



# Rhosddu School Newsletter

## December 2024



## Christmas Concerts

An enormous 'Thank You' to all who came to support our Christmas Concerts last week- they were magical! The children worked very hard and had lots of fun performing for you all, we are very proud of each and every one of them.

We are also very grateful to everyone who completed our surveys, we had a brilliant response and will be looking through them all over the next few days.

A polite little reminder- photographs and video clips are precious memories of your child's performance but please keep them for your own enjoyment rather than sharing on social media. Many thanks for your support.

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## Free School Meals

Although all our pupils receive a free school lunch as part the Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme, we would strongly encourage those who are eligible to still apply for free school meals. The Welsh Government use these applications to assess where funding is needed. By applying you will bring extra funding into school for your child and it also enables you to apply for things such as a School Essentials Grant- benefiting both you, your child and the school.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- Child Tax Credit (as long as you don't also get Working Tax Credit and your annual income is £16,190 or less before tax)
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year after tax. This does not include any income from benefits.

To find out more and apply please follow the link below:

[Free school meals | Wrexham County Borough Council](#)

## School News



**Table Tennis:** During this half term class E and F have been taking part in Table tennis lessons! Every Monday Aaron, from Table Tennis Wales, has supported the children to develop their table tennis skills. This has been a great opportunity for the children to learn new skills and have lots of fun! We are very grateful for the equipment we have been given to enable us to develop their skills further.

**Criw Cymraeg:** The Criw Cymraeg, would like to thank all pupils, staff and parents for 'having a go' at Welsh this term. The Criw Cymraeg have been very busy meeting together and identifying our next steps towards our Cymraeg Silver award! Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!



**Garden Fun:** After Christmas Years 1 and 2 will be starting to plant and grow their own produce, ready for a project in the summer term. We have been lucky enough to have a Grant that will help with the cost of this but we desperately need some topsoil and compost for our raised beds. If there is anyone in our community who might be able to help with this we would be enormously grateful!

## Community Breakfast

We would like to invite you to join us for a Community Breakfast in the New Year. This is an opportunity to meet other members of the community, school services and staff and discuss what we can offer you as parents.

### RHOSDDU COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

#### BREAKFAST IS ON US!

Drop the kids off for school and join us straight after for breakfast.  
Kettle will be on and food available from 9am

Come and meet some support services for parents and family members.

Family Information Service  
BCUHB HIT Team  
Parenting Team  
Little Learning Company



**21ST JANUARY 2025  
MAIN HALL**



# Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance at school can make a big difference to a child's future. Every moment in school counts and days missed add up quickly. The Welsh Government target for attendance is 95% and we would very much like to achieve this as a school. Our current attendance levels are as follows:

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
85.7%	89.1%	92.3%	90.4%	94.3%	92.6%	93.8%	91.9%

Congratulations and well done to Year 3 who have the best attendance for this term!

We do understand that sometimes absence is unavoidable and children are ill. However, we would ask you to consider carefully whether absences are necessary before keeping children off.

Punctuality is also very important. Our school day starts at 9am and it is essential that children arrive on time for this. Children coming into school later than this often miss the introduction to lessons and vital parts of their learning and disrupt the learning for others. Children also need to be collected promptly at 3pm for Infants and 3:15pm for Juniors, there has been an increasing number of children being picked up late. Staff finish work at the end of the school day and it is unfair to expect them to stay late- this is their own time. If know you might be late to collect a child please contact the school office and make arrangements for them to attend Cares Club. Many thanks for your support.

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## Nursery Applications for 2025



From January 6, 2025 you can apply for a nursery school place for your child. Places are open to children who will have reached the age of three by August 31, 2025.

You can [apply online](#) - this is the quickest and easiest way to apply. You will also get an email letting you know your application has been received.

Paper applications are available by emailing [admissions@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wrexham.gov.uk).

The closing date for applications is February 17, 2025

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From all the staff at Rhosddu we would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas break and a peaceful start to 2025.



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## New Year Dates for Your Diary:

### January

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup>** INSET school closed to pupils  
**Tues 7<sup>th</sup>** School opens to pupils  
**Weds 15<sup>th</sup>-Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Yr 6 Robinwood Residential  
**Tues 21<sup>st</sup>** Community Breakfast

### February

**Fri 21<sup>st</sup>** Break up for half term

### March

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>** School opens to pupils

### April

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup>** Break up for Easter  
**Mon 28<sup>th</sup>** INSET school closed to pupils  
**Tues 29<sup>th</sup>** School opens to pupils

### May

**Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>** Break up for half term

### June

**Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>** School opens to pupils

### July

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup>** Break up for Summer