



Ysgol Abermorddu

Prospectus 2025/26



**An inclusive family of
happy lifelong learners**

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Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you and your family to our school community. We hope this prospectus helps guide you in making an informed decision about where your child will begin their educational journey.

At Ysgol Abermorddu, we are passionate about providing the best possible education for all of our pupils. We strive to meet the unique needs of each child through a wide range of opportunities, both inside and outside the classroom. Our goal is simple: to create a supportive and inspiring environment where every pupil can reach their full potential – academically, socially, and physically.

From the moment the children arrive in our care, be it nursery, reception or later on, we like to get to know them and their families and welcome you to join in with every aspect of school life.

I hope you're drawn to the warmth and charm of our school, and that we'll have the pleasure of welcoming you into our community soon.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. B. Griffiths

Headteacher



Our School

Welcome to Ysgol Abermorddu. We are a community school, nestled between Mold and Wrexham in the county of Flintshire. Ysgol Abermorddu sits where countryside charm meets modern convenience. Surrounded by lush greenery and rolling hills, our school offers a serene, picturesque setting while remaining easily accessible to Wrexham, Mold, and Chester.

We provide a warm welcome to children starting their educational journey from age 2 (via Flying Start, Early Entitlement, and Nursery) on a part-time basis, and as full-time pupils from ages 4 to 11.

Our Learning Environment: We are fortunate to have extensive outdoor facilities that serve as a cornerstone of our pupils' development. We offer high-quality experiences that build confidence, independence, and a love of nature. Our grounds feature a dedicated Forest School area, a large playing field for sports, a path for the Daily Mile, two well-equipped playgrounds, an allotment, and a wildlife pond, all of which provide a wealth of opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration.

A Proud Welsh Ethos: At Ysgol Abermorddu, we celebrate our heritage and are committed to the Welsh language. Our 2025 Interim Estyn Inspection highlighted our success in this area, noting that: *"The school effectively promotes a strong Welsh ethos through the consistent use of incidental Welsh across all year groups. Pupils demonstrate a positive attitude toward the language, and the 'Criw Cymraeg' plays a pivotal role in leading bilingual assemblies and encouraging their peers to use Welsh in social settings."*

Our Commitments & Accreditations: We are committed to excellence in child development and wellbeing. This is reflected in our status as a Recognised Forest School Provider and our numerous awards, including the Eco-Schools Platinum Award, Cymraeg Campus Bronze, and being a United Nations Rights Respecting School. We are proud to be an Autism Aware, Prem Aware, and KiVa Anti-Bullying school, ensuring a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for every pupil.

Aspiring for
excellence



Our Governing Body

Our proactive Governing Body acts as a "strategic friend" to the school. Comprising parents, staff, and community members, they work closely with the leadership team to ensure high standards of achievement, robust safeguarding, and effective resource management. Together, they ensure every child at Ysgol Abermorddu receives the best possible education in a safe, nurturing environment.

Admissions

Admissions to Ysgol Abermorddu are administered by Flintshire County Council in line with the relevant statutory guidance.

We warmly welcome children at different stages of their early development:

Below compulsory school age (under 5):

Children may join us from the age of 2 years through programmes such as Flying Start, Early Entitlement, and Nursery provision. These placements are offered on a part time basis, subject to eligibility criteria and availability.

Compulsory school age (4–11):

Pupils are admitted to Reception from the age of 4, at which point they can attend full time. The school then provides continuous education through to the end of Year 6 (age 11).

Above or outside the normal age range:

Applications for children outside the standard age groups (e.g. deferred entry, early admission, or in-year transfers) are considered individually by Flintshire County Council in accordance with local authority policy and national regulations.



Pupils with Disabilities

Ysgol Abermorddu is committed to inclusion and equality of access for all pupils, including those with disabilities. Admissions are managed in line with the policies of Flintshire County Council, ensuring no child is treated less favourably. The school works with parents and external agencies to provide appropriate support and make reasonable adjustments.

The school is a single storey building with accessible toilets and wheelchair access from all entrances. There is accessible parking, including a designated disabled space, and all areas of the grounds are accessible, including the tarmacked daily mile path.

These arrangements help ensure all pupils can fully access and participate in school life.

