

YSGOL RHOSTYLLLEN

NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2026



WELCOME/CROESO

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another month has flown by!
As you are aware, Estyn will be visiting our school from 11th-13th May to inspect the standards at our school. They will be coming to see all the wonderful things we do for your child(ren) and, as part of their role, to make recommendations on how we can continue to improve. This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase everything that makes our school special.

I have included a "Dates for Your Diary" section outlining events that are currently booked. If you do not see your child's class listed for a trip or activity, please do not worry—many are still in the process of being arranged, and we will share updates as soon as they are confirmed.

Rhostyllen Book Day was a great success! It was lovely to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters. The children took part in a range of book-related activities and explored the important message of how valuable reading is.

We also held our own Book Fair, and thank you to everyone who attended. It was fantastic to see how excited the children were about books and reading.

As always, if you have any concerns or need to speak to someone, please remember that we are always approachable and here to help.

Thank you, as ever, for your continued support.

Kind Regards,
Mr Rowlands

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Assemblies: 9.15am Start
Blwyddyn 2 - May 8th

School Events
Nursery & Reception Sports Day
9am-10am - 11th June

Year 1 & Year 2 Sports Day
10.15am - 11th June

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
9am-10am - 12th June

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
10.15am - 12th June

Pupil Progress Report for Parents - 10th July

END OF TERM - 17th July

Trips & Activities

Year/Blwyddyn 6
Cardiff - May 13th - 15th
RAF-Youth & STEM Workshop 20th May
Blwyddyn 6 Night - Tea and bowling - 13th July
Leavers Concert - 1.30pm - 16th July

Year/Blwyddyn 5
Hedgehog Educational Session - 5th May
RAF-Youth & STEM Workshop - 20th May
Class visit to Clywedog 9th July

Year/Blwyddyn 2
Stiwt Concert

Extra- Curricular Clubs

Year/Blwyddyn 1 & 2 - Arts & Craft - Wednesday 3-4pm

Year/Blwyddyn 3 & 4 - Rounders - Wednesday 3-4pm

Year/Blwyddyn 5 & 6 - Football - Thursday 3-4pm

Make sure you have registered for the clubs using the links that are on Seesaw..

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ATTENDANCE

Attendance continues to be very important for your child's learning and progress. We completely understand that children become unwell at times, and of course their health must come first.

However, we kindly ask that you let the school know if your child is ill and unable to attend. This helps us keep our records accurate and ensures the absence is authorised. **If we do not receive a message, the absence will unfortunately have to be recorded as unauthorised.**

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Our overall attendance whole school attendance since September is 94.9% - An increase from the previous newsletter.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

NEW MOTTO

Thank you for all your entries for our new school slogan. We have received some fantastic and very creative suggestions.

The next step is for the School Council to create a shortlist, which we will then share with you all so it can be put to a vote. We look forward to revealing the final slogan soon!

BOOK FAIR

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Book Fair and purchasing books.

Thanks to your support, we raised £764, which will be used to further improve our school library.

The children have shared that they would love to see more non-fiction books, so this will be a key focus for us moving forward.

Thank you once again for your generosity and enthusiasm for reading.

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ESTYN

On Monday 11th May at 3.15pm, Estyn will be holding a meeting for parents and carers where you will have the opportunity to share your views about the school. Please note that children are not permitted to attend this meeting.

As I will not be present in the meeting, I am happy to look after your child should you wish to attend and do not have alternative childcare arrangements.

Family Online Safety

Come along to learn about the importance of online safety & how to keep your children safe online!

Fully funded for those aged 19+ living in Wrexham & Flintshire.

5th June, 2026

9:15 am - 11:15 am

**Ysgol Rhostyllen,
School Street,
Rhostyllen,
LL14 4AN**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

Want to join? Contact your teacher to book your spot!

www.groundworktraining.org.uk

DCIO Gogledd Ddeyrnys Cymru North East Wales ACL

ONLINE SAFETY

We will soon be holding an Online Safety workshop for parents and carers. Booking forms will be sent out shortly for those who are interested in attending.

