



Annual Report to Parents

2023 - 2024



Introduction from the Chair

It is my pleasure as Chair of the Governing Body of Ysgol Sant Dunawd to present the Governors' Annual Report 2023-2024. The content of the annual report covers the period September 2023 to August 2024.

Meeting for parents

The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (The Act) removed the requirement for school governing bodies to hold an annual meeting with parents. Instead, new arrangements were introduced to enable parents to request up to 3 meetings in any school year with a governing body.

If parents wish to use their rights under the Act to hold a meeting, four conditions must be satisfied:

- 1) Parents will need to raise a petition in support of holding a meeting. The parents of at least 10% of the school's registered pupils will need to sign the petition. There were 91 children (89 f/t and 9 p/t) registered as pupils with this school in September 2022. Exact roll numbers at any time during the year may be obtained from the school office.
- 2) A meeting must be called to discuss matters which affect the school. The meeting cannot be called to discuss such matters as individual pupils, or to make a complaint against a member of the school's staff or governing body.
- 3) A maximum of three meetings can be held during the school year. The law allows parents to use their rights to request up to 3 meetings with a school governing body during the school year.
- 4) There must be at least 25 school days left in a school year. A 'school day' means a day when school is open to pupils; it does not include staff training days.

The Governing Body meets at least once per term to discuss and determine the strategic direction of the school and to discharge its legal obligation. Any parental concerns or issues are to be addressed to the Headteacher in the first instance.

Any correspondence for the Governors or the address for service of a petition requesting a meeting with the school's governing body is:

Chair of Governors	or	Clerk to the Governing Body:
Chair: Donna Bullivant Evans, c/o Ysgol Sant Dunawd, Sandown Road, Bangor on Dee, LL13 0JA.		Hannah Williams, c/o Ysgol Sant Dunawd, Sandown Road, Bangor on Dee, LL13 0JA.



Attendance information

Data from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

	Ysgol Sant Dunawd Actual	Welsh National Average
Whole School Attendance	95.3%	89.0%
Authorised Absences	3.2%	
Unauthorised Absences	1.5%	

Sport provision

At Ysgol Sant Dunawd, all pupils take part in at least two physical education (PE) lessons each week, although teachers make good use of our outdoor space within their planning and each class have an afternoon of Forest School each week. PE lessons help children stay active and support their well-being. Pupils develop skills in different sports, enjoy fun activities like boccia, rugby, swimming and dance, and even try mindfulness through yoga and meditation.



Our staff run several after-school sports clubs. These give children more chances to stay active, work as a team, and take part in competitions. We are proud of the effort and achievements of our pupils in these events. A list of the clubs, competitions, and achievements is included at the end of this report.

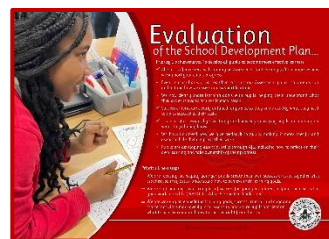
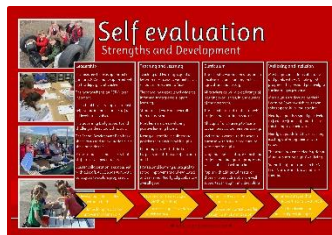
We are proud of the partnerships we've built with Wrexham Rugby Club, Dance Academy, and Active Wrexham. Wrexham RFC has worked with all children from Nursery to Year 6, helping them develop their rugby skills. Active Wrexham has been supporting our Year 5 pupils through the Playmakers programme, training them to lead games and activities for younger children during playtimes. We are pleased to see that some of our pupils have continued with these activities outside of school hours.

We are committed to enhancing our sports curriculum to promote a healthy lifestyle and encourage a competitive spirit. Throughout the year, teachers enter groups of pupils into cluster and county competitions, such as football and cricket, giving them the chance to represent our school. We are also proud of our in-house events, including sports days and mini-Olympics, which allow all pupils to participate and enjoy friendly, inclusive competition. These activities not only support physical health but also help build teamwork and resilience in our pupils.



