



CYLCHLYTHYR / NEWSLETTER 22.05.26

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END OF AN ERA - Mrs Evans is on to new adventures

Dear Parents & Children of YBH,

It is with a mix of emotions that I am letting you know that I will be moving on to new adventures at the end of this school year, and I will be saying farewell to Ysgol Bryn Hedydd for good. I can't quite believe that I have spent 25 of the best years of my teaching career here, as it seems like only yesterday that I was appointed by the legend that was Mr Phil Gallagher, in 2001. Some of you were pupils here when I first arrived and now I'm teaching your children. That makes me feel immensely proud, but also a little old!

YBH has been a huge part of my life and I will be leaving with the fondest of memories. I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to work with the most incredible children, supportive families and dedicated staff over the years, to whom I am eternally grateful. There will so much to say in the coming weeks I'm sure, but for now I would just like to say a huge thank you to you all, and that I will always be - 'YBH at heart!' ❤️

Mrs C Evans - Blwyddyn 3a4

You've not gone yet Mrs Evans!!
There's plenty of time to end 25 years of dedication to Ysgol Bryn Hedydd with a bang. You'll be missed by us all.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Our Years 5 & 6 Girls football team have represented the school all year with amazing attitudes, teamwork, humility and skills. We couldn't be prouder of them showing our values and having the messages and comments from other schools, parents and organisers praising their efforts and behaviour. Some of the girls made it to Newtown to represent Denbighshire and won the Silver plate after losing out by 1 point to the undefeated eventual champions. I'm sure we'll be seeing some of these girls on SKY sports in the future.



DYDDIADAU / TERM DATES*

Summer Term

22.05.26.	School Closes Half Term
01.06.26	School Reopens
02.06.26.	School Photos N,1,2,4,5
10.06.26.	Nursery Sports day
15.06.26.	Year 5/6 Sports PM
07.07.26.	Summer Fayre
08.07.26.	Nursery/Reception meet
13.07.26.	Year 6 Leavers Show
15.07.26.	Year 6 Prom
17.07.26	School Closes Summer ☀️
20.07.26	Training Day Staff

**further details will follow about events. They may change.*

A WELL EARNED BREAK

This has been a very busy half term for everyone. I want to thank all the staff for their continuous hard work and commitment to Bryn Hedydd. The funding we receive is dire but it's the people that make the school. We have fantastic children that constantly make us proud and for me especially, they make everyday brilliant. There's nothing like their joy and enthusiasm to put things in perspective. They even come to me with problems and the solutions for them. Amazing!!

We hope everyone enjoys the forecasted Ibiza sun in Rhyl next week!! ☀️

We'll see you soon for the final instalment of the 25/26 year.
Thank you from all at YBH.

HOUSE POINTS PWYNTIAU TY

We've had lots going on and classes out for various activities. We'll wait and see what the scores are at the first assembly back after Easter. So far we're at...

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We've enjoyed a busy half term in **Year 3**, with lots of exciting learning opportunities and experiences. Highlights have been performing as part of a Samba band with Jonny from DCC music co-operative and welcoming our parents to our sports day. The LLC group have enjoyed visiting Year 6 to share our wonderful writing. Last week we spent time at the local play park researching equipment for our 'Invention & Innovation' week. This week we have been busy making our play parks based on the story 'Voices in the Park'.



Year 4 had a wonderful time visiting the Botanical Gardens. We designed and made positive pebbles to hide and hopefully bring joy to someone who finds them. We also created posters to encourage visitors to look after the park, so keep your eye out for them. In addition, we checked how our fruit trees are growing and carried out a litter pick.



WELCOMING PARENTS AND CARERS

We've been able to welcome in parents and carers to **Year 5** last term for Victorian afternoon and this 1/2 term we've enjoyed hosting Year 2 and Year 4 parents and carers.

The children have been incredibly excited to share their work (*courage*) and show off their skills (*brilliance*) and knowledge.

Thank you to everyone that was able to visit and talk to all the children about their learning. It's inspired the children to go above and beyond in some cases.

Year 2 had their SOLAR SYSTEM afternoon.

Year 4 had their AMAZON RAINFOREST afternoon.



ESTYN Inspection

We welcomed His Majesty's Inspectorate team into school a few weeks back. The Estyn team were highly professional, extremely thorough, fair and respectful.

Although inspections can be incredibly stressful for all involved it was a great experience.

