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**Fun, Outstanding, Enriched Learners
Hwyl, Rhagorol, Cyfoethogi Dysgwyr**

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 9th January 2026
Dydd Gwener Ionawr 5, 2026**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda, Happy New Year. It has been lovely talking to the children and hearing all about your Christmas adventures.

The children have had a super return to school.

We have a busy term ahead. Please keep up to date by reading the newsletter, checking the website, emails and our social media.

Nursery children were sent a pack home before Christmas. Please could we ask that these packs are completed and returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you to all families who have already returned theirs.

Adverse Weather & School Closures

During periods of severe or adverse weather, the safety of our pupils, families, and staff is our top priority. In the event that the school needs to close or adjust opening times due to bad weather, updates will be shared as quickly as possible.

Please ensure you regularly check the following channels for the most up-to-date information:

- **Flintshire County Council School closures:**
<https://www.flintshire.gov.uk/en/Resident/Schools/SchoolClosures.aspx>
- **The School Website – Recent News**
- **School emails**
- **Our official social media pages**



Governors

We are also in desperate need of a clerk to the governing body. Please contact myself or Mrs Watts for more information.

Attendance

- If your child is unable to attend school due to illness, make sure the school office is informed at the earliest opportunity. Late marks will be given to children where they have not arrived before the side gate is closed. Please visit our website where you will find current guidance under **Parents and Carers, Sickness and Attendance**.

Attendance is compulsory from Reception.

Attendance data for up to 07/01/26:

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	94.72%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	96.51%
Overall	95.73%

As a school we strive to ensure our attendance is monitored and your support with this is appreciated. Attendance is a national priority and having met with our designated Education Welfare Officer whose role it is to monitor our attendance and take action if your child's attendance is below 92%.

Please can you ensure that you either phone 01352 740197 or email the office on yfmail@hwb.cymru.net to inform us if your child/ren are not attending school by 9:00am, a reason needs to be provided and when they are likely to return to school. We provide this information to Welsh Government and County Council. If you do not ring in we have to report it as unauthorised.

3-7 learners

In Maths we will continue to work on Number and place but will look at co-ordinates, shape and time.

In Topic we will be covering Wonderful Wales.



8-11 Learners

Topic we will be covering Japan- exploring history and culture.

Science investigating electricity.

Maths we will be looking at time and measure.

Years 3 to 4 will be participating in first experiences where they will start to learn P.Buzz every Tuesday morning.

Homework

The children will be set homework each Monday to be returned the following Monday. This will alternate between numeracy and literacy activities.

Spelling will be uploaded onto SeeSaw on a Monday and their test will be on a Friday.

Timetables will be sent home on a Monday to be tested the following Monday.

PE

8-11 learners PE will be on a Friday

3-7 Learners will be on Friday

Forest School

Whole school will have Outdoor Learning on Thursday. During their Outdoor Learning session it is important that all children have a change of footwear with them. **Please ensure you send your child in appropriate clothing. This means NO Shorts as we often kneel by the fire and in the bushes. Remember Forest School can be messy – wear old clothes!**

Breakfast Club/ Out of School Club

All information relating to our Breakfast Club can be found on our website, under Wraparound Care.

Website/ Calendar

Please subscribe to our website, by subscribing you will receive notifications of updates to our website. Don't forget to subscribe to our calendar as well. This has all the dates of events, residential etc. to subscribe to our calendar go to www.ysgolyfoel.org click on the full calendar on the right-hand side and follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.



Dates for the Diary (provisional)

Date	Event/ Activity
12/02/2026	School closes for half term
13/02/2026	Staff training day
26/02/2026, 27/02/2026	Year 3 Residential – Conway Centre
27/03/2026	School Closes for Easter
13/04/2026	School opens to children
22/04/2026, 23/04/2026 & 24/04/2026	Year 6 – London Residential
29/04/2026 ,30/04/2026 & 01/05/2026	Year 4&5 – Plas Menai Residential
22/05/2026	School closes for half term
01/06/2026	School opens to children
17/07/2026	School closes for summer