's own provision, are met by Flintshire L.A.

Pupils with physical disabilities have full access to all buildings and their resources.

School organization with regards to Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Children with ALN are supported mostly by the class teacher either through differentiated work during class lessons or during additional withdrawal sessions.

Children with additional needs may also be given additional support during a withdrawal session with a teacher or Teaching Assistant who work closely under the guidance of the class teachers and the ALNCO (Additional Needs Coordinator).

For pupils with more complex needs, Individual Development Plans (IDPs) are drawn up by the class teacher, ANCO, support staff, pupil, parents and any outside agencies involved with the child. These IDP's are reviewed annually and new targets set.

Children who are identified as having insecure basic skills through the school's tracking system may also receive support through the IDL programme

Health and Wellbeing

The school as always, is dedicated to improving the health and fitness of the children takes part in the Healthy Schools Scheme.

The Healthy Schools Council had been working hard on their action plan aiming to achieve the next Phase of the Healthy Schools Scheme and help encourage and promote healthy eating across the school. The daily snack in Foundation comprises of fruit and vegetables along with a drink of water or milk. The aim is to instil this further to all children in KS2 and we welcome help from parents to achieve this by sending children in with Healthy snack for breaktimes. Our catering team continue to produce excellent nutritionally balanced meals every lunch time with a very high percentage of pupil's choosing to have school dinners.

Healthy Eating at Ysgol Derwen

The importance of healthy eating is regularly discussed in science and PSE lessons. It is also discussed during school council and healthy council meetings.

The school sends home the daily lunch menus and the choices are also online for parents' information.

School Security

The presence of all visitors to the school is recorded in our Visitors Book. We have managed to create a very secure environment whilst not detracting from the welcoming atmosphere that we wish to foster. Our CCTV Policy is annually reviewed and updated if necessary.

School Policies and Curriculum

School policies are reviewed and amended on a rolling programme by the staff and the Committees of the Governing Body. In view of the new curriculum changes, new policies were drafted in readiness for the introduction of the New Curriculum for Wales. New draft policies were adopted for the six areas of learning.

A new curriculum vision policy was drawn up utilising the views of staff, pupils, parents and governors. As a result of this process the school adopted a new mission statement and developed a new curriculum in incorporating new school values.

Ysgol Derwen School Mission Statement - "Happy Together, Learning Forever, Succeeding Wherever we may be"

School Values:

- Happy and Friendly
- Kind and Caring
- Respectful and Empathetic
- Resilient and Determined
- Inclusive and Unique
- Positive Mindset
- Community Focused

School Environment

Some noticeable additions to the school environment this year include:

- Classes continue to be painted as part of the regular upkeep of the school building.
- More laptops were purchased to help deliver the curriculum in KS2.
- More iPads were purchased to help deliver the curriculum throughout the school
- New interactive flat screens were installed Nursery/Reception class.
- A new outdoor slide was installed courtesy of Creative Play
- The school is now fully compliant with IT devices per pupil

As outdoor learning is an essential part of the new curriculum it is very important that the school ensures it provides high quality outdoor provision on the school grounds.

Governing Body Expenses

The Governing Body did not use any of its allocated expenses for the academic year 2024/2025. The clerk did receive payments for her role in line with national policy.

Governing Body Targets

The 2023/24 targets were partly achieved

2024/2025

- To assist in maintaining a sustainable financial position.
- To continue to have a strategic role in the analysis of school performance data and ensure that the recommendations of the Estyn Report have been carried out.
- To strengthen curriculum links between the teaching staff and the governors by having regular learning walks.

LINKS WITH THE WIDER COMMUNITY

Liaison With The High School

Relationships between our school and Castell Alun High School have continued to flourish with the cluster meeting regularly. Pupils who transfer to high schools are able to integrate quickly and comfortably. The Castell Alun Consortium of Schools (comprising the high school and seven primary schools) has met regularly to foster curriculum and administrative links between the schools and to work towards agreed targets as set out in the Transition Plan.

