



Governors Report to Parents 2023-24

Introduction from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to the 2023-2024 Governors' Report to Parents. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the newly appointed Chair of Governors at Ysgol St George. My name is Katherine Fetherstonhaugh and I live within the historic parish of St George. I have been a community governor for seven years and am honoured to take on this role.

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Wilkinson and all of the staff for their dedication and hard work in continuing to provide a high standard of education for all the pupils this last academic year. Your enthusiasm and commitment are very much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the governing body for their wisdom, time, and for their unending support for the school.

To the parents, particularly the PTA, and the community at large, thank you all. As a school we feel so lucky to be part of something so special in St George. The community events held in the church and village hall have been so well supported and I know the children feel safe and welcomed in the village.

I hope you enjoy reading this report

Katherine Fetherstonhaugh

Chair of Governors

Governing Body Information

Governor	Type	Term of Office
Cathy Leary	Staff	September 2027
Jemma Rettie	Parent	September 2024
Katherine Fetherstonhaugh	Community	Jan 2026
Mark Pendlebury	LA	June 2028
Natasha Rowlands	Parent	September 2024
Keilah Yarwood	Community (minor authority)	May 2028
Rev Kate Johnson	Foundation (ex-officio)	-
Ros Griffith-Williams	LA	May 2026
Susan Walmsley	Foundation	May 2028
Sian Wilkinson	Headteacher	-
Tom Roberts	Parent	June 2026
[vacancy]	Staff (non-teaching)	

Address for any correspondence to Clerk or Chair of Governors Chair of Governors;

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Attendance Data 2023-24

	Sessions	%
Possible attendance	19920	
Attendance	18612	93.4
Authorised absence	1124	5.6
Unauthorised absence	184	0.9

School Prospectus

There have been no significant changes to the prospectus this year.

Policy Review Procedures

Policies are reviewed termly by staff and the governing body. Some policies are reviewed in consultation with pupils too, for example School Toilets, School Uniform, Behaviour and Wellbeing etc.

School Development Plan Summary

Priorities for our School Development Plan for the forthcoming year;

1. Further embed provision for Language, Literacy and Communication across the school so skills are taught progressively, and standards in phonics, spelling and writing improve.
2. Improve standards in maths and numeracy through the development of provision for maths skills and numeracy across the curriculum. Sustain the improvement of and further develop teacher knowledge in the Digital Competency Framework (DCF).
3. *(R2 from Estyn report 2020)*
4. Develop whole school "Trauma Informed Schools" approaches to impact positively on whole school emotional and mental wellbeing.
5. Develop the use of Religion, Values, Ethics) RVE Lenses in planning, teaching and learning, that complement our distinct church school ethos.

Term Dates for 2024-25

Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
Staff Training Days 1 & 3 September Term starts 04 September Half Term Close 25 October Half term open 04 November Term Ends 20 December	Staff Training Day 06 January Term starts 07 January Half term close 21 February Half term open 03 March Staff Training Day 28 March Term ends 11 April	Half term starts 28 April May Day Bank Holiday 05 May Half term close 23 May Half term open 02 June Staff Training Day 30 June Term ends 19 July Staff Training Day 21 July

The School Day

8:45-9:00	Doors open, pupils arrive
8:55-9:05	Registration
9:05-10:30	See class timetables
10:00	Monday: Whole School Assembly
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00	See class timetables
11:15	<i>Meithrin Home Time</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:05	Registration
1:05-1:30	Thursday: Whole School Assembly
1:05-3:05	See class timetables
2:30-2:55	Friday: Whole School Celebration Assembly
3.15	Home Time

Healthy Eating Developments

All children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack. We encourage healthy packed lunches and the school catering services continue to provide healthy school meals. Pupils are asked to bring water to school. All pupils from Reception to Year 6 receive Universal Free School Meals.

Sports and Extra Curricular

This year saw the return of after school sports sessions with MW Sports running varied sessions which were enjoyed by all attendees. I was particularly proud to hear from the session leaders how impressed they were with the children's good manners. For the first time in many years, we competed in the local area schools' football competition. Both our girls' and boys' football teams progressed to the Conwy finals. We welcomed sixth form pupils from St David's College to our Sports Day this year. They helped run our events and they engaged brilliantly with all our learners. Our older pupils attended Engage@Emrys after school sessions at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan in art and pottery. In the Summer Term we had after school Gardening Club which was attended by pupils in Years 5 and 6. We also had two lunch time clubs run by school staff – Clwb Cymraeg and School Choir.

Music

Music lessons led by visiting teachers were timetabled in for the first time this year, since before the Covid pandemic. There were weekly lessons in woodwind, guitar, piano and singing.

Toilet Provision

Pupils share one set of boys' and one set of girls' toilets. There is also a separate toilet, which is the staff toilet. All toilets are cleaned on a daily basis and cleanliness checks made during the day.

Additional Learning Needs

We continue to provide clear Individual Development Plans for pupils with a wide range of needs, including ASD, Dyslexia and general learning difficulties. Support includes differentiated activities in class, targeted support, Reading/Maths support (both groups and individual), and specialist equipment (e.g. seating pads, writing desks and magnification).

Curriculum Developments

Staff have created a curriculum at Ysgol St George that enables our pupils to develop all four purposes of the New Curriculum – the starting point and aspiration for every child in Wales.

- Ambitious, capable learners who are ready to learn throughout their lives.
- Enterprising, creative contributors who are ready to play a full part in life and work.
- Ethical, informed citizens who are ready to be citizens of Wales and the world.
- Healthy, confident individuals who are ready to lead fulfilling lives as valued members of Wales and the world

We have termly whole-school themes, where pupils have the opportunity to voice what they would like to learn. We link these to Welsh Government requirements. Topics begin with a WOW event and conclude with an exit event. All cross curricular skills are weaved through the topics. This makes learning purposeful and enjoyable!

School Language Category

Ysgol St George is a Category 1 school in terms of Welsh Language provision. This means that the predominant language used in school is English, with less than 20% of curriculum sessions taught in Welsh. Currently, communication with parents is through the medium of English. In line with Welsh Government and county policies, we will be aiming to increase the percentage of curriculum sessions taught in Welsh to more than 20% and communication with parents should increasingly be bilingual. This year, we have increased the visibility of Welsh used around the school, through the Cymraeg Campus scheme. We were delighted to have been awarded the Bronze Award in June. The normal expectation is that pupils will transfer to English medium secondary provision and continue to learn predominantly through the medium of English, learning Welsh as a second language.

Destination of School Leavers – Transfer to Secondary School

A good relationship exists between our school and all high schools within the area, but close links have been established between Ysgol St George and the team at Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan in Abergele. Transition activities begin in

the Autumn Term for our oldest pupils (usually Years 5 and 6) and a programme of transition support begins for pupils and their families in Year 6. Most pupils transfer to Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, but some move to Ysgol Eirias or St Brigid's School.

Church & Community

The connection between school, church and community is vital to our strength and longevity. Having the support of those around us is very important and allows the children to feel a part of their surroundings.

Every month during the academic year the pupils hold a service in our local village church. Each class taking it in turn to lead the service which is attended by many parents and family members, as well as friends from the community. Throughout the year the pupils of Ysgol St George enjoy various events held in the Village Hall, such as the School Eisteddfod, Selection Box Bingo and Village Flower Show.

This year all pupils, on a succession of visits, travelled by public bus into our local town of Abergele to visit the library. A highly successful trip where the children exhibited excellent behaviour within the local community, as they do on any outing be it at the St George village Cenotaph for Remembrance Day or a jolly outing to the local panto.

Last autumn Ysgol St George became the only school to become a tinned school in Conwy, in which we support the local Food Share initiative based at Canolfan Dewi Sant Centre. We are tremendously proud of the children's and parents' efforts with this project.

Summary of Income & Expenditure

School Fund

Balance: £10,041 (as of 28 June)

Money raised: Fund raising for the year 2023-24 year (discos, bingo nights, sweep stakes, Summer Fair) £2,347

Abergele Town Council £1250

St George Village Welfare Fund £200

Abergele & District Flower Club £100

Commission from school photographer £98.44

Spending: £855 re-decoration of Class 1, £848 for re-decoration of corridor,

£949 Phonics scheme annual subscription,

£379.01 Rhino Readers books to compliment phonics scheme

£1000 materials for improving the School House Garden, outdoor classroom and vegetable garden – roofing felt, staging, shed, slabs, paint.

£220 White Rose Maths programme for all classes

