

Ysgol Gymraeg Llwynderw



Governors' Annual Report to Parents 2024-2025

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Governors @ 31.08.25

Mrs Rachel Collins - Head Teacher

Mrs Ann Evans - Community Governor - **Chair of Governors**

Mrs Rebecca Routledge - Teaching Staff Representative

Mrs Carly Chinhengo - Support Staff Representative

Mrs Emma Beynon - Local Authority Governor

Mr Chris Prosser - Parent Governor appointed via a parent election - until 16.03.2026

Mrs Anwen Jones - Parent Governor appointed via a parent election - until 26.11.2028

Mrs Nerys James - Parent Governor appointed via a parent election - until 09.07.2027

Mrs Laura Poiner - Parent Governor appointed via a parent election - until 02.10.2027

Mr Martyn Jones - Community Governor

Mrs Lowri Davies – Community Governor

Clerk – Mrs Lowri Phillips

The next election process for a new parent governor will take place in February 2026

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The duties of the governors are to....

- work closely with the headteacher to ensure that the school works effectively.
- be responsible for the general behaviour of the school.
- examine the school's curriculum in the light of the Education Authority's policies.
- decide if sex education is part of the school's curriculum.
- propose principles to the headteacher when deciding on a discipline policy
- managing money that has been transferred from the Education Authority.
- be responsible for appointing the school's staff.
- ensure that information about the school is available to the parents.
- be responsible for organizing an annual report for the parents.

Parents have the right to request a meeting with the governors to discuss the content of the report and any other matter relating to the life of the school. The governors must receive a petition with the names of at least 10% of the parents of the school's registered children in order to hold up to 3 meetings a year. No meetings were requested during the year

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Things To-Do List

Done

- * Sequins and Sparkles day to celebrate our Eco Platinum Award ✓
- * McMillan coffee morning ✓
- * Parent's information evenings ✓
- * Shwmae 'Sumae day ✓
- * Years 1 - 6—Pantomime in the Gwyn Hall, Neath ✓
- * Christmas concerts ✓
- * Cycle training for year 6 ✓
- * CAMHS Emotion Regulation workshops for parents ✓
- * Christmas Jumper Day ✓
- * Year 6 bridging opportunities and activities ✓
- * Years 3 a 4 - Visit to the Glynn Vivian ✓
- * Presentation for parents—Relationship Blueprint ✓
- * Multi-coloured disco ✓
- * Christmas and Summer Fayre ✓
- * Children in Need day ✓
- * CAMHS presentation—Resilience ✓
- * School Development Plan presentation to parents ✓
- * Years 3 and 4 - Victorian day ✓
- * Opportunities for parents to see the children's school books ✓
- * Years 3 and 4 - St Fagan ✓
- * Sports days ✓
- * School Eisteddfod and St David's Day celebrations ✓
- * Urdd Eisteddfod competitions ✓
- * Welsh Music Day celebrations ✓
- * Llwynderw Book Day ✓
- * Years 5 and 6 - Harry Potter Studios ✓
- * Reception - Visit to WWT Llanelli ✓
- * Class assemblies for parents ✓
- * Years 4 - 6 - residential trips ✓
- * Celebration of Musical Development at Llwynderw ✓
- * Information for parents on promoting reading strategies with children ✓

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Connections with the Community

Choir singing in the Mumbles Festival

Choir singing in Mumbles - Christmas lights switch on

Choir singing in All Saints Church, Mumbles

Choir singing in St Peter's Church, Newton

Tawe festival – 'Can Actol' and the drumming group performed

Primary Partners - 'Can Actol' performed in the Grand Theatre

Welsh lessons for families in school, run by Swansea University

Donations of second hand uniform given to charity

Individual and class photos taken by a local business; Roz and Kirsty

Fruit ordered and delivered weekly by the local green grocers

Reading partner volunteers

Pirate Day – collection for the Mumbles RNLI and a competition with local schools

Ti a Fi sessions for babies to pre-school age children held weekly in the school

'Coffee and Chat' for parents to come into school weekly to practice speaking Welsh in an informal environment



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Sport and PE opportunities/ After school clubs

-Swimming lessons for every yr 3 – 6 pupil ; half a term each

-Weekly extra-curricular clubs:

netball, football, sports for girls, mixed sports clubs, contact rugby

-Football, rugby, cricket, athletics, netball, basketball tournaments

-School sports days

-Daily mile

-Year 6 sports festival

-Clog dancing

-Dawnsio Gwerin

-Choir

-Weekly instrument lessons

Charity donations

- Macmillan Coffee Morning **£210.27**
 - Children in Need **£531.09**
- Christmas Jumper Day – Save the Children **£151**
 - RNLI **£200**
 - Red Nose Day **£51**

Staff who left during the year:

Mr Tomos Sparnon

Miss Tia Buse

Mrs Elen Cheshire

a big welcome to...