We are very fortunate at Ysgol Derwen to have very strong representation from the school for the four Castell Alun Curriculum working groups. All participating members of staff give up much of their own time in addition to their school duties to help ensure that all the children in the Castell Alun consortium have common assessment tasks which are moderated by all schools. This also helps ensure that the children in Year 6 have a smooth transition to High school.

Professional Links

The Headteacher represents the school at the Castell Alun Consortium Headteachers Group which meets regularly to ensure that the schools in the consortium work very closely together in trying to raise standards across all schools, share good practice and also plans all transition work and activities.

The Headteacher also represents the Castell Alun Consortium on Flintshire County Councils Headteachers Federation. In addition to this the Headteacher sits on the County Admissions and Finance Forums.

These links provide useful and significant additional information and insight into local and national education scenes which greatly benefit Ysgol Derwen.

Castell Alun Collaborative Working

There are a number of well-established working groups which work incredibly hard to improve standards across the consortium and in the individual schools. The focus for the groups is decided by the heads annually following a review of standards across

the consortium and with particular regards to the Year 7 intake each year. Common areas for development are discussed and these can then become the focus for each of the working groups. There was a heavy focus on 2024/2025 on pupil wellbeing.

Curriculum For Wales Working Group

The Deputy Heads of the Cluster schools meet regularly to collaborate and develop themes and initiatives in line with the curriculum for wales

Pre-School provision

Ysgol Derwen has continued to provide our nursery pupils increased facilities since the opening of Little Acorns which provided wrap around care for our Nursery children from 11.30am to 3pm daily. The school also introduced the provision of full wrap around care to include Early Entitlement, Pre School provision and holiday clubs for the pupils of Ysgol Derwen.

Little Acorns provides full wrap around care at Ysgol Derwen which includes:

- Breakfast Club (7.45 am to 8.55am)
- After School Club (End of the school day until 6pm)
- Nursery Plus (11.30am to 3pm)
- Early Entitlement (10 hours a week)
- Pre School Provision
- Holiday Clubs

Friends of Derwen School (FODS)

In 2024 a new FODS committee was established. The committee works tirelessly to raise much needed funds for the school and have organised many wonderful events for the children, including Christmas and Summer fairs, Discos and raffles.

Parent Helpers

We would like to thank all those parents and other adults who have supported the school so willingly and ably over the last twelve months.

Other Organisations

The school has links to support and work alongside the following organisations

- Higher Kinnerton Community Council
- Higher Kinnerton Church
- Higher Kinnerton Senior Citizens by providing a monthly meal at the village church
- Other local village groups
- Castell Alun High School
- Neighbouring Primary Schools
- Mold and Buckley Sports Association
- Dragon Sports
- Community Police
- North Wales Fire Service
- Glyndwr University, Bangor University, Deeside College and Chester College.
- Tesco
- TATA Steel

THE SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

Some revisions and additions to the content of the school prospectus have been made and the new prospectus is available to anyone requiring a hard copy from the school office.

The new prospectus is also available to all on the schools new website under the downloads section.

APPENDIX 1
School Budget Financial Year 2024 / 2025

					
YSGOL DERWEN (EPD221)					
FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2024/25					
BUDGET HEADING	BUDGET 2024/2025	EXPENDITURE 2024/2025	DIFF + OR (-)		
BALANCE FROM 2022/2023	-49,876		-49,876		
EMPLOYEES	649,752	943,952	-294,200		
PREMISES	65,161	38,992	26,169		
TRANSPORT	0	75	-75		
SUPPLIES	26,454	23,655	2,799		
ADULT/PUPIL MEALS/LINK COURSES	0	2,240	-2,240		
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	30,630	10,791	19,839		
TRANSITIONAL FUNDING			0		
INCOME	0	-180,412	180,412		
TOTAL 2024/2025	722,121	839,293	-117,172		

APPENDIX 2
School Events and Class Visits 2024/2025

September to December

- Wednesday 4th September - School open for pupils
- Monday 23rd - Wednesday 25th September - Year 5/6 Cardiff Residential Trip
- Thursday 26th September - Techno Camps Y4
- Friday 27th September - Junior Dodgeball at Penyfford School
- Friday 4th October - MacMillan Coffee Morning
- Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th October- Parents Evening
- Tuesday 22nd October - FODS Disco
- Monday 11th & Tuesday 12 November - PC Stu visit
- Thursday 21st November - Y5&6 Indoor Athletics at Deeside College
- Thursday 28th November - Y5/6 Scratch Technocamps
- Friday 29th November - Cluster Netball & Football Tournament at Castell Alun
- Friday 29th November - FODS Christmas Fair
- Thursday 12th December - Christmas Dinner
- Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Party
- Friday 20th December - School closes for Christmas

