



CYLCHLYTHYR / NEWSLETTER 27.03.26

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DIOLCH YN FAWR - SEE YOU LATER MRS DESMOND

We said 'see you later' not goodbye to Mrs Lisa Desmond yesterday. After being part of the Bryn Hedydd team for 18 years she has decided to try some new adventures. Mrs Desmond has been part of a countless number of children's' lives at school and made a big difference. Being outdoors is a passion for Mrs Desmond and after a lovely celebration assembly this morning we had an afternoon of outdoor activities in her honour. Mrs Desmond was able to visit classes and see the activities. As a special surprise we asked Mrs Desmond to plant a hazel tree (like the Queen!) on the school grounds as a way to celebrate her time at Ysgol Bryn Hedydd. We all have a responsibility to look after the tree now.

Being outdoors for a sad/happy occasion was extra special as the sun was shining, the children all mixed together happily, helped each other with tasks and played like children should. It was a lovely way to say 'see you later' to Mrs Desmond and finish a very hectic term. Being outdoors is a tonic as Mrs Desmond would agree!

We wish Mrs Desmond all the very best and we will see her very soon. There's a mural we're excited to see!!!
Diolch yn fawr iawn a pob lwc Mrs Desmond.



Message from Mrs Desmond.

I am feeling truly overwhelmed after all the lovely moments yesterday. Singing in the hall, beautiful gifts, the stunning picture, whole school outdoor activities and the tree planting. Even a fabulous lunchtime conga around the school playground!

So many memories made and I feel proud to be part of a great team and great school .

Please can I share a huge thank you to all the parents for their gifts, cards and lovely messages.

Thanks to everyone, I will miss everyone but I'm looking forward to new adventures!
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DYDDIADAU / TERM DATES*

27.03.26 School Closes Easter 🐣

Summer Term

13.04.26 Training Day Staff

14.04.26 School Reopens

04.05.26 May Day Bank Holiday

11.05.26 Juniors Sports Days AM/PM

12.05.26 Infants Sports Days AM/PM

13.05.26 Nursery Sports Days AM/PM

22.05.26 School Closes Half Term

01.06.26 School Reopens

30.06.26 Summer Fayre

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.*



Year 6 have won prizes for their work on anti racism for the second year running. Da iawn to Alani and Bella who won £150 1st prize and £50 3rd prize for their classes.

COMIC RELIEF

A fun day of dressing up and collecting money for charity managed to raise

£325.45

For COMIC RELIEF.

Thank you for your kind donations.

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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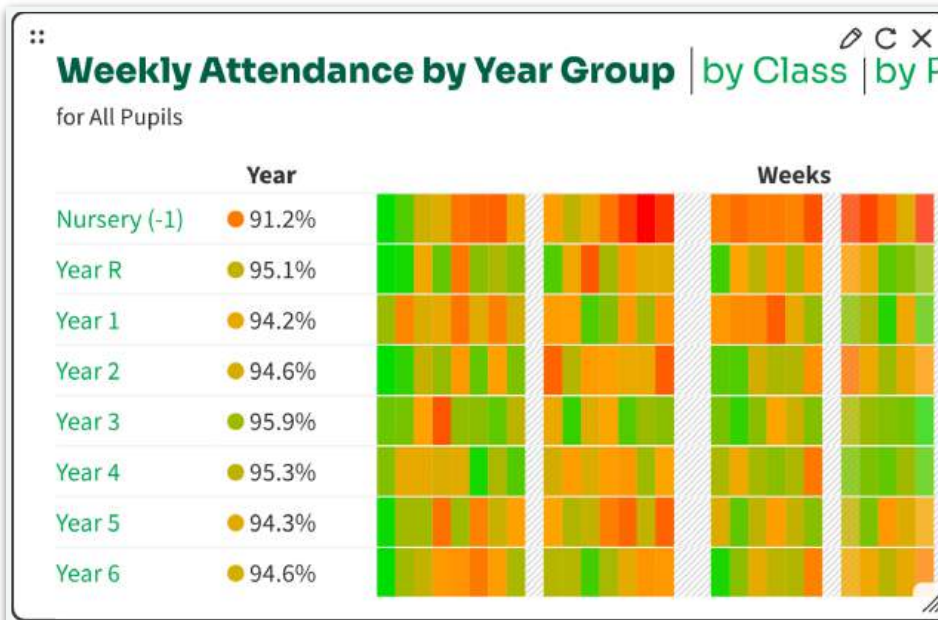
STUDY BUGS - Attendance app

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.