Ms Sian Jones




Authorised absences: 5.1%


Unauthorised absences: 1.2%


All pupils leaving the school during the year continued with their education at other establishments


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Opportunities throughout the year


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- Gardening
 - Music Skills Afternoon
 - Class assemblies
 - 'Coffee and Chat' every Friday morning

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- Forest school every two weeks
 - Orchestra every week
 - Instrument lessons

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- Choir practice, 'Can Actol', folk dancing
 - Weekly digital club
 - Drop-in surgeries for parents/carers
 - Kerbcraft lessons for year 2 pupils

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- Harvest celebrations
 - Christmas concerts
 - Christmas and summer fayre
 - 'Bring a parent to school' day

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- Welsh Music Day
 - Transition events to year 6
 - Parents' evenings
 - The Urdd Eisteddfod
 - Outdoor week celebrations/walking bus

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- Children in Need day
 - Autumn & St Dwynwen disco
 - St David's Day Celebrations / School Eisteddfod
 - World Book Day

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School Development Plan - Priorities 2024 /25

1. Promote an ethos of respect across the school in order to raise standards and improve behaviour
2. Leading the pupils of Llwynderw school to be independent pupils who persevere when faced with a challenge.

Statement of actual Expenditure 2024/25 Financial Year

Expenditure	£
Teachers Salaries	1,058,444
Salaries	320,141
Other Employee Costs	1,815
Premises	20,676
Transport	280
Supplies & Services	390,961
Gross Expenditure	1,792,317

Income	£
Grant Income	-296,256
Other Income	-203,693
Gross Income	-499,949

Net Expenditure **£1,292,368**

RESERVES:	£
Final formula allocation:	1,255,131
Total net expenditure:	1,292,368
Transfer from reserves:	-37,237
Opening reserves balance @ 01/04/24	£157,145
Closing reserves balance @ 31/03/25	£119,908

Policies and Strategies

Reviews and subsequent improvements to policies and schemes of work were undertaken in order to comply with the latest developments both in the curriculum and in other areas.

The school will continue to review and amend policies as necessary during the course of the year.

Hygiene



We are very fortunate that the school building and the toilets are of a high standard; City and County of Swansea are responsible for cleaning the facilities;



The school has disabled facilities.

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Term dates

Autumn Term	01/09/2025	-	19/12/2025
Spring Term	05/01/2026	-	27/03/2026
Summer Term	13/04/2026	-	20/07/2026

Half Term holidays

Autumn	27/10/2025	-	31/10/2025
Spring	16/02/2026	-	20/02/2026
Summer	25/05/2026	-	29/05/2026
Bank Holiday	04/05/2026		

Inset days: 01/09/2025, 02/09/2025, 05/01/2026, 13/02/2026, 13/04/2026, 20/07/2026

Additional Learning Needs

Mrs James-Perkins is the Additional Learning co-ordinator. Mrs Laura Poiner is the Governor with responsibility for ALN.

Appropriate provision is available for children with additional learning needs and all members of staff are made aware of their responsibilities in this regard. In line with policy, when there is a concern regarding a pupil, there will be an initial conversation with parents then he/she is placed on the school ALN register and appropriate action is taken to ensure the best possible support for the pupil. This support may necessitate creating an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in school, with input from both the class teacher and the ALNCo, and sometimes involves using the expertise of outside agencies for support. Parents are informed of any concerns and any steps to be taken.

Curriculum and organisation of education and teaching methods

Our curriculum: Mumbles of the Sea and More.

At Ysgol Gymraeg Llwynderw our curriculum prepares our pupils to be lifelong learners. We strongly believe in a curriculum that develops the independence, perseverance and resilience of each pupil.

Our curriculum is designed to provide an inclusive, varied and balanced education that has the welfare of our pupils at the heart of our ethos. It supports the diverse needs of our pupils and reflects the unique characteristics of our community. We celebrate our community including local history, Welsh culture and our natural environment by the sea. As a school in Wales, it is essential for us to promote and raise pride in the Welsh Language and the cultural wealth and heritage of Wales.

Welsh

As a Welsh-medium school, every effort is made to encourage respect for the Welsh language. A positive attitude is extremely important. Emphasis is placed on the cultural aspect of the Welsh language and heritage. Welsh is the social language of the school and the children are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to use the language outside school. As ever, we are grateful for the support of parents and carers in, likewise, encouraging this; please do actively encourage your child to use Welsh This is extremely important, especially for children from non-Welsh speaking backgrounds.

Children are immersed in the Welsh language from the time that they enter Nursery. Welsh is the only medium used in the Early Years. English is introduced at the beginning of year 3. English is developed as a language during the four junior years. Welsh is the main language of the curriculum.

By the time that the children reach Comprehensive School stage, they are expected to be fluent in both Welsh and English and to be able to follow any subject in both languages.

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