Summary of School Development Plan

At our school, we assess how well we're doing by looking at different areas like standards of work, how pupils feel about learning, the teaching and learning experiences, the support and guidance pupils receive, and how the school is managed. The results help us set goals in our School Development Plan.



A summary of our successes and next steps for 2023 – 2024 can be [downloaded from our website](#).

The Governing Body

The people in charge of making big decisions at the school are the Governing Body and the Headteacher. They work together to manage the school's overall plan, following Welsh Government and the Local Authority (LA) guidelines. The LA is the employer of the school staff, but the Governing Body and Headteacher have their own jobs when it comes to choosing and taking care of the staff. The Headteacher is responsible for running the day-to-day things inside the school.

The full Governing Body meets regularly, usually at least once a term. Every school year, they pick a Chair and Vice-Chair to lead the meetings. If there's a vacancy for a Parent Governor, they let all parents know, ask for nominations, and might even have a vote if there are more people interested than there are vacancies. The teachers also have their own elections. If parents want to be involved, they can apply to the Clerk to the Governors or the LA certain positions.

Here's who makes up the Governing Body for our school:

Governing Body Structure 2023 – 2024

Chair: Donna Bullivant Evans, c/o Chair of the Governing Body, Ysgol Sant Dunawd, Sandown Road, Bangor on Dee, Wrexham, LL13 0JA.

Vice-Chair: Eiddwyn Hall, c/o Chair of the Governing Body, Ysgol Sant Dunawd, Sandown Road, Bangor on Dee, Wrexham, LL13 0JA.

Clerk to the Governing Body: Jane Williams (until February 2023) and Hannah Williams, c/o Clerk to the Governing Body, Ysgol Sant Dunawd, Sandown Road, Bangor on Dee, Wrexham, LL13 0JA.



Name	Type	Office Expires
Donna Bullivant-Evans	Local Authority Governor	30 August 2024
Eiddwyn Hall	Local Authority Governor	31 May 2025
Rev. Sue Huyton	Local Authority Governor	29 March 2026
Nia Brophy	Community Governor	23 June 2025
Nigel Jones	Community Governor	24 March 2025
Cllr Robert Williams	Additional Community Governor	10 July 2027
Paul Croston	Parent Governor	28 September 2027
Daniel Dodwell	Parent Governor	4 November 2024
Tracey Williams	Parent Governor	30 August 2024
Rhiannon Griffiths-Williams	Parent Governor	28 September 2027
Mark Wyeth	Teacher Governor	28 September 2027
Dion Griffiths	Headteacher	N/A

Governor changes in 2023 – 2024

Some changes happened with the Governing body:

- Parent Governor, Dan Dodwell resigned from the Governing Body in April 2024. Tracey Williams and Paul Croston's terms of office ended in August 2024.
- 1 Parent Governor vacancy was advertised in autumn and 3 were advertised in the summer term.
- Rhiannon Griffiths-Williams was elected in the autumn term after a ballot vote. Paul Croston applied and was reelected in the summer term.
- Cllr Robert Williams joined the Governing Body as an Additional Community Governor in July 2024.
- As of July 2024, there are four governor vacancies: Community Governor, two Parent Governor, and a Staff Governor.

Sarah Morris, the Deputy Headteacher, gives advice at the meetings but isn't an official governor. A big thank you to all our governors for their hard work and dedication to our school.



Parent Governor Elections 2023 - 2024

There was 1 Parent Governor Election in September 2023. Two nominations were received, and a ballot was held. Rhiannon Griffiths-Williams was successful in being elected as Parent Governor.

There was 1 Parent Governor Election in June 2024. One nomination was received. Paul Croston was successful in being reelected as Parent Governor.

Previous Governors Report to Parents

All parents' questions were answered, and the school board resolved everything from the past reports. No meetings were asked for in the school year 2023-2024.

