



Ambitious, Brave, Creative, Caring, Life Long Learners.
 Dysgwyr Uchelgeisiol Dewr, Creadigol, Gydal Oes.

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and involvement in your child's learning journey at Wat's Dyke. It has been a pleasure working with your children, and I am proud of their progress and achievements; enabling them to become ambitious, brave, creative, caring, lifelong learners!

Classes for September

As you will be aware, due to budget cuts, we are reducing from 10 classes to 9 from September 2025. Please see new class structure below.

Phases	Year	Class	Teachers
Phase 1	Nursery	Pabi	Mrs Claire Jishi
	Reception	Tiwlip	Mrs Emma Davies
Phase 2	Year 1	Rhosyn	Miss Wendy Crumpton
	Year 2	Blodyn Haul	Mrs Katie Gibson
	Year 3	Blodyn Menyn	Mrs Jenna Ellis/Mrs Lynsey Pearson
Phase 3	Year 4	Grug	Miss Lynne Roberts
	Year 4/5	Gwyddfid	Mrs Sinead Jones/Miss Kirsty Williams
	Year 5/6	Briallu	Mrs Danielle Jackson
	Year 6	Lili Wen Fach	Mr Carl Hughes

Staffing Changes

We are sorry to say good-bye to the following staff. It is with huge thanks that we wish them all every success for the future.

- Miss Douthwaite has been at Wat's Dyke for ten years. We are incredibly fortunate to have had her as a member of our teaching staff. Her commitment to our youngest pupils and her passion for Welsh are deeply appreciated. Good luck!
- Over the past year, Mrs Rachel Hewitt has been on sabbatical completing a PGCE teaching course. She has since secured her first teaching post in Malpas. Congratulations!

Nursery Staggered Start

Settling children into school is our top priority. In order to make starting school as seamless, calm and nurturing as possible, Nursery children will be phased in during the first week. (Nursery parents/carers will have received this information in their Welcome Pack) Nursery groups will be as follows:

Nursery Group A: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Nursery Group B: Thursday 4th September 2025

All Nursery children in school from Friday 5th September 2025

Year 6 Leavers

It's been a pleasure to watch you grow, learn, and achieve so much. You have shown yourselves to be thoughtful, brave, curious, motivated, socially conscious, passionate speakers and communicators, hard workers and most of all great fun! You have been a credit to yourselves, your families and Wat's Dyke. Thank you for being such a fantastic year group. I wish you all the very best as you move on to the next chapter of your education. Go forth and make the world great. Remember to carry the skills and experiences you've gained with you. I hope you will look back on your time at Wat's Dyke with fondness.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school ensures that children get the best possible start in life. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships, as well as building good habits that are essential for adult life. School education lays the foundations for a child's life. Research demonstrates the link between regular attendance and educational progress and attainment. Throughout the year, we have received more than 200 requests for holidays during term time. This has negatively affected our whole school attendance, which is currently 93.93%, which is below our target of 95%.

Parent, Teacher, Friends Association (PTFA)

The Summer Fayre raised £1,958.00, which is brilliant! Thank you to everyone who supported the event, and also to staff and PTFA members who organised the event and helped on the day. Due to budget cuts, we are increasingly reliant on our PTFA. If you feel that you could help or would simply like to learn more, please contact the school office.

Reminders

School Start and Finish Time

Start times: There is free flow into school for children from 8:45am – 8:55am for all classes.

Finish times: Nursery children, the school day will end at 11:30am.

Phases 1 & 2 (Reception, Years 1, 2 & 3), the school day will end at 3:00pm.

Phase 3 (Years 4, 5 & 6), the school day will end at 3:05pm.

School Uniform

From September 2025, children in P1 & P2 (Nursery, Reception, Years 1, 2 and 3) may once again wear a white polo shirt, instead of the shirt and tie expected in P3 (Years 4, 5 & 6).

School Essentials Grant

The Welsh Government funded School Essentials Grant is available to help families on lower incomes with the cost of school-related expenses. This can include items like school uniforms, sports kit, stationery, and even equipment for certain school activities or trips. Applying for the grant can help alleviate financial pressure and ensure all pupils have the necessary resources for a successful school year. Please apply using the link below.
<https://www.wrexham.gov.uk/service/school-essentials-grant>

Uniform

Grey skirt/trousers/pinafore/tailored shorts

White Shirt (Years 4, 5 and 6)

White Polo Shirt (Nursery, Reception, Y1, 2 & 3)

Clip On School tie (Years 4, 5 and 6)

Plain grey or white socks/tights

Dark shoes (no trainers)

Maroon school sweatshirt/cardigan with or without our school logo

During the summer months, children may wear pink gingham dresses.

No rings or jewellery except a watch and one pair of discrete studs (not for P.E)

PE Days

We ask that children come into school in their PE Kits on PE days. We have found that this facilitates on average, twenty minutes more teaching time. PE timetables will be shared with parents/carers in September.



PE Kit Reminder

Plain white short-sleeved crew necked T-shirt – no patterns
Black elasticated waist shorts
Black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings
Trainers
School jumper or cardigan

Healthy Eating & Drinking

As part of our ongoing commitment to promoting healthy eating habits, we offer healthy snack for children in Phases 1 & 2 (Nursery, Reception, Y1, 2 & 3) at a cost of £2:00 per week. We ask that snacks brought into school be limited to healthy options such as fruits and vegetables. Ideal choices include apples, carrots, celery sticks, bananas, and other similar nutritious snacks. These foods not only provide essential vitamins and minerals but also help maintain energy levels and concentration throughout the school day.

Please avoid sending snacks that are high in sugar, fat, or salt. Examples of such snacks include sweets, chocolate bars, crisps, and sugary drinks. By providing healthy snacks, we can work together to foster better eating habits that will benefit children both now and in the future.

We ask that children bring their own water bottle into school daily. We have water dispensers in school for use during the school day. Having enough to drink is thought to be a key factor in improving the performance and behaviour of children at school. Water has none of the health problems associated with sugary drinks. Whilst we understand that juice often tastes nicer, drinking juice throughout the day can cause tooth decay.

Term Dates 2025/26

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 24th October 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025 - Friday 19th December 2025
Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February 2026
Monday 23rd February 2026 - Friday 27th March 2026
Monday 13th April 2026 - Friday 22nd May 2026
Monday 1st June 2026 - Monday 20th July 2026

Training Days 2025/26:

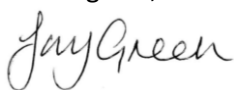
Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 13th April 2026
Monday 20th July 2026

Schools Close/Open Dates

School closes for the summer holidays on Friday 18th July 2025
Inset days Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (School closed)
School reopens Wednesday 3rd September 2025 (See above for Nursery staggered start)

On behalf of the staff team and Governing Body, I would like to thank you again for your fantastic support throughout the year. Have a great summer break, we look forward to working with you in the new academic year.

Kind regards,



Fay Green,
Headteacher.