January to April

- January 7th - School open to all pupils
- January 21st - Y3/4 Trip to Aerozone Mnachester Airport
- January 23rd - Y5/6 Trip to Blists Hill
- January 30th - Y5 Technocamps
- February 6th - Netball Tournament
- February 21st - Staff Training day followed by Half term
- March 6th - Y4 Technocamps
- March 7th - Y5 Robotics Workshop
- March 10th - PC Stu Years 1-6
- March 14th - Holi Celebration day (Whole School)
- April 10th - Castell Alun Transition day
- April 11th - FODS Easter Raffle
- April 11th - School Closes for Easter

May to July

- April 28th - School Opens for all pupils
- April 29th - Swimming Gala - Holywell
- May 12th - Teacher from Germany visiting for 2 weeks on an exchange with Miss Ellingham
- May 12th - Mental Health Awareness Week
- May 12th & May 13th - Parents Evening
- May 16th - Rounds Tournament @ Derwenfa School, Leeswood
- May 19th - Business Week
- May 21st - Whole school Business Sale
- May 23rd - Mold and Buckley Cross Country
- May 23rd - Finish for Half Term
- June 12th - Loose Play lunchtime Session
- June 16th - Whole School Sports day
- June 17th - Drama Production 'Treachery at Traitors Key'
- June 20th - Year 5&6 trip to Dangerpoint
- June 27th - Year 6 Transition Day - all schools
- July 1st - Zoolab in school for years 3 & 4
- July 2nd - FODS Summer Fair
- July 3rd - Nursery/Reception trip to Greenacres Farm
- July 4th - Cricket Tournament
- July 9th - Whole School French Day
- July 9th - Y3 First Experiences trip at Theatre Clwyd

- July 10th - Y1 & Y2 visit to Park Hall Farm 12
- July 11th - Y6 Nant BH End of year trip
- 15th July - Junior end of term 'Bonkers Bingo'
- 17th July - School finishes for Summer

*Wellbeing Fortnight - The whole school undertook in many events to help with physical and mental wellbeing provided by both school staff and external agencies.

**** Business Fortnight**

The whole school took part in a very successful and enjoyable Business Fortnight. Children had to choose products they wanted to sell during our business project market. Classes had to cost materials to make their products, plan how to make them and decide how much they were going to sell their goods for. Some fantastic cross curricular activities took place across all classes throughout the project and the enthusiasm, enjoyment and knowledge of the children was outstanding. Any profits made during the market sale went directly back to the class and the children will be able to decide how to spend the funds.

APPENDIX 3

Our daily timetabled teaching time is:-

Nursery - 9am to 11.30am

Foundation - 8.55am to 11.55am and 12.55pm to 3.05pm.

Infants have breaks amounting 90 minutes per day.

Juniors - 8.55am to 11.55am and 12.55pm to 3.20pm

Juniors have breaks which amount to 83 minutes per day

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024

Staff Training Day	Monday 2 September
Staff Training Day	Tuesday 3 September
Autumn Term Opens	Wednesday 4 September
Half Term Closes	Friday 25 October
Half Term Opens	Monday 4 November
Term Closes	Friday 20 December

SPRING TERM 2025

Staff Training Day	Monday 6 January
Spring Term Opens	Tuesday 7 January
Half Term Closes	Thursday 20 February
Staff Training Day	Friday 21 February
Half Term Opens	Monday 3 March
Term Closes	Friday 11 April

SUMMER TERM 2025

Term Opens	Monday 28 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 5 May
Half Term Closes	Friday 23 May
Half Term Opens	Monday 2 June
Term Closes	Thursday 17 July
Staff Training Day	Friday 18 July
Staff Training Day	Monday 21 July