Can we say a huge thank you to the 100 or more parents and carers that responded to the questionnaire, the 47 that left written feedback and to those that attended the meeting. Having that much engagement is unheard of in our experience.

Your support and praise was a little overwhelming, incredibly valued and gratefully received.

Thank you to the staff and children for everything they do year in year out as the lowest funded school in Denbighshire. We're a dedicated team and it shows.

We cannot share the outcome of the inspection as it is top secret for now.

The report will be finalised and then published on
JUNE 30th 2026.

We will share this with everyone as soon as it hits the Estyn website.

Diolch o galon pawb. A heart felt thank you to everyone.

Sports Days

Now that her term is here we're heading for glorious sunshine! Despite the showers we managed to get most of the sports days completed.

Watching the children enjoying every minute, giving their all, competing fairly, encouraging each other and making the days brilliant was fantastic.

So far, the parents have been brilliant too! Thank you for getting involved through cheering or racing without major injury or incident.

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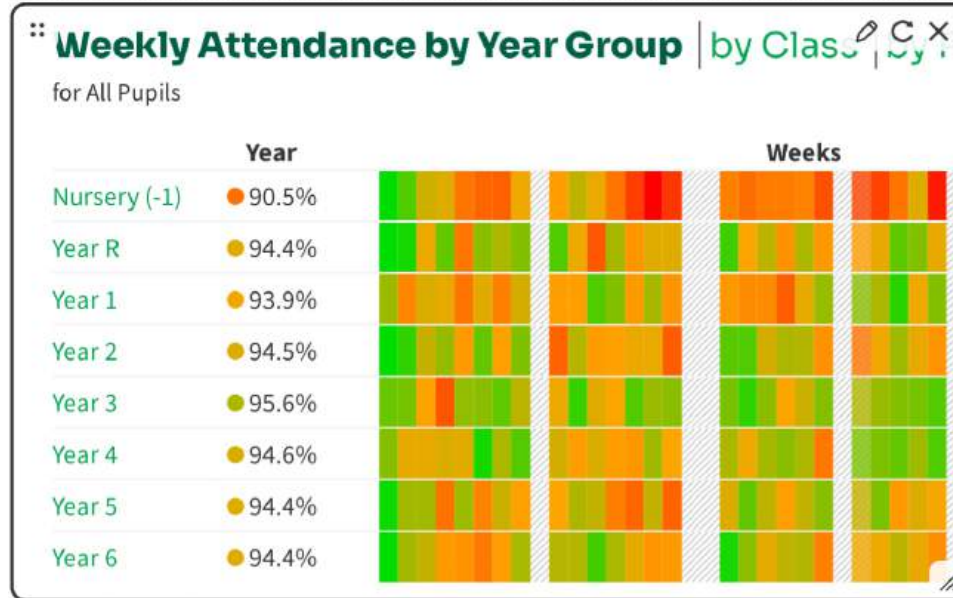
STUDY BUGS - Attendance app

Get the app or register now <https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

We've now got a parental uptake for the app of **69%** thank you to everyone that is using this service.

Studybugs 

Helping secure the best outcomes for children by keeping them **happy, healthy and in school.**