ALN (Additional Learning Needs)

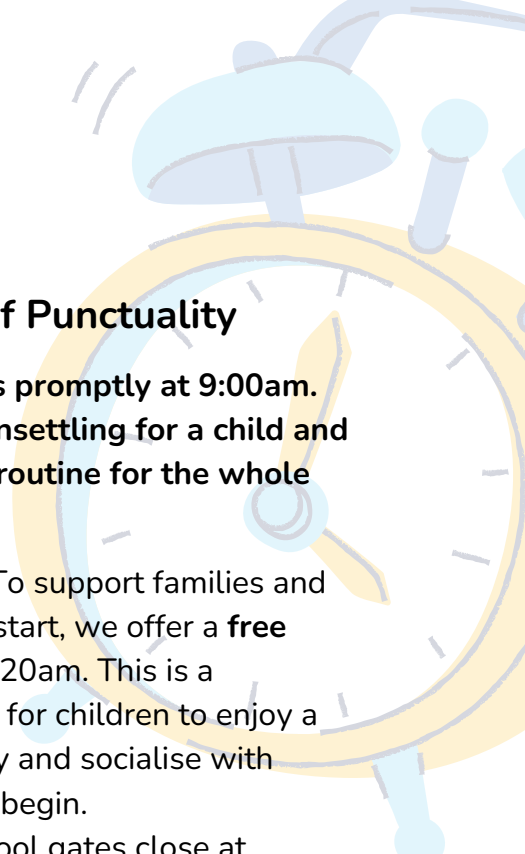
At Ysgol Abermorddu, we are committed to being an inclusive school where every child is supported to reach their full potential. We recognize that many children, at some point in their school career, may require additional support to help them flourish.

Our approach is rooted in the ALN Code for Wales, focusing on:

- **Early Identification:** We work closely with parents and external agencies to identify needs early and provide effective intervention.
- **Person-Centred Practice:** We place the child and their family at the heart of the process, ensuring their "wishes and feelings" guide the support provided.
- **Individual Development Plans (IDPs):** Where a child is identified as having ALN, we create a tailored IDP to outline specific targets and the "Additional Learning Provision" required to meet them.
- **Inclusive Environment:** As an Autism Aware and Prem Aware school, we adapt our teaching and environment to ensure all pupils can access a broad and balanced curriculum alongside their peers.

Our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator (ALNCo) works closely with staff and families to monitor progress and ensure that every pupil has the tools they need to succeed.

Times of the school day



Reception to Year 6

Gates open: **8:50am**

Classes start: **9:00am**

*Break: **10:45am - 11:00am***

*Lunchtime: **12:00pm - 1.00pm***

Infant finish: **3:15pm**

Junior finish: **3:20pm**

Nursery & Early Entitlement

Gates open: **8:50am**

Session start: **9:00am**

Session finish: **11:30am**

The Importance of Punctuality

The school day begins promptly at **9:00am**.

Arriving late can be unsettling for a child and disrupts the morning routine for the whole class.

Free Breakfast Club: To support families and encourage a punctual start, we offer a **free** Breakfast Club from 8:20am. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to enjoy a healthy start to the day and socialise with friends before lessons begin.

Late Arrivals: The school gates close at 9:00am. Pupils arriving after this time must sign in at the main office to ensure they are safely accounted for.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club is open to all pupils (including Nursery and Early Entitlement) from 7:30am to 8:50am, with last entry at 8:40am. All attendees receive a healthy breakfast, a drink, and time to socialise.

- 7:30am – 8:20am: £3.50 per session (£1 for eFSM).
- 8:20am – 8:40am: Free of charge.

Please book and pay via the School Gateway app. To register, complete and return the Breakfast Club form to the school office.

After School Club

From 3:00pm - 6:00pm. Please see page 7 for details on our After School Club.

Safeguarding



Safety of children is our number one priority, from security of the site to the welfare of each individual. We have very clear guidelines in place to ensure our safeguarding is robust. We ensure that all staff, volunteers and visitors have current DBS checks before working with children.

Our Principles: The welfare of children, and their wishes and feelings are afforded consideration when developing and carrying out school activities. All staff and volunteers have a professional role to identify and respond to the needs of children and report any concerns immediately.

Looked After Children

In Wales, a *looked after child* is a person under 18 who is in the care of a local authority (social services). The Governing Body has designated **Mrs. B. Armstrong** as the member of staff with lead responsibility for promoting the educational achievement of children who are looked after.

The school has adopted a range of policies and practices to support and promote the educational achievement of looked after children. These include; ensuring equal access to a broad and balanced curriculum, promoting attendance and inclusion, reducing exclusions, and developing a trauma informed approach.

Equal Opportunity & Inclusion

We are a community where every individual feels safe, supported, and valued. Our commitment to equality is at the heart of our vision: to empower our pupils with the knowledge and skills to understand the world and the motivation to make a positive impact.

- **Equal Opportunity:** We ensure equality of education and opportunity for all pupils, staff, and carers, regardless of race, gender, disability, religion, or socio-economic background.
- **Celebrating Diversity:** We foster a culture of inclusion where all members of our school are proud of their identity and can participate fully in school life.

Uniform

Uniform is now available to purchase from RAM Leisure who are based at 31 Whitegate Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 8UG. Orders can be made online via www.ourschoolwear.co.uk.

Tops: Light blue polo shirts or buttoned blue shirts. Navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan.

Trousers: Grey or black trousers (tailored shorts may be worn during summer months).

Skirts/Dresses: Grey or black skirt or pinafore dress. Light blue gingham dress/playsuit may be worn in warm weather.

Socks: Black or grey socks with trousers. White socks with summer dresses / skirts / pinafore dresses / gingham dress / playsuit. Plain navy blue, grey or black tights (no patterned or brightly coloured tights).

Footwear: All black sensible shoes with a flat heel.

PE Kit: Appropriate sports trainers, Plain navy blue shorts or jogging bottoms / leggings. Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt. A navy hoodie/jumper for colder weather, if required.

Snack & Lunch

Snack

Nursery to Year 2

Snack is provided for all children from Nursery and Early Entitlement to Year 2. This usually consists of fruit and milk. This is paid for by parents via the School Gateway app.

Year 3 to Year 6

Pupils in Juniors need to bring their own healthy snack to school. We follow Welsh Government guidelines and allow only fruit or vegetables.

Lunch

At our school, we believe that healthy food helps children thrive. All of our meals are freshly prepared and cooked from scratch every day by NEWydd, using quality ingredients to create tasty, balanced dishes that children enjoy. The menu runs on a three week cycle, offering plenty of variety, and every meal is carefully planned to meet Welsh Government nutritional guidance - making sure pupils get the right balance of protein, carbohydrates, and other nutrients to keep them fuelled for learning and play. All full time Primary pupils now receive free school meals.

Abermorddu Kids Club

Operating within Ysgol Abermorddu, Abermorddu Kids Club provides a seamless transition between the school day and childcare.

Flying Start

- Hours: 12:30pm – 3:00pm
- Details: We are pleased to now offer Flying Start provision specifically for children aged 2 to 3 years.

Wraparound Care

- Hours: 11:30am - 3:00pm
- Details: Designed for Nursery and Early Entitlement pupils, this service provides a bridge between their morning school sessions and the afternoon. To ensure a sense of security and continuity, this care is held in the same Nursery setting that the children attend in the morning.

After School Club

- Hours: 3:00pm – 6:00pm
- Details: Available daily for all pupils within the school who require childcare until the early evening.

Contact Information

For more details or to book a place, please contact Abermorddu Kids Club directly:

- Phone: 07761 922604
- Social Media: Search "Abermorddu Kids Club" on Facebook.



Our School Residentials

School trips are often the memories we treasure most from our school days. They give children the chance to step outside their everyday routine, explore life beyond the school gates, and immerse themselves in new experiences. Our trips provide valuable opportunities for pupils to spend time away from their usual school and home environment, encouraging independence, confidence, and social skills. Many of our residential visits are carefully linked to curriculum topics, with a focus on culture, adventure, and history, ensuring that learning continues in exciting and meaningful ways.

For the 2025/2026 school year, we are excited to go on the following residentials:

Year 3 & 4 will enjoy a residential at Glan Llyn, filled with outdoor activities and teamwork challenges.

- Year 5 will spend two nights in London, soaking up the culture of the city, including a visit to the Harry Potter Studios, tickets to Matilda the Musical in the West End, and more.
- Year 6 will once again head to Normandy later in the year for a memorable historical and cultural experience.

These trips are more than just days out, they are opportunities to inspire curiosity, create friendships, and make memories that will last a lifetime.



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