Governors Report to Parents 2025-26



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Learning and succeeding in our caring Christian community

Introduction from the Chair of Governors

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Governors' Report to Parents.

This academic year we were visited by Estyn inspectors and were thrilled with the results of the report that was published in May. Please allow me to share some highlights from the report…

Ysgol St George was praised for being a 'warm and welcoming environment where pupils feel secure, valued and ready to learn'

'Staff know their pupils well and create a caring atmosphere that supports positive behaviour and strong relationships'

'The school communicates clearly with families and fosters a strong sense of community through the way pupils, staff and parents work together'

'The headteacher sets a clear direction for the school… governors are enthusiastic and well informed… staff plan interesting activities… and teaching is engaging and well-paced'

'Pupils' well-being is a strong feature of the school and the Senedd gives pupils a voice'

School inspection time can be a highly stressful and challenging period for everyone involved. I would like to pass on my heartfelt thanks to Mrs Wilkinson and all of her staff, to the governors, parents and the pupils for making it such a success. Your dedication throughout the year makes our school what it is. A caring Christian community in the heart of rural North Wales.

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
James Sheldon	Parent	September 2028
Katherine Fetherstonhaugh	Community	Jan 2030
Mark Pendlebury	LA	June 2028
Alasdair Rettie	Community (minor authority)	June 2030
Lucinda Moore	Parent	September 2028
Rev Rachel Dale	Foundation (ex-officio)	-
Ros Griffith-Williams	LA	May 2028
Susan Walmsley	Foundation	May 2028
Sian Wilkinson	Headteacher	-
Tom Roberts	Parent	June 2030
[vacancy]	Staff (non-teaching)	

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

c/o Ysgol St George
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Attendance Data 2025-26

	Sessions	%
Possible attendance	23644	
Attendance	22140	94.3
Authorised absence	936	4
Unauthorised absence	422	1.8

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 polices 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. Develop professional learning and collaboration by ensuring that the most effective teaching practices are shared and applied consistently across the school; thereby.
   (Estyn recommendation)
2. Improve pupils' confidence and fluency in spoken Welsh.
   (Estyn recommendation)
3. Strengthen pupil independence; through the curriculum, Senedd and the Christian Ethos of our school.
4. Develop the strategic role of governors and their understanding of teaching and learning
   Roll out the Inclusive Attendance programme across the school (Additional priority)

Term Dates for 2026-27

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Tuesday 1 September, Wednesday 2 September
BEGINNING OF AUTUMN TERM	Thursday 3 September
HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 23 October
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 2 November
END OF TERM	Friday 18 December

SPRING TERM 2026	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 January
BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM	Tuesday 5 January
HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 5 February
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 15 February
END OF TERM	Friday 19 March

SUMMER TERM 2027	
BEGINNING OF SUMMER TERM	Monday 5 April
MAY DAY	Monday 3 May
HALF TERM CLOSE	Friday 28 May
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	Monday 7 June
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 28 June
END OF TERM	Friday 16 July
STAFF TRAINING DAY	Monday 19 July Tuesday 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 *Meithrin Home Time*
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 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.

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 sessions using the P-Buzz, ukulele and musical theatre led by teachers from Conwy Music Co-operative.

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. In Spring term, a new accessible toilet was built and fitted with an accessible changing table. 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. Most pupils transfer to Ysgol Emrys ap Iwan, but some move to Ysgol Eirias or St Brigid's School.

Church & Community

Strong community links are vital for Ysgol St George to flourish. We are very lucky to have a wonderful relationship between our school, our neighbours, our church, our friends. This allows the children to feel supported and safe within their surroundings. To learn and explore their own environment.

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. We are supported throughout the year by the Bishop's Visitor, Roz Harrison and Diocesan Director of Education, Louise Williams.

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. Children can also attend church services such as that taken on Armistice Day, laying wreaths at the village cenotaph.

Summary of Income & Expenditure

School Fund

Balance: £5,259.92 as of 17 July 2026

Spending:

Tiny Tots inflatable £185
Sand pit cover £295.98
Thorncliffe sand pit £354.67
Play sand for play pit £370.44
Buddy bench £449.99
Village Hall £280
B&Q garden items £78.20
B&Q outdoor storage £221
Twinkl £998.96
Thorncliffe skip £182.40
Conwy music £336.00
Urdd £150
Web design £300
Cosy direct resource £196.70

Money raised:

£1968.50 money raised from colour run
£283.37 money raised from School Eisteddfod
£1,782.25 money raised for school fair
£180 Abergele conservation hall hire
£1,148 Abergele Town Council
£200 from Village Hall Welfare Committee

School Budget

CONWY
CYNGOR BWRDEISTREF SIROL
COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

2025/2026
ADRODDIAD GWARIANT / EXPENDITURE REPORT
CYFRIFON TERFYNOL - FINAL ACCOUNTS

YSGOL ST GEORGE 10048	 393	CYLLIDEB TERFYNOL *FINAL BUDGET*	NEWIDIADAU CYLLIDOL/ *BUDGET VIREMENT*	CYLLIDEB PRESENNOL *CURRENT BUDGET*	GWIR-WARIANT *ACTUAL EXPENDITURE*	AMCANGYFRIF GWARIANT PELLACH *ESTIMATED FURTHER EXPENDITURE*	ALLDRO A RHAGWELIR *PROJECTED OUTTURN*	GWAHANIAETH *VARIANCE*
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
GWEITHWYR	**EMPLOYEES**							
STAFF DYSGU	*TEACHING STAFF*							
Athrawon	Teachers	258,376	0	**258,376**	267,978	0	267,978	-9,602
Codiadau Cyflog	Increments	2,039	0	**2,039**	0	0	0	**2,039**
ATHRAWON LLANW	*SUPPLY TEACHERS*							
Llanw- Salwch/Premiwm	Supply-sickness/premium	8,724	0	**8,724**	11,736	0	11,736	-3,013
Llanw- Arall	Supply-Other	4,923	0	**4,923**	21,227	0	21,227	-16,304
STAFF ATEGOL	*SUPPORT STAFF*							
Cymhorthyddion Addysgu	Teaching Assistants	48,389	0	**48,389**	50,871	0	50,871	-2,482
Cymorthydd Gweinyddol	Administrative Assistant	0	0	**0**	661	0	661	-661
Goruchwylio Canol Dydd	Mid-Day Supervision	0	0	**0**	1,337	0	1,337	-1,337
Clerigol Amser Cinio	Lunchtime Clericals	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Gofalwr	Caretaker	10,531	0	**10,531**	10,778	0	10,778	-246
Glanhawyr/Glanhawr mewn gofal	Cleaners/Cleaners in Charge	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Staff Brecwast	Breakfast staff	6,820	0	**6,820**	6,586	0	6,586	**234**
Warden Cymunedol	Community Warden	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Staff Ategol	Supply-non teaching	893	0	**893**	956	0	956	-63
COSTAU ERAILL	*OTHER COSTS*							
Hysbysebu	Advertising	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Prydau Oedolion	Adult Meals	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Costau Eraill staff	Other Staff Costs	100	0	**100**	385	0	385	-285
Hyfforddi A Datblygu Staff	Staff Training and Development	325	0	**325**	1,407	0	1,407	-1,082
ADEILADAU	**PREMISES**							
Atgyweirio a Chynnal adeiladau (Cyffredinol)	Repair and Maintenance of Buildings (General)	3,500	0	**3,500**	1,138	0	1,138	**2,362**
Adeiladau-CaCh (Datganoli Pellach)	Repairs & Maintenance Buildings - Additional Responsibilities	2,253	0	**2,253**	2,350	0	2,350	-97
Trydan	Electricity	3,447	0	**3,447**	6,759	0	6,759	-3,312
Nwy	Gas	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Dwr	Water	1,351	0	**1,351**	1,718	0	1,718	-367
Olew	Oil	2,899	0	**2,899**	2,355	0	2,355	**544**
Cynnal Tir	Grounds Maintenance	2,974	0	**2,974**	2,832	0	2,832	**142**
Defnyddiau Glanhau	Cleaning Materials	500	0	**500**	1,137	0	1,137	-637
Offer Ymladd Tan	Fire Fighting Equipment	100	0	**100**	321	0	321	-221
Trethi	Rates	5,169	0	**5,169**	5,169	0	5,169	**0**
Casglu Ysbwriel	Refuse Collection	1,680	0	**1,680**	1,605	0	1,605	**75**
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**							
Lwfans Y Pen	Capitation	3,000	0	**3,000**	6,282	0	6,282	-3,282
Costau Llungopiwr	Photocopier Costs	750	0	**750**	985	0	985	-235
Offer Technoleg Gwybodaeth	Information technology Equipment	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	-0
Cynllun Benthyca	Loan Scheme	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Ffôn	Telephones	195	0	**195**	44	0	44	**151**
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 Cwriciwlwm TGC	ICT Curriculum Support	1,425	0	**1,425**	1,425	0	1,425	**0**
Asiantaeth - Staff	Agency - Staff	0	0	**0**	625	0	625	-625
Cerdd	Music	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meals	9,700	0	**9,700**	0	0	0	**9,700**
Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Gwasanaethau Eraill	Other Services	2,459	0	**2,459**	3,719	0	3,719	-1,260
TALIADAU TRYDYDD PARTI	**THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS**							
Cytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth	Service Level Agreements	27,940	0	**27,940**	27,518	0	27,518	**422**
CYFANSWM GWARIANT	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**411,205**	**0**	**411,205**	**439,901**	**0**	**439,901**	**-28,696**
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	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Incwm Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meal Income	-9,770	0	**-9,770**	30	0	30	-9,800
Incwm Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk Income	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Incwm Arall	Other Income	0	0	**0**	-27,723	0	-27,723	**27,723**
Incwm Arall - Benthyciad	Other Income - School Loan	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Cyfraniad Grant GDD	PDG grant contribution	-20,526	0	**-20,526**	0	0	0	-20,526
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	-33,685	0	**-33,685**	0	0	0	-33,685
Llôg ar falansau	Interest on Balances	0	0	**0**	-286	0	-286	**286**
CYLLID HEB EI DDYRANNU	**UNALLOCATED FUNDING**	3,546	67,955	**71,501**				**71,501**
CYFANSWM	**TOTAL**	**350,771**	**67,955**	**418,725**	**411,922**	**0**	**411,922**	**6,803**

DEFNYDD O ARBEDION 2023/24 (I FALANSIO'R GYLLIDEB)	USE OF 2024/25 CARRYOVERS (TO BALANCE THE BUDGET)	
		0
CYFANSWM Y GYLLIDEB TERFYNOL	**TOTAL FINAL BUDGET**	**350,771**

ADNODDAU YCHWANEGOL	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES	£
Arbedion	Reserves	15,121
Dyraniad Cronfa Wrth Gefn Ysgolion	Schools Contingency allocation	0
Assasiad Trethi	Rates Adjustment	0
Gwaharddiadau	Exclusions	0
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	33,685
Grant Dysgu Proffesiynol	Professional Learning Grant	1,841
Grant Diwygio'r Cwricwlwm	Curriculum Reform Grant	2,106
Grant Gweithredu ADY	ALN Implementation Grant	2,326
Ariannu Ychwanegol Yswiriant Gwladol	National Insurance Additional Funding	7,342
Codiad tâl athrawon (Oct'25)	Teachers pay increase (Oct'25)	1,499
Codiad tâl NJC	NJC Pay Award	282
Grant ADY	ALN Provision	0
Ariannu Egni 25/26	Energy Funding 25/26	3,753
CYFANSWM ADNODDAU AR GAEL	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	418,725.35

AMCANGYFRIF ARBEDION 2025-26 ESTIMATED CARRYOVER	6,803
Canran Arbedion / Percentage Carryover	2%