



'FOEL'

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

**Newsletter/Cylchlythyr
Friday 26th September 2025
Dydd Gwener Medi 26, 2025**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Annwyl Rieni/Gwarchodwyr,

Headteacher's Update

Yet another busy fortnight at Ysgol Y Foel. Thank you to those who attended our JIGSAW parents meeting. It was lovely to share the programme with you. The children have really enjoyed their launch assemblies so far and are so enthusiastic in their lessons. They have been busy learning about making others feel special, how to help themselves and each other learn and in KS2 about refugees, asylum seekers and migrants. Some fantastic current debates and opinions shared. They are also enjoying bringing home their certificates that have been chosen for the children by the children.

Next week the theme is, 'Caring about other peoples feelings,' and the week after, 'Working well with others.'

The children have also been busy taking part in some sporting events with both Y3/4 and 5/6 participating in a festival. Y5/6 are taking part in a competitive tournament this afternoon. Good Luck to them.

Last week the children had the pleasure of sharing their lunch time with The Local Police. PC Roberts and PC Taylor joined them in the hall and then outside to promote relationships in the community.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the first Parents Evening of the year next week. It is a good opportunity to have a look around the school, through children's books and see how your child is settling back into school.

We have also had a successful PTA meeting. Last year the PTA raised the most money ever. A huge thank you for your efforts. The new dictionaries are on the shelves ready to use in each class. There are lots of plans for the year ahead so please keep an eye out for special dates. Starting with coffee and cake after the Harvest next Thursday. We are also hoping to share our Domino Run of cereal boxes with you!! We have posted the words for some children on SEESAW please could you take some time to practise with your children. Those children in Wrap around Care on Thursday will be coming to the chapel with us as they have a part in the service too. There will be no Forest School.



We have been asked to join the Church Harvest Festival and children have made prayer leaves for display in the church and all children will be singing The Harvest Samba. The service is at 6pm on Tuesday 21st October.

Our Forest School has been a huge success this term. We have learnt how to use flints and steels to light the fire, practised our peeling and cutting skills, made Tudor Pomanders as well as tasting toffee apples, garlic focaccia bread and bacon butties.

We will be enjoying Hot Chocolate and a biscuit this afternoon as part of Mental Health Awareness, 'Tea and Talk theme.'

We hope you have a restful weekend.

Mrs O'Neill

Volunteers Needed:

We would greatly appreciate some helping hands to tidy the Foundation Learners' playground and assist in building our new mud kitchen. Please join us from **3:20pm onwards** — your support will make a big difference!

Newydd – New School Menu

Please can we ask that you look through the menu with your children as there are some new food items on it. Children have been ordering food that they then do not like which can cause a little bit of upset.

Harvest

This year our Harvest Service will be held in Capel Gad on **Thursday 16th October at 1.30pm**. We hope you will be able to join us for coffee and cake afterwards in the school hall.

We have also been asked by St Marys Church to join their Harvest service and the children will be performing The Harvest Samba in both Welsh and English. We ask that all children can join us in the church on **Tuesday 21st October at 6pm**.

Governors

A vacancy has arisen to be a part of our governing body. Please see the separate letter sent home and please put your nominations in. We are also in desperate need of a clerk to the governing body. Please contact myself or Mrs Watts for more information.



Halloween Disco

Will be held on Thursday 23rd October 2025 3:30pm to 5pm. Details to follow. We will be holding a pumpkin competition to be judged at the disco. Please bring in your decoration pumpkins on the morning.

Pumpkin Patch

On Thursday 23rd October, the children will be walking down to the village Pumpkin Patch, where each child will be able to choose and purchase one small pumpkin. The cost of the pumpkins has been kindly donated.

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 09/10/25:

Class	Percentage of attendance
Dosbarth Famau	96.97%
Dosbarth Yr Wyddfa	95.54%
Overall	95.60%

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@hwbcymru.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.



Class Information

3-7 Learners

Children are reading Dogger by Shirley Hughes and learning about toys from the past.

8-11 Learners

Our Topic is Time Traveller and our main focus is on The Tudors. We will be reading the class novel, 'Treason' in Year 5 and 6 and 'The Queens Token' in Year 3 and 4.

We are focusing on addition and subtraction in Maths.

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

Breakfast Club will be invoiced on weekly basis on school gateway, please log in and check each week.

Reminder that Breakfast club is open from:

7:45am to 8:15am This is charged at £1.50 per child

8:15am to 8:45am – Free

If your child arrives before 8:15am they will be charged as per time entered on the register.

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



Ysgol y Foel Out of School Club

As I hope you are aware as of August 31st 2025 we are now CIW registered and as such are able to offer wraparound care for children aged 2 years to 11 years. All families received a contract at the start of term which indicated our prices for the new term. I have included these below. I am also pleased to inform all our families that if you are entitled to receive the Childcare offer for Wales or Tax Free childcare we are listed as a provider, you need to search for Ysgol y Foel Out of School Club. Ysgol Y Foel Out of School Club as a full childcare provider is a huge step for us as a school and it is our hope that as word spreads more families will use this service.

Fees are *per session* and we respectfully ask initially these are paid *weekly - in advance/by Direct Debit*.

Bank Details

Account Name: Ysgol Y Foel Out of School Club

Account Number: 31507974

Sort Code: 40-33-10

Morning session: 8.40 am – 11.20 am - £17

Session 2 11.20 am – 3.20 pm - £18

Session 3 3.20 pm – 4.20 pm - £7

Session 4 4.20 pm – 5.20 pm - £6

Full Day Care 1 for child aged 2/3 (Early Entitlement) 8.40 am – 5.20 pm - £48

Full Day Care 2 for child who attends Nursery session 11.20 am – 5.20 pm - £ 30

Fees are payable if a child is absent without notice or for a short period of sickness without notice. Fees are payable for Family holidays if 4 weeks notice has not been given.

Charges for absence are as follows:

Unwell: **without notice £20**

Occasional days off: **without notice £20**

Charges for late pick up are as follows:

Late pick up fee: 5.20 pm – 5.30 pm £20

Late pick up fee: 5.30 pm – 6.00 pm £40

Charges for Parent's holiday without 4 weeks notice £150

Provision closed due to unforeseen event: no charge – payment made for the planned use of sessions will be reimbursed.

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
14/10/2025	Parents Evening
16/10/2025	Harvest Festival at Chapel Gad 1.30pm – Tea & Coffee afterwards
21/10/2025	Harvest Festival 6pm at St Marys, Cilcain
23/10/25	Hockey Skills Festival
24/10/2025	School closes for half term
03/11/2025	School opens to children
11/11/2025	Remembrance Day
13/11/2025	Tempest Photography – individual and sibling photos
13/11/25	Dodgeball Festival
14/11/2025	Children in Need
20/11/25	Indoor Athletics
27/11/25	Year 5&6 Transition Day at Mold Alun
27/11/25	Netball Festival
04/12/2025	Reception to Year 6 – Theatr Clwyd – Christmas panto. Flu Vaccinations from 1pm
9/12/25	Christmas Concerts and Fair times TBC



11/12/2025	Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/2025	School closes for Christmas
19/12/2025	Staff training day
05/01/2026	Staff training day
06/01/2026	School opens to children
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