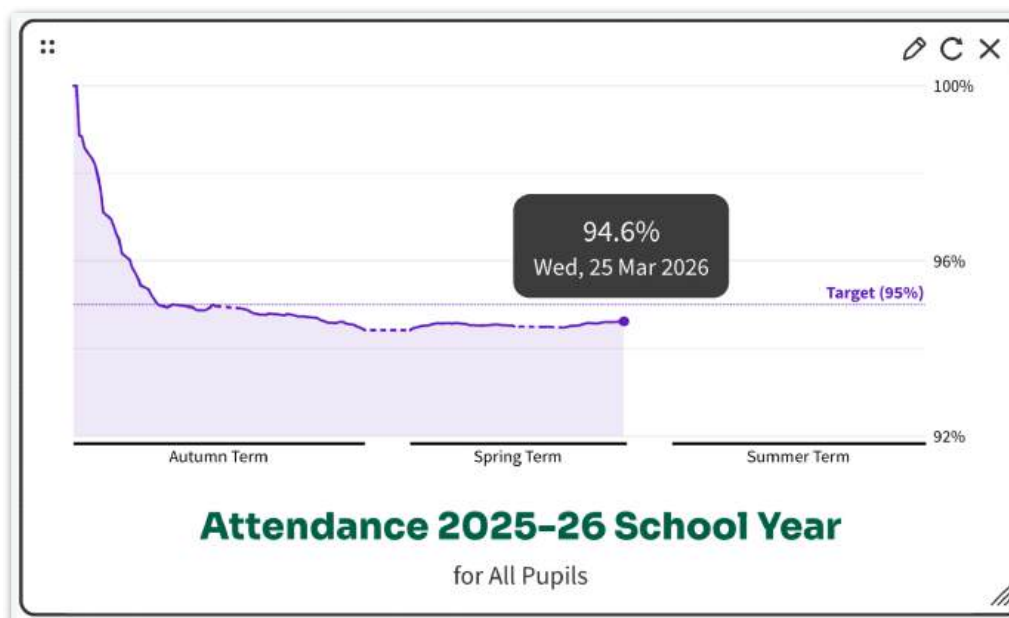
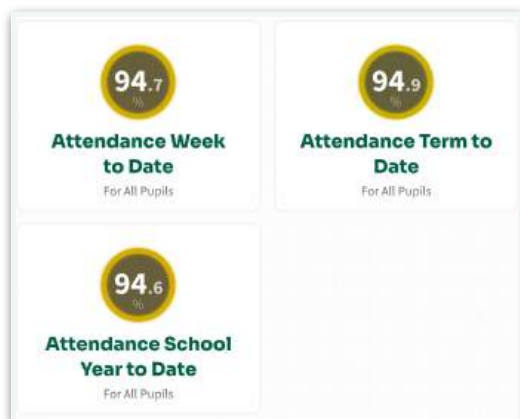
We are at 94.6% for the half term.

Our target is 95% or above for the whole 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.

We are working together and it's making a difference. We can hopefully hit the 95% or better.



What's on - Local News

Young residents are encouraged to have their say in the “**Let’s Talk: Living in Denbighshire**” [survey](#).

Denbighshire County Council has launched the survey which is designed to capture people’s views and voices on life in their local communities and the services they use.

The survey gives residents the opportunity to share what matters most to them around their local area in the county. Councillor Julie Matthews, Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Corporate Strategy, Policy, Equalities and Strategic Assets, said: “This survey is a real opportunity for residents to make a difference to their local area. Your voice will help us understand what’s working well and where we need to improve going forward.

“The more people who take part, the better picture we will have of what matters to our county communities and how we can shape services for the future in Denbighshire.”

Residents are encouraged to complete the survey and to share it with family, friends, and neighbours to ensure as many voices as possible are heard. The survey is open to all Denbighshire residents and can be completed online [here](#)

Paper copies of the survey are also available at libraries across the county. Did you know that our Corporate Plan sets out what we want to achieve for the people and communities of Denbighshire and highlights of what we’ve achieved can be viewed [here](#).

<https://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/en/your-council/strategies-plans-and-policies/plans/corporate-plan/corporate-plan-highlights.aspx>



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

The situation at the beginning and end of the school day is becoming a serious concern. I am being contacted by residents, local councillors and even Assembly members about the parking outside school. Parents have also raised concerns about the safety of the children.

Please can we ask that all visitors, parents and carers park sensibly and considerately. We know that the vast majority of you do park considerately or walk.

There will be further updates as meetings go ahead about possible solutions to the parking concerns.

We need your support with this issue as it is becoming a distraction and a rising concern. Thank you all.



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