ATTENDANCE

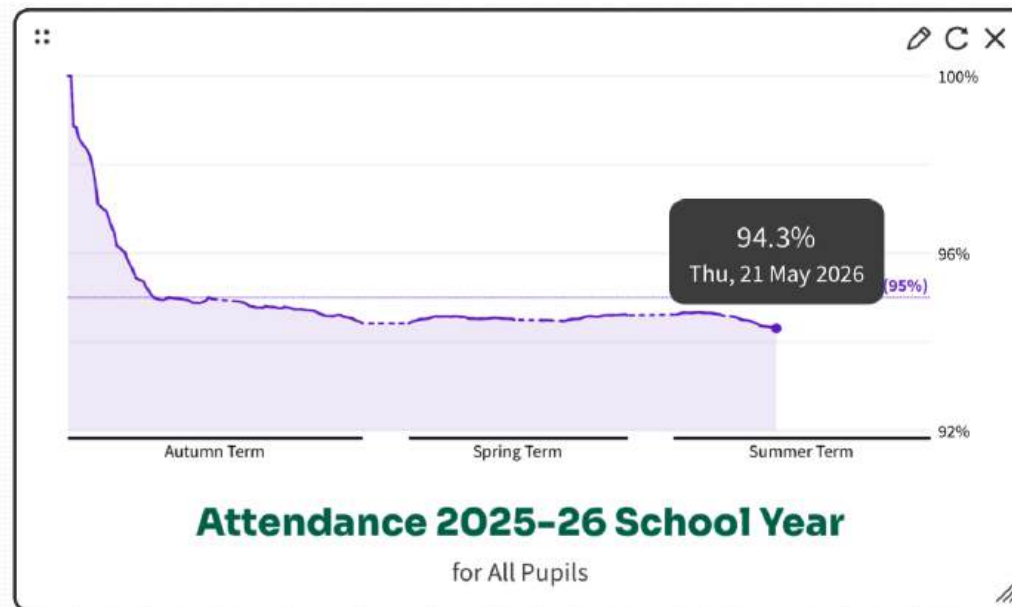
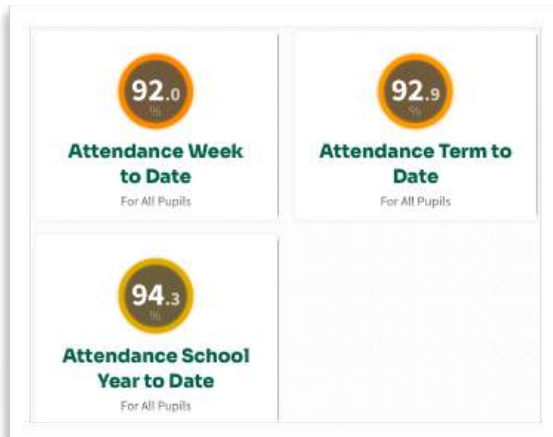
Absence request forms must be completed if children are taken out of school for anything other than illness. Please explain what you can on the form.

We are at 94.3% for the year.

Our target is 95% or above for the whole year. We need a big push for the end of year!

Thank you everyone for working with us on attendance.

If there is anything that we can do to help you with attendance, that is our priority. Please come and speak to us.



What's on - Local News

BRIGHTER FUTURES RHYL

KIDS SHED

FREE SNACKS
FREE ENTRY
TUCK SHOP
AGES 5-11

JOIN US FOR FUN ACTIVITIES EVERY
MONDAY & WEDNESDAY
4PM - 5.30PM

FUN • CRAFTS • PAINTING • COOKING
3D PRINTING • GARDENING • SPORTS
WOODWORK • POOL • GAMES • MUSIC
COMPUTERS • LEARNING • FRIENDS

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FREE Breakfast Club

Aged 7 year to 14 years?

Cookies, Toast, Fruit and More

WHILE OPEN WE HAVE VARIOUS FREE COOKIES AND ACTIVITIES INCLUDING GAMING, GROWING, COOKING & MORE

9.30 am until 11am Every Saturday

Brighter Futures YOUTH SHED

Every Monday & Wednesday
6pm - 8pm

Free snacks

Art
Games
3D Printing
Gardening
Sports
Computers
Laser Printing
Cooking
Gaming
Wood work
Music

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Sessions are child lead, so they choose what they want to do, or what equipment they use

PLAY RANGERS ON TOUR!

Come and join in the fun at a location near you

FREE

	MONDAY 25th May	TUESDAY 26th May	WEDNESDAY 27th May	THURSDAY 28th May	FRIDAY 29th May
10:30- 11:30AM		CARROG Carrog Park LL21 9AW	DENBIGH Middle Parc/ Recreation field LL16 3FD	RHUALLT Dyffryn Teg LL17 OTE	RHYL Bruton Park LL18 4EY
12:30- 1:30PM	Bank Holiday Monday	LLANFERRES Llanferres Park CH7 5SL	HENLLAN Meifod Road LL16 5AP	LLANDYRNOG Sports Pavillion LL16 4HE	BODELWYDDAN Community Field LL18 5SS
2:30-3:30PM		RHEWL Rhowl Pavillion LL15 1TG	LLANRHAeadR Ysgol Bro Cinmeirch LL16 4NL	TREFNANT Village Hall Memorial Field LL16 5UG	CEFN MEIRIADOG Ysgol Cefn Meiriadog LL22 9DS

Sessions are 'OPEN ACCESS' meaning that children are free to come and go. Under 6's are welcome but must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Clwyd Alyn
Grip Cymein
Tai Sir Ddinbych
Denbighshire Housing
Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

FAMILY FUN DAY

ALL ACTIVITIES, FOOD TASTING & RAFFLE ARE FREE.

WEDNESDAY MAY 27 11AM - 2PM

ST THOMAS' CHURCH, RUSSELL RD, RHYL • LL18 3LU

FOOD & FUN
SCAVENGER HUNT
ARTS & CRAFTS

FACE PAINTING
BOUNCY CASTLE
PLANTING

FREE RAFFLE TICKETS FOR ALL - PRIZES TO BE WON!

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Welsh Government
Cartrefi Corwy
WELSH FOOD

#wildflowerwalks Denbighshire County Council #rhyll
#rhyllventsandactivities #pronorthwales

sir ddinbych
denbighshire
County Council

WILDFLOWER WEEK
25TH - 30TH MAY

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Monday 25th May	10.00 - 12.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Nova Central Carpark Meadow, Prestatyn
	13.00 - 15.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Marine Lake, Rhyll
	20.00 - 21.00	Swift Walk	Green Lane Carpark, Conwen
Tuesday 26th May	10.00 - 12.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Green Lane Carpark, Conwen
	12.00 - 13.00	Wildflower Project Talk	Microsoft Teams
	15.00 - 15.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Fford y Graig, Denbigh
Wednesday 27th May	10.00 - 12.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Stryd y Brythan, Ruthin
	13.00 - 15.00	Guided Wildflower Walk	Plas Lerna, Rhuddlan
	20.00 - 21.00	Swift Walk	Madryn Avenue, Rhyll
Thursday 28th May	10.00 - 12.00	Tree Nursery Tour	Green Gates Farm, St. Asaph
Friday 29th May	20.00 - 21.00	Swift Walk	Dog Lane Carpark, Ruthin
Saturday 30th May	9.00 - 10.00	Moth Trapping	Glasdir, Ruthin
	21.50 - 23.50	Bat Night	Nantclwyd y Dre, Ruthin

CONTACT US Please email biodiversity@denbighshire.gov.uk if you're interested in attending or for more information.

ONLINE SAFETY and NEWS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

UK Government consultation: Growing up in the online world

The UK Government are consulting on further measures to prepare children for the future in an age of rapid technological change. This includes potential age restrictions on social media and other services such as gaming sites and AI chatbots, restrictions on addictive design features and risky functionalities, and better support for parents and families.

This consultation closes at **11:59pm on 26 May 2026**

There are **3** surveys to choose from.

- **Full consultation for anyone** (civil society, industry and members of the public)
- **Survey for parents and carers of young people** aged 21 and under
- **Survey for children and young people** (aged 10 to 21)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

The Hwb platform gives pupils in Wales access to a wide range of safe, free online tools and resources to support their learning.

Through Hwb, children can use programmes such as Microsoft 365 and Google Workspace to complete and share their work, as well as creative tools like Adobe Express and Minecraft Education to explore and present their ideas.

Pupils also have access to trusted research resources, interactive activities and teacher-set work, all in one secure place. These tools help children to work independently, collaborate with others and build important digital skills, while learning how to stay safe online.

Each child in Wales has login details for this platform.

They will have an email address such as;

SmithJ123@hwbcymru.net and a password.

The username can be their email or just the smithj123 part.

WEBSITES TO HELP

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org>

Parking Updates

There have been meetings held where residents have raised their concerns and frustrations about the parking outside school. I've had to attend meetings with local councillors, police and local authority representatives to look at ways of alleviating the issues. As a school we do all we can to promote walking and cycling, to remind parents and carers to be considerate and other activities that we do.

Driveways are being blocked at times. Every resident has a right to come and go as they need, when they need. A very small minority of parents, carers and residents have been verbally abusive and aggressive towards each other. We don't want the children to see and hear this and this isn't how we teach the children to deal with problems.

There's no easy fix when there are nearly 480 children attending our school, that's down a narrow residential road. Many of the solutions are in the hands of the Council and/or Police and aren't simple/quick fixes. All we can ask is that driveways aren't blocked during pick up/drop off times and if you can, please park at either the rugby club, church or adjacent streets. We know this isn't always possible but every little helps. I know the rugby club can feel far away, especially at the end of the day but the chance to chat and mix is invaluable for everyone's health and wellbeing. You can even practice fancy footwork as you dodge the dog mess!

The vast majority of residents and parents get along great, work together and are considerate. Collaboration, understanding and teamwork are what we teach as a school and we want that to go further than the school gates.

We know that we are all very busy and cars are a necessity in N.Wales, we are kindly asking drivers not to block the residents driveways please.

Thank you all for your help and support with this tricky situation.



Our school website is updated regularly and lots of information like school policies can be found on there.

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