Further details will be shared with you in due course.

WELL-BEING

I would like to make Parents/Carers aware that they can access the Wrexham Well-being portal at any time during the year.

www.wrexham.gov.uk/wellbeing-portal

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REMINDERS

Breakfast Club - Can you please make sure you book your child in for Breakfast club if you are using this facility.

Lunch - Can I kindly ask that lunches are ordered on Parent Pay before 8am each morning. This would help us enormously in the morning, ensuring the children can start their lessons on time.

Healthy Snack - We offer healthy snacks, such as fruit, for a small charge of £1 a week. Alternatively, children are welcome to bring their own healthy snacks to help keep their energy levels up until lunchtime.

HELP!!

I am coming out with my begging bowl once again!

A slightly unusual request, but if you are having a clear-out and have any items you no longer need—such as teddies, handbags, wigs, shoes, tarpaulin, or anything else suitable for outdoor play—we would be very grateful for your donations.

Please feel free to send any items into school

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget to still register for free school meals if you are eligible, as this will enable you to access uniform grants, equipment grants etc and provides the school with funding to support children's learning and wellbeing. Please contact the school office for more information or apply directly:

Apply for free school meals here:

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

FOOTBALL TEAM

It was wonderful to host a football match at our school this week against Ysgol Bwlchgwyn.

After an exciting game, our team were victorious with a 6-3 win.

Both teams played well and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship throughout.

Well done to all the pupils involved

PTFA

If anyone would like to support the school by joining the PTFA, please get in touch with the school office and we will happily pass your name on. Your support really does make a difference—many hands make light work, and we would love to welcome new members to the team.

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Safeguarding at Ysgol Rhostyllen



Have a worry or concern about a child's safety? Don't hesitate to chat with one of our Designated Safeguarding team members. We're always here to listen and help you out. Safeguarding every child's well-being is our top priority, so reach out anytime!



Mr Rowlands

*Designated
Safeguarding
Person*

Mrs Brownhill

*Deputy Designated
Safeguarding
Person*

Mr Guy

*2nd Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Person*



Mr Paul Humble is our Safeguarding Governor:
To contact please email: humblep5@hwbcymru.net

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WHAT ELSE HAVE WE BEEN UP TO?

- We are very fortunate to have Father Dylan visit the school to deliver his assemblies to both our infant and junior pupils.
- Reception had a very exciting visit from the police and were even able to sit in a police car—the children absolutely loved it!
- We also had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day together. There were some fantastic costumes, and everyone enjoyed celebrating the importance of books and reading.
- Year 2 had a super trip to Chester Zoo. They returned with big smiles on their faces, and their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable.
- The Music Experience visited Year 3, where the children had a great time trying out a range of different instruments.
- As promised, more classes have been taking part in Forest School sessions, and by the end of the year all classes will have had the opportunity to experience Forest School activities.

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Help your child with

reading

I Spy

Play 'I Spy' games. Can you find words beginning with...? Can you find a picture of a ...? How many ... can you see?

Ask Questions

Ask questions about the story as you read it e.g. What is the story about? Why do you think they made that choice? Was it a good choice? Why did that happen? What do you think will happen next? What was your favourite part of the story? Why?

Make it Fun

Enjoy reading together. Give characters funny voices and engage with the pictures. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or start with the same sound.

Be Seen

Make sure you are seen reading. Keep books magazines at easy reach.

Get Out

Go to your public library regularly. Find the books you loved as a kid to read together.

Create

Use reading to inspire drawings or new stories.

Go Online

Look online & in app stores for appropriate word & spelling games.

Make Space

Have a special place or a certain time when you read together.

Read everything out loud.

Books, poems, nursery rhymes, newspaper & magazine articles, food labels... anything that is close to hand!