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Ambitious, Brave, Creative, Caring, Life Long Learners.

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Mrs Fay Green BA QTS (Hons) NPQH Pennaeth/HeadteacherWednesday 3rd September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year!

We hope you and your families had a wonderful and restful summer break. We are so excited to see our returning pupils and extend a particularly warm welcome to our new children and families joining the school community for the first time. The new school year is an opportunity for fresh starts and exciting new adventures in learning. Our **wonderful** staff have been working hard over the holidays to prepare for the term ahead, and we have **exciting** and enriching activities planned for pupils.

We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is vital for a child's success. As we begin the new year, we encourage you to stay in touch with your child's class teacher with any questions or concerns you may have. We look forward to working together with you to ensure a happy, successful, and memorable year for every child.

Data Collection for children in Reception – Year 6

It's that time of year again! Please see the following paperwork for completion and/or information, which your child will bring home.

- Parental/Pupil Information Form
- Off Site Routine Visits Form

To ensure that school can share information with you, please complete and return all necessary forms by Friday 19th September. Thank you.

Meet the Teacher

Parents/Carers are invited into school on Wednesday 10th September, between 3:05pm and 4:00pm to see their child's class and meet the class teacher. This is for children in Reception – Year 6 only. No booking required.

Curriculum for Wales Topics

- Phase 3 (Years 4-6) Awesome Asia
- Phase 2 (Years 1-3) Here, There and Everywhere
- Phase 1 (Nursery & Reception) Marvellous Me

After School Clubs

After School Clubs this term will include: Choir, Netball, Pro-skills, Gardening, Digital Leaders and Football trials. Class teachers will share further information with parents regarding each club via SeeSaw.

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a priority at Wat's Dyke. The Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are myself, Mrs Green, (Headteacher) and Mrs V Roberts, (Deputy Headteacher). If you have any concerns about a child/children please do not hesitate to contact us. Safeguarding and child protection is everyone's business!

Health and Safety

We will continue to carry out fire drills each half term, in order for children to be prepared in case of a fire emergency. We will also be carrying out lockdown drills as a precautionary measure. These drills will be carried out in a sensitive manner so as not to frighten or alarm children.

Health & Safety Reminders

- The whole school site is a no smoking area, this includes the use of vapes.

- The school site is a dog free area. Dogs, unless they are assistance dogs are not permitted on the site; including when dropping off or collecting children.
- Please ensure that children do not climb on the trim trail unattended before or after school.

Uniform

Children may again come to school in their PE kits, on PE days. Class teachers will share PE days/dates via SeeSaw. Eliminating the need for children to change in school, increases teaching time considerably.

Music Tuition

Music tuition for pupils in school can now be booked and paid for directly with Wrexham Music Cooperative. They offer a vast range of instrumental, vocal and theory lessons for pupils. Please see link below.

<https://wrexhammusic.com/>

Universal Free School Meals

We are pleased to see that many parents are taking advantage of universal free school meals. Please ensure meals are booked via ParentPay. If you are on a low income or benefits, it is still important to apply for free school meals for your child/children. If you are eligible for free school meals, it could mean further financial help is available to you; including the School Essentials Grant, music lessons, subsidised school trips, also there is increased funding for school. Please see link below:

<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-meals/free-school-meals>

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for last academic year was 93.93%, which is the same as the previous year, though still below our target of 95%. This year, with your help, we hope to improve our whole school attendance and meet our target of 95%. Reminder: The discretionary days that I will approve, (if a child's attendance is above 95% for the previous twelve months) is 5 days. Parents/carers will need to complete a holiday request form, forms are available from the school office.

Reminder – Wat's Dyke is a nut free school

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction. If someone has a nut allergy, it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties). We cannot have nuts in school in any form. Please do not provide nut products in children's lunch boxes or as treats for snack time. Nut examples include: Peanut butter sandwiches, chocolate spreads, cereal bars, some granola bars, cakes that contain nuts, biscuits/cookies that contain nuts, peanut butter cakes, some Asian food, including satay sauces that contain nuts. This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely. Many thanks.

Healthy Snack

Healthy snack and a milk drink are available in school for children in Nursery to Year 2. This is something that we promote as a Health School. The cost of a healthy snack is £2.00 per week, school milk is free.

School Office Hours

The school office will be manned all day on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, mornings only on Wednesday and Thursday.

Parent, Teacher, Friends Association (PTFA)

Our PTFA depends on a continual cycle of parent involvement. As children leave in Year 6, so do their parents. Due to increased financial pressure on school, we need PTFA support more than ever! School staff support events, but without parents/carers/friends, we have no PTFA. All parents/carers are automatic members. There will be a Coffee Afternoon in school, on Monday 15th September, 2:30pm – 3:00pm to share more about the PTFA's vital role, and hopefully recruit new members.

Autumn Term Calendar Dates

Meet the Teacher: Wednesday 10th September 3:05pm – 4:00pm

P3 (Years 4-6) Ironworks Visit: Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th September (More information to follow)

MacMillian Cake Sale: Friday 26th September, 3:05pm on the main playground

Harvest Celebration: Friday 3rd October

School Photographer: Wednesday 8th October (Individual photographs)

School Nurses administering Flu vaccine: Monday 13th October

Parents Evenings: Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th October

Show Racism the Red Card: Friday 17th October (Wear red)

PTFA Halloween Disco: Thursday 23rd October (More details to follow)

School closes for half term: Friday 24th October

Inset Day: Monday 3rd November (School closed)

School re-opens Tuesday 4th November

Remembrance Day: Friday 7th November

Anti-bullying Week: Week beginning 10th November

Children in Need: Friday 14th November

Dress down day exchange for PTFA donation: Friday 28th November

Christmas Fayre: Thursday 4th December

Pantomime Visit: Wednesday 10th December (William Aston Hall)

Christmas Concerts:

- P1 (Nursery & Reception): Morning performances on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th December, 10:00am
- P2 (Years 1, 2 & 3): Afternoon performance on Tuesday 9th December at 1:30pm and an evening performance at 5:30pm
- P3 (Years 4, 5 & 6): Evening performance in St. Giles Church on Tuesday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day: Wednesday 17th December

Christmas Party days: Week beginning 15th December

Games Day: Friday 19th December

School closes for Christmas: Friday 19th December

Inset Day: Monday 5th January 2026 (School closed)

School re-opens for the spring term: Tuesday 6th January 2026

Looking Further Ahead

Parents Evenings: Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th March 2026

Sports Day Wednesday 13th May 2026 (Reserve date 20/05/26)

Term dates:

Monday 1st September - Friday 24 October

Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December

Monday 5 January - Friday 13 February

Monday 23 February - Fri 27 March

Monday 13 April - Friday 22 May

Monday 1 June - Monday 20 July

Training Days 2025/26:

~~Monday 1st September~~

~~Tuesday 2nd September~~

Monday 3rd November

Monday 5th January

Monday 13th April

Monday 20th July

Kind regards,



Fay Green,
Headteacher.