



This Week's News

Thursday 20th July



We want to thank you all for your support over the last year. Have a wonderful summer break.
See you in September

School uniform

Dark green Jumper/cardigan
Black/grey trousers/skirt
P.E kit t shirt with shorts or joggers
No Jewellery

School times

School opens at 8am for breakfast club
8:55am for school
School days ends at 3:15
After school club 3:15-5:10pm

Snacks and healthy food

Please send in healthy snacks for break times. Some children are asking for snacks and while the school will provide a healthy snack some days there may not be enough so please provide one for your child.
Healthy packed lunches or please make use of the free school meal service and order hot food, baked potatoes or freshly made sandwiches through the usual parent pay app

Breakfast club

Breakfast club will be going up to £2 per child 50p for those entitled to free school meals.
Please see attached document for more details

Back to school

The first day back after the summer holidays is
Tuesday the 5th of September

We earned marbles in a jar all year long. Our reward was a pyjama party! It was so much fun!

We did our summer maths activity booklets and math mosaics to recap lots of maths learning from this year.

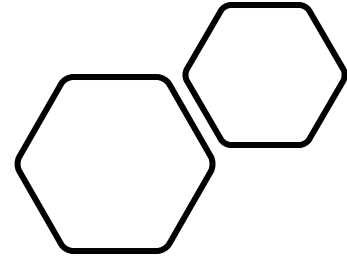
We took all the displays down.

Dosbarth Glyndwr
Week 7
Megan E and Amelia

Amelia told us about her weekend with Dilys our Welsh dragon mascot.

We cleaned up after the PJ party because we made a mess with silly string and popcorn!

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Changes to charges for morning play session in primary schools

Many primary schools in Wrexham offer a free breakfast at a session in the 30 minutes before the start of school. Please be reassured that there will continue to be no charge for this meal.

However, to supplement the free breakfast session, many schools offer an additional 30 minute play session and charge parents £1 per child (free to children who are eligible for free school meals).

While this rate has remained unchanged since the provision was introduced in 2018, due to increased staffing and administrative costs, and the fact that the council receives no external funding, this is no longer sustainable.

To make sure that schools are able to continue to provide these sessions, the fee per child for the 30 minute play session will increase to £2 per child (50p for children who are eligible for free school meals) from September 1, 2023.

This increase does not affect the 30 minute breakfast session immediately prior to the start of the school day, which remains free for all children.

We know this comes at a time when many residents are finding household costs a challenge. If you are struggling to meet your household costs, please visit [Wrexham Council's 'help with the cost of living' pages](#) for advice on any other help you may be able to access.


[Welsh Government also have a cost of living help web page](#), which provides information of sources of possible financial support.

If you would like your child to attend a breakfast session, please contact their school for the details.

Are you eligible for free school meals?

If you are on a low income, you may be entitled to free school meals as well as the School Essentials grant to help with buying school uniform and equipment. Please visit the story below to find out more:

[Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out to Years 3 to 6 - Wrexham Council News](#)



Please make the most of this service. The cook can make sandwiches fresh on the day if your child does not like the hot meal of the day.

- **Universal Primary Free School Meals scheme rolls out to Years 3 to 6**
- If your child will be starting in years 3 to 6 in September in primary school, you'll want to read this!
- Children in reception classes and years 1 and 2 across Wales are already receiving free school meals thanks to the Welsh Government's Universal Primary Free School Meals programme, and from September this will be rolled out to all years 3 to 6 pupils in Wrexham.
- This is the part of the Welsh Government's response to the rising cost-of-living pressures on families, tackling child poverty and ensuring no child goes hungry in school.
- Don't miss this opportunity to get a hot nutritious school meal for your child – for free!
- **Does your child already receive Free School Meals?**
- If your child currently receives Free School Meals based on your circumstances, you may also be entitled to additional help through the School Essentials Grant, which includes financial support for uniform, sports equipment and devices.
- So from September we are urging parents to continue apply for Free School Meals so that your child receives the maximum support that they're entitled to.
- To access this year's scheme visit the [School Essentials Grant page on our website](#).
- If you have previously received the Welsh Government's school holiday direct payment to help with food costs while your children are out of school, we have received confirmation from Welsh government that this will no longer be available and that the final payment covered May half term 2023.
- **Has your financial situation changed in the last year?**
- If your child is not currently receiving Free School Meals, but your circumstances have changed this year, Wrexham might have support available for you. To check if you are eligible for Free School Meals, visit [Free school meals | Wrexham County Borough Council](#). If you are eligible, you may also be able to receive the School Essentials Grant.
- Cllr Phil Wynn, Lead Member for Education, said: "If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals, please visit our website and apply, even if your child qualifies for the new Universal Primary Free School Meals. If your application is successful, you may also be able to access the School Essentials Grant, which is an important part of stopping money getting in the way of children's education. So, if you think you may be eligible, get in touch with us to support parents and learners through the school year."
- **Child starting school? You'll need a Parent Pay account**
- For your child to receive a free school meal – Universal Primary Free School Meal or an eligibility-based Free School Meal – you will need an account on the Parent Pay website www.parentpay.com. Here's how you get one:
 1. Email schoolmeals@wrexham.gov.uk with your child's full name, date of birth and name of their school, and ask for a Parent Pay activation code
 2. You will receive an activation code to get your account up and running
- If you have any questions about financial help available for your child while they are at school you can contact us at free-school-meals@wrexham.gov.uk.
- You'll need to **pre-order** school meals on Parent Pay too. This really helps your child's school because it means that teachers don't have to lose valuable teaching time taking meal orders. It also means your child gets their first choice of meal and helps us reduce waste. Once you are set up on Parent Pay, you'll be able to book your children's meals up to two weeks in advance.