The Staff

At Ysgol Sant Dunawd, our caring team of teachers collaborate to make a friendly and welcoming environment for all pupils. We want every child to feel important, get help when needed, and be inspired to do their best.

Staffing Structure 2023 - 2024

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistants
Alyn (Nursery)	Julie Johnson	Sarah Wilkinson/ Tracey Davies
Elwy (R/ Y1)	Steven Jones	Jane Parr
Ceiriog (Y2/ Y3)	Mark Wyeth	Sarah Hughes/ Tracey Davies
Clywedog (Y4/ Y5/ Y6)	Sarah Morris	Stephanie Gregory
PPA Cover	Julie Johnson	
Other staff		
Lesley Nightingale	School Secretary	
Stuart Rowland	Caretaker	
Jade Weir	Cleaner	
Sharon Wintin	Cook	
Karen Pugh	Catering Assistant	
Deputy Headteacher	Sarah Morris	
Headteacher	Dion Griffiths	



Staff changes in 2023 – 2024

- In September 2023, Laura Thomas was successful in securing a new job.
- In October 2023, Stephanie Gregory was successful in securing a Level 2 teaching assistant position at Ysgol Sant Dunawd.
- In February 2024, Jade Weir was successful in securing a cleaning position at Ysgol Sant Dunawd.

Staff Professional Development

Throughout the year, all staff have opportunities to learn and grow professionally. We carry out performance management with all teachers and teaching assistants annually.

In 2023-2024 there were five days set aside for teachers for special training, and one day for all staff to do training together. These training days are usually full days, but we used two shorter sessions in the evening for some training to better fit the school's needs.

In the school year 2023-2024, the training was centered around the targets we've decided are most important for our school to improve, based on our School Development Plan and performance management. Also, the government provided an extra training day to help us with changes to the curriculum.

The Finance

Delegated Budget Expenditure Statement 2023 - 2024

Description	Planned Budget	Actual Expenditure	Balance
Employees	444,221	427,711	16,510
Premises	47,705	50,706	-3,001
Transport	100	203	-103
Supplies & Services*	72,920	26,737	46,183
Contingency	33,622	0	33,622
Support Services	33,381	33,480	501
Total Expenditure	631,949	538,837	93,112
<i>Income/ Grants</i>	<i>-188,688</i>	<i>-203,428</i>	14,740
Total Net Expenditure	447,761	339,009	108,452

* Supplies & Services: This includes monies spent on educational resources.



School Fund Year End 31st March 2024

£	£	£
Accounts B/F	66, 078.61	
Receipts	43, 179.12	
Expenditure		20,444.99
Close of account	88, 812.74	

Curriculum

Our school provides a well-rounded and interesting curriculum to give pupils exciting learning experiences. In the early years, we make sure there are enough adults so that



each child is supported in a way that suits their needs. We focus on their overall development, not just academia. All classes follow a curriculum that emphasises important skills, and we have lots of technology to help with teaching. We encourage pupils to take charge of their learning, make good decisions, and keep track of their progress. They get

lots of chances to work together and learn from one another.

For pupils who need extra help in English, Maths or their emotions, we create individual plans with specific goals. We regularly check and update these plans. Our school teaches in English, with Welsh as a second language. We use Welsh throughout the day, encouraging pupils to become bilingual. At our school, we ensure we teach children healthy habits. We want them to make smart choices to stay safe and well.



Community links

Schools: Maelor School in Penley regularly meets with its feeder primary schools to share helpful ideas. We often invite former pupils, now at the Maelor, to come back and talk to the children about moving up to secondary school. In the school year 2023-2024, 6 pupils in Year 6 made the transition to Maelor School in Penley and one to Rhosnesni High School. We also visited Ysgol Tan y Fron and Ysgol Barkers Lane to see 3 to 8 their classes and learn from each other.

Childcare: Bangor on Dee Childcare offers different programs like playgroup, Early Entitlement, Nursery Plus, After School Club, and Holiday Club. These services help parents by providing care for their children from 8am to 6pm every day.



Trainee Teachers: We establish strong relationships with schools across Wrexham, Denbighshire, and Flintshire. Other schools will visit our school, and vice versa to share good ideas. In 2023-2024 a school from Flintshire visited our school to learn from our curriculum design. We also team up with GWE and the LA to provide support for new teachers. Our school has a mentor to guide these trainees, and all staff work closely with them to make sure students learn well. We also had two trainee teachers from Chester University who spent time in Clywedog.

Other Community Links: We developed strong community links with the Bangor-on-Dee Community Council, hosting the Christmas Fair and taking part in the Big Day Out event. We have connections with Active Wrexham, Wrexham Music Co-operative, Coleg Cambria, and other community partners.

The police officer who works with our school has led assemblies and workshops to our pupils. Rev. Sue Huyton, from Saint Dunawd's Church delivered assemblies, and we support local charities like Hope House Hospice and Nightingale House Hospice. Throughout the year, with your help as parents, we donate to various charities like Marie Curie Cancer Care, Poppy Day Appeal, NSPCC, and Facial Palsy UK.

Businesses: We also work with businesses like Educate, Excell and Principality Building Society. If any parent has knowledge in business or industry and wants to share it with the children, they can contact the Headteacher.

Policies

Every year, we check and discuss the school's policies and procedures with teachers and governors. In the school year 2023-24, the governors adopted the following policies:

Charging	Complaints Procedure	Safeguarding and Child Protection
Pay Policy	Performance Management	Strategic Equality Plan – Annual Action Plan
Assessment Arrangements	School Development Plan	Transition Plan
Governor Development	Premises Management	Sustainable Development & Global Citizenship
Acceptable Use of ICT	Lock Down	Positive Handling and Physical Intervention
Governor Protocol for School Visits	Risk Management	School Leave of Absence
Lettings	Tackling Extremism	Code of Conduct for Parents



Term dates 2024-2025

Term	School Opens	School Closes
Autumn 1	4 th September 2024	25 th October 2024
Autumn 2	4 th November 2024	20 th December 2024
Training days: Monday 2 nd September and Tuesday 3 rd September		
Spring 1	7 th January 2025	20 th February 2025
Spring 2	3 rd March 2025	11 th April 2025
Training day: Monday 6 th January and Friday 21 st February		
Summer 1	29 th April 2025	23 rd May 2025
Summer 2	2 nd June 2025	18 th July 2025
Training day: Monday 28 th April, Monday 21 st July and May Day: Monday 5 th May		

Family Planner 24/25

Term Dates

	Term Starts	Half Term	Term Ends
Autumn Term	04/09/2024	Break 25/10/2024 Back in 04/11/2024	20/12/2024
Spring Term	07/01/2025	Break 20/02/2025 Back in 03/03/2025	11/04/2025
Summer Term	29/04/2025	Break 23/05/2025 Back in 02/06/2025	18/07/2025

Family Learning & Parent's Lunch

	Alyn	Elwy	Ceiog	Clywedog
Autumn Term	15/10/24 at 9:10am	17/10/24 at 9:10pm	16/10/24 at 11:00pm	18/10/24 at 2:00pm
Spring Term	14/02/25 at 9:10am	10/02/25 at 2:00am	13/02/25 at 9:10am	12/02/25 at 11:00am
Summer Term	08/05/25 at 10:30am	07/05/25 at 11:00am	09/05/25 at 2:00pm	08/05/25 at 9:10am

Training Days

- Monday 2nd September
- Tuesday 3rd September
- Monday 6th January
- Friday 21st February
- Monday 28th April
- Monday 21st July


Special Assemblies

	Assembly	Date
Elwy	St David's Day	06/03/25
Ceiog	Harvest	23/10/24
Clywedog	Easter	11/04/25

PTA Events

Welcome Back BBQ	13/09/24
Spooky Disco	24/10/24
Easter Bingo	10/04/25
Summer Event	10/07/25

Show and Share



	Date
Autumn Term:	21/11/24
Spring Term:	25/03/25

Pupil Progress Meetings

	Week commencing
Autumn Term:	Monday 25th November
Spring Term:	Monday 31st March
Summer Term:	Reports out to parents on Friday 11th July

★ Children in Need

15/11/25

★ Eisteddfod Week

w.c. 19/05/25

★ Science Week

w.c. 10/03/25

★ Christmas Concerts

05/12/24 (N-Y3)
11/12/24 (Y4-Y6)

★ Story Telling Celebration

31/01/25

★ Year 6 Leavers Assembly

17/07/25

★ Summer Camp Out

13/06/25


★ Sports Day

24/06/25

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School prospectus

The school prospectus is updated annually. In 2023-24, there were changes to staffing. This can be downloaded via the school website.

Language category

Ysgol Sant Dunawd is a school where English is the main language, but we also teach Welsh to all pupils as a second language. The pupils like our Welsh culture, and they have fun using simple Welsh words and phrases during the school day.

Building and maintenance

The school gets checked for safety regularly by the Headteacher, Governors, and the Local Authority. Last year, we had a check specifically for fire safety. We have made plans to improve safety, and the Local Authority keeps an eye on how well we're doing with those plans.

Toilet facilities

Our school has separate bathrooms for boys and girls, and we also have facilities with easy access for people with disabilities. The cleaning staff keeps all the bathrooms very clean, and the school staff checks on them regularly throughout the day. We want to make sure everyone can use the bathrooms comfortably and safely.

Healthy eating and drinking

At Ysgol Sant Dunawd, we follow the healthy eating rules set by the Welsh Government. For full-time pupils we offer free school meals, and our cook provides delicious, nutritious school lunches each day. If you have questions about free school meals, you can always ask Mrs. Nightingale in the school office.

Pupils can also bring in a packed lunch. We suggest it includes at least one portion each of fruits or vegetables, dairy (like cheese or yogurt), protein (like meat, fish, or alternatives), and starchy food (like bread, pasta, or rice). To keep lunches healthy, parents are asked to limit snacks like crisps and biscuits, as well as sugary drinks.

For a mid-morning snack, all pupils have a healthy fruit snack for a small fee, or they bring one in from home.



Free school milk is provided daily for Early Years and Year 1 and 2 children, thanks to the Welsh and European schemes. We promote regular water intake throughout the day. Children bring a water bottle daily, refill it anytime, and parents are encouraged to remind their children to bring their water bottle to school each day. No juice or flavored water is allowed for regular drinking during the day.

Acknowledgements

I am delighted to present this annual report to all parents and carers, reflecting on another fantastic year at Ysgol Sant Dunawd. The Governors deeply appreciate the commitment of our dedicated staff, whose unwavering support and hard work ensure our children receive the best opportunities to reach their full potential.

This year, we have continued to create more opportunities for families to engage with in-school events and improve our visibility in the local community. We welcomed several new staff members, including Stephanie Gregory, who joined our teaching assistant team in October, and Jade Weir, who became part of our cleaning team in February.

This academic year marks the first full year with Mr. Griffiths as our Headteacher, and we are delighted with his leadership. His constant drive to improve standards and opportunities at Ysgol Sant Dunawd is evident, and he continues to inspire staff and students alike.

A strong focus on school improvement has been central to our work throughout the year. Mr. Griffiths and all staff have made great strides in enhancing communication with families, ensuring that the wonderful work happening in school is shared with the wider community.

The Governing Body would like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and families for their ongoing support. Your engagement is invaluable, helping us to create a learning experience that is varied, exciting, and, most importantly, centered on the well-being of our children.

We look forward to another year of success and collaboration.

Chair of Governors

