YSGOL LLAN-Y-PWLL

The Governors' Annual Report to Parents for the academic year September 2025 – August 2026

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AGES: 3+ - 11+ (Only Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3 pupils during the academic year of 2025-26)

School Improvement Officer
Mrs Helen Meredith

Dear Parents/carers,

As Chair of Governors, I am pleased to present our annual report on behalf of the Governing Body, detailing the events and achievements of the last academic year here at Ysgol Llan-y-pwll.

I would firstly like to take the opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to all the staff for their continued hard work and dedication, and also to you, our parents and carers, for your ongoing support. I am proud that Ysgol Llan-y-pwll is more than just a school; it is a community, with everyone working together to provide the best possible start for our children.

This year brought our first Estyn inspection since the school opened, and I am delighted that the inspectors praised the caring, happy and inclusive environment that we strive to create here at Ysgol Llan-y-pwll. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to offer the staff our warmest congratulations for their hard work in securing such a positive report. I would also like to extend our sincere thanks to all the parents and carers who took the time to meet with the inspectors and share their experiences.

A big thank you also goes to the PTA for their fundraising efforts on behalf of the school this year. The PTA has continued to grow, and a number of activities, including the Christmas and Summer Fairs, have raised valuable funds for the school. These funds have enabled us to purchase PA equipment that will benefit our pupils and the wider school community.

This year has also brought some staffing changes. We wish Miss Wong all the very best in her new position and are delighted to welcome Miss Hamilton, Mrs Rhian Williams, Mr Ralf Roberts and Mr Jaques Belling into our school family. We would also like to wish Mrs Parry every success in her new role as Deputy Headteacher. The new roles start from September 2026.

As part of the school's priorities, our children have had many opportunities to work with and influence the local community, including through various trips, visits and concerts. In particular, the opportunity for pupils to contribute to the design plans for the new playground at Acton Park has been a real source of pride for the children and an excellent example of their voices being heard within the wider community.

We are also proud to have introduced three school councils: Criw Bach Cymru, Arwyr Arwain and Lleisiau'r Ddaear. These groups provide our pupils with an opportunity to have their voices heard, contribute ideas and play an active role in shaping life at Ysgol Llan-y-pwll.

B Martin, Chair of Governors

THE GOVERNING BODY

Name	Governor Role	Term End Date
Mrs Rhiannon James	Headteacher	Ex offico
Mrs Lowri Parry	Teacher	05/02/2027
Mrs Iola Emmanuel	Staff	05/02/2027
Councillor Carrie Harper	LA	30/06/2029
Councillor Becca Martin	LA	30/06/2029
Ms Helen Cadman	Parent	05/02/2027
Mrs Elin Williams	Parent	05/02/2027
Mrs Sian Jones	Parent	05/02/2027
Mrs Ceri Edwards	Community	11/07/2029
Councillor Andy Gallanders	Additional Community	30/6/2027
Mrs Ruth Price-Roberts	Community	31/08/2029

Clerk: Mrs Adrienne Jones (WCBC Clerking Services) Adrienne.jones@wrexham.gov.uk

To contact the Chair, please email the school.

Governors claimed no travelling or subsistence costs during the year. Seven members of the Governing Body are Welsh speaking.

Meetings of the Governing Body

The full Governing Body has been in place since January 2023 when it replaced the Temporary Governing body. A meeting was held at least once per term throughout the educational year. Two of the meetings were held in the school, whilst the other was virtual on Teams. Two sub-committees – Curriculum and well-being and Finance, health and safety and premises have also met during the year.
Issues discussed included:
The School Improvement Plan, Finance, school promotion and staff and pupil wellbeing.

Policy Review

The Governing Body reviews policies regularly and a programme is in place to review them over a period of time.

Meetings with Parents

Parents may request up to three meetings a year with the governing body. Please contact the school or the Chair of Governors if you require further information.

Staff for 2025-2026

Mrs Rhiannon James	Headteacher

Teachers	**Year**
Miss Marged Selway-Jones	Nursery & PPA cover
Mrs Lowri Parry	Reception
Miss Begw Roberts	Year 1, 2 and 3

Teaching Assistants

Miss Annalise Wong	Level 4
Miss Hallie Wynn Davies	Level 2
Miss Hannah Lewis	Level 2
Ms Tilly Lewis	Level 2
Miss Gemma Roberts	Level 2

Ancillary Staff

Mrs Iola Emmanuel	Secretary
Mr Gwynfor Roberts	Caretaker/ Cleaner

Pupil Numbers

In June 2026 there were 47 full-time pupils and 24 part time nursery pupils in Ysgol Llan-y-pwll.

Class Organisation

The school can provide places for 30 pupils in each year (currently in use – Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3).

Aims and Ethos

The school's primary aim is to be a school where all pupils are equal and are challenged to reach their full potential in a friendly, caring, welcoming and creative atmosphere. Ysgol Llan-y-pwll will prepare the pupils to be capable, confident, happy and independent individuals throughout their lives. Central to this will be the use and development of the Welsh language and learning about our heritage. The learners will support each other to be confident and resilient, welcoming a challenge and continuing to achieve their goals. They will develop the essential skills for learning, life and work.

The primary aims of the School are:

- To deliver education through the medium of Welsh.
- To ensure that every child is bilingual.
- To develop lively and inquiring minds through promoting basic skills, so that every child works at the full extent of their ability.
- To ensure that each child is aware of our traditions and culture as a Nation.
- To encourage cooperation between the school, the home and the society for the child's benefit.
- To fulfil the requirements of the Curriculum for Wales.

New Curriculum

Ysgol Llan-y-pwll has used the Curriculum for Wales guidance to develop their own curriculum, enabling learners to develop towards the four purposes of the curriculum; the starting point and aspiration for every child and young person in Wales. There is information about the Welsh Curriculum and a summary on the school website.

Use of the Welsh Language

This school is a Welsh-medium primary school. A high number of children begin school on a part-time basis having made little or no use of the Welsh language.
Each pupil in the Foundation Phase experiences all areas of learning through the medium of Welsh.

Musical Opportunities

In lessons and through visits (e.g. Panto Y Brenin March) the pupils have the opportunity to experience a wide range of musical opportunities. Year 3 pupils took part in a Music workshop from the Music Cooperative workshop)

Sport

During lessons, pupils are provided with the opportunity to participate in a broad range of sporting activities. A balance of both indoor and outdoor physical education sessions is offered.

Healthy Eating

The pupils are encourage to eat healthily. All pupils from Nursery to Year 2 receive a drink of milk and all have access to water. At snack time, they get a choice of a healthy snack at break time – which consist of fruit, vegetables or salad.

Behaviour

Pupils' behaviour is good on the whole. The emphasis is on promoting positive behaviour and encouraging the pupils to treat each other with respect and kindness. