



Governors Report to Parents 2024-25



**Dysgu a llwyddo yn ein cymuned Gristnogol ofalgar
Learning and succeeding in our caring Christian community**

Introduction from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to the 2024-2025 Governors' Report to Parents, I hope you enjoy reading it.

I am sure you will join me in congratulating the staff and children on another fantastic year at Ysgol St George. I have been so proud to watch such kind and caring pupils both in school and out in the community setting.

Mrs Wilkinson and every one of the staff at Ysgol St George deserve all the thanks I can give them for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the year. It is due to their commitment that our school thrives.

To the parents, the PTA, and our surrounding community, thank you all. We feel that the school and village become closer and the relationship more cherished year on year. The school events held in the church and village hall have been well supported by our community and we appreciate it greatly.

I would also like to thank the Governing Body for the time, energy, and attention to detail they spend on our school.

Katherine Fetherstonhaugh

Chair of Governors

Governing Body Information

Governor	Type	Term of Office
Cathy Leary	Staff	September 2027
James Sheldon	Parent	September 2028
Katherine Fetherstonhaugh	Community	Jan 2026
Mark Pendlebury	LA	June 2028
Keilah Yarwood	Community (minor authority)	May 2028
Lucinda Moore	Parent	September 2028
[vacancy]	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 2024-25

	Sessions	%
Possible attendance	25335	
Attendance	23964	94.59
Authorised absence	1143	4.51
Unauthorised absence	228	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. Ensure that groups of pupils, focusing on those at risk of adverse outcomes, make appropriate progress, focusing on maths and numeracy (also focusing on the attendance of groups of pupils)
(Cluster priority)
2. Development of provision to ensure the effective application of skills in literacy, numeracy and DCF across the curriculum.
(R2 from Estyn report 2020)
3. Further development of Cymraeg at Ysgol St George to apply for the Silver Cymraeg Campus Award in 2026-27.
(R1 from Estyn report 2020)
4. Successfully launch and maintain our status as a Kiva School.
5. Maintain the successful practice identified in our recent Section 50 report, address the recommendations in the report and develop our effective close working relationship with St George's Church.
(Additional priority)

Term Dates for 2025-26

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 1 September
BEGINNING OF AUTUMN TERM	Tuesday 2 September
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 13 October
HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 24 October
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 3 November
END OF TERM	Friday 19 December

SPRING TERM 2026	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 5 January
BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM	Tuesday 6 January
HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 13 February
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 23 February
END OF TERM	Friday 27 March

SUMMER TERM 2026	
BEGINNING OF SUMMER TERM	Monday 13 April
MAY DAY	Monday 4 May

HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 22 May
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 1 June
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Friday 12 June
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 29 June
END OF TERM	Friday 17 July
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 20 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 Collective Worship
10:30-10:45	Break
10:45-12:00 11:15	See class timetables <i>Meithrin Home Time</i>
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-1:05	Registration
1:05-3:05	See class timetables
2:30-2:55	Thursday: Whole School Collective Worship 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 (later PM7 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. Miss Hardy ran a lunch time choir session and our new Cor Bach sang for the community at the Village Hall, at the Village Carol Concert and at the Abergele Town Council Christmas Concert. Miss Hardy also ran Dance Club in the Village Hall in the Spring term and Mrs Wilkinson ran Gardening Club in the Summer term. We welcomed sixth form pupils from Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan 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

Music

Music lessons led by visiting teachers were timetabled again this year. There were weekly lessons in woodwind, guitar, piano and singing. Class 2 had drumming sessions led by teachers from Conwy Music Service.

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. 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

At Ysgol St George, this academic year, a Section 50 Inspection of Church in Wales Schools took place. I wanted to share some feedback from that report by Mr Neil Roberts who visited in March.

'...a happy and welcoming Christian place of learning with a strong and established ethos of love, care and mutual respect for one another...'

'...encouraged to grow and develop as kind, caring, tolerant and inquisitive individuals, and this is reflected in their excellent behaviour...'

'...the school is proud of its links to the church and the village. The school is at the heart of the village and the pupils are placed at the centre of everything that the school and community set out to achieve...'

'...the relationship between the school and the church is at the heart of community life... encouraging and promoting a sense of belonging and commitment to the community...'

If you have not already viewed the full report please do so to see just how brilliantly Ysgol St George is portrayed. Even though throughout this year the much-missed Rector Kate retired we have been supported by the Bishop's Visitor, Roz Harrison and newly appointed Diocesan Director of Education, Louise Williams. This involves regular visits and involvement in the children's monthly services held at school. These events are well attended by family, friends, and

members of the local community. Having the support of those around the school is vitally important and allows the children to feel a part of their surroundings.

Summary of Income & Expenditure

School Fund

Balance: £4,898.83 as of 19th June

Spending:

Chester Zoo £811.24 (this had not been paid in July 2024)
Urdd £125
Skip hire £94
Village Hall £280
B&Q £378.50 (plants, items for repair and work on building and garden)

Money raised:

£50 from refreshments sales
£121.30 Parent Pay
£444.99 Easter Egg Bingo
£1,280 Abergele Town Council
£200 from Village Hall Welfare Committee

School Budget

YSGOL ST GEORGE		2024/2025	ADRODDIAD GWARIANT / EXPENDITURE REPORT					
393		CYLLIDEB TERFYNOL	NEWIDIADAU CYLLIDOL	CYLLIDEB PRESENOL	GWIR-WARIANT	AMCANGYFRIF GWARIANT PELLACH	ALLDRO A RHAGWELIR	GWAHANIAETH
		FINAL BUDGET	BUDGET VIREMENT	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL EXPENDITURE	ESTIMATED FURTHER EXPENDITURE	PROJECTED OUTTURN	VARIANCE
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
GWEITHWYR	EMPLOYEES							
STAFF DYSGU	TEACHING STAFF							
Athrawon	Teachers	242,567	0	242,567	248,739	0	248,739	-6,172
Codiadau Cyflog	Increments	935	0	935	0	0	0	935
ATHRAWON LLANW	SUPPLY TEACHERS							
Llanw- Salwchl/Premiwm	Supply-sickness/premium	8,748	0	8,748	13,290	0	13,290	-4,542
Llanw- Mamolaeth	Supply-Maternity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanw- Anghenion Arbennig	Supply-Special Needs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanw- Swydd Wag	Supply-Vacant Post	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanw- Cytundeb Gweithlu	Supply-Workforce Agreement	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanw- Arall	Supply-Other	2,194	0	2,194	15,997	0	15,997	-13,803
STAFF ATEGOL	SUPPORT STAFF							
Cymhorthyddion Addysgu	Teaching Assistants	46,520	0	46,520	47,160	0	47,160	-640
Cymorthydd Gweinyddol	Administrative Assistant	2,371	0	2,371	568	0	568	1,802
Gorchwyllo Canol Dydd	Mid-Day Supervision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Clerigol Amser Cinio	Lunchtime Clericals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gofalwr	Caretaker	10,658	0	10,658	9,683	0	9,683	975
Glanhawyr/Glanhawr mewn gofal	Cleaners/Cleaners in Charge	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staff Brecwast	Breakfast staff	6,525	0	6,525	6,258	0	6,258	267
Warden Cymunedol	Community Warden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Llanw- Staff Ategol	Supply-non teaching	869	0	869	1,952	0	1,952	-1,083
COSTAU ERAILL	OTHER COSTS							
Hysbysebu	Advertising	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prydau Oedolion	Adult Meals	50	0	50	0	0	0	50
Costau Eraill staff	Other Staff Costs	100	0	100	400	0	400	-300
Hyfforddi A Datblygu Staff	Staff Training and Development	325	0	325	251	0	251	74
ADEILADAU	PREMISES							
Atgyweirio a Chymnal adeiladau (Cyffredinol)	Repair and Maintenance of Buildings (General)	3,500	0	3,500	1,979	0	1,979	1,521
Adeiladau-CaCh (Datganoli Pellach)	Repairs & Maintenance Buildings - Additional Responsibilities	2,224	0	2,224	2,319	0	2,319	-95
Trydan	Electricity	3,447	0	3,447	9,079	0	9,079	-5,633
Nwy	Gas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dwr	Water	1,351	0	1,351	727	0	727	625
Olew	Oil	2,899	0	2,899	3,365	0	3,365	-466
Cymnal Tir	Grounds Maintenance	2,500	0	2,500	2,832	0	2,832	-332
Defnyddiau Glanhau	Cleaning Materials	500	0	500	570	0	570	-70
Offer Ymladd Tan	Fire Fighting Equipment	100	0	100	0	0	0	100
Trethi	Rates	5,114	0	5,114	5,114	0	5,114	0
Casglu Ysbwriel	Refuse Collection	1,680	0	1,680	1,827	0	1,827	-147
Costau Eraill Adeiladau	Other Premises Costs	494	0	494	0	0	0	494
CLUDIANT	TRANSPORT							
Costau Teithio Staff	Travelling Expenses Staff	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Costau Teithio Disgyblion	Travelling Costs Pupils	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CYFLENWADAU A GWASANAETHAU	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES							
Lwfrans Y Pen	Capitation	3,000	0	3,000	3,418	0	3,418	-418
Costau Llunogopiwr	Photocopier Costs	750	0	750	945	0	945	-195
Offer Technoleg Gwybodaeth	Information technology Equipment	0	0	0	648	0	648	-648
Cyllun Benthycia	Loan Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ffôn	Telephones	150	0	150	282	0	282	-132
Gwersi Nofio	Swimming Tuition	250	0	250	0	0	0	250
Darpariaeth Awyr Agored	Outdoor Education Provision	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cefnogaeth Cwricwlwm TGC	ICT Curriculum Support	1,425	0	1,425	1,425	0	1,425	0
Asiantaeth - Staff	Agency - Staff	0	0	0	1,799	0	1,799	-1,799
Cerdd	Music	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meals	9,770	0	9,770	0	0	0	9,770
Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gwasanaethau Eraill	Other Services	2,392	0	2,392	4,010	0	4,010	-1,618
TALIADAU TRYDYDD PARTI	THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS							
Cytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth	Service Level Agreements	25,821	0	25,821	25,946	0	25,946	-125
CYFANSWM GWARIANT	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	389,228	0	389,228	410,584	0	410,584	-21,356
INCWM	INCOME							
Gosodiadau	Lettings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incwm Cerdd	Music Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incwm Prydau Oedolion	Adult Meal Income	-50	0	-50	0	0	0	-50
Incwm Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meal Income	-9,770	0	-9,770	190	0	190	-9,960
Incwm Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Incwm Arall	Other Income	0	0	0	-25,753	0	-25,753	25,753
Cyfraniad Grant GDD	PDG grant contribution	-21,382	0	-21,382	0	0	0	-21,382
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	-31,472	0	-31,472	0	0	0	-31,472
Llog ar falansau	Interest on Balances	0	0	0	-893	0	-893	893
CYLLID HEB EI DDYRANNU	UNALLOCATED FUNDING	0	72,696	72,696				72,696
CYFANSWM	TOTAL	326,554	72,696	399,250	384,128	0	384,128	15,122
DEFNYDDO A ARBEDION 2023/24 (9 FALANSYR CYLLIDEB)	USE OF 2023/24 CARRYOVERS (TO BALANCE THE BUDGET)	-16,401						
CYFANSWM Y GYLLIDEB TERFYNOL	TOTAL FINAL BUDGET	310,153						
ADNODDAU YCHWANEGOL	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES							
Arbedion	Reserves	34,125						
Dyraniad Cronfa Wrth Gefn Ysgolion	Schools Contingency allocation	0						
Assasiad Trethi	Rates Adjustment	0						
Gwaharddiadau	Exclusions	0						
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	31,472						
Grant Dysgu Proffesiynol	Professional Learning Grant	1,632						
Grant Dwyglo'r Cwricwlwm	Curriculum Reform Grant	2,122						
Grant Gweithredu ADY	ALN Implementation Grant	2,373						
Ariannu ychwanegol Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Additional Funding	4,080						
Gwelliant - Cefnogaeth ADY	Reform - ALNCO Support	1,152						
Codlad tâl athrawon (Medi '24)	Teachers pay increase (Sept '24)	1,869						
Safonau Ysgolion (Amrywiad 4)	School Standards Variation 4	3,060						
Ariannu Egni 24/25	Energy Funding 24/25	6,099						
Grant ADY	ALN Provision	1,114						
Grant Addysg Awdurdodau Lleol (a anweinir gan alw)	Practitioner Engagement (Demand Led)	0						
CYFANSWM ADNODDAU AR GAEL	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	399,249.93						
		AMCANGYFRIF ARBEDION 2024-25 ESTIMATED CARRYOVER						15,122
		Canran Arbedion / Percentage Carryover						4%

		Dyddiad/Date	
T1	384,128.53	16.05.25	
Less Apprentice Levy ***[A-B]	0.97		
T1 Revised Total	384,127.56		
Gwahaniaeth/Variance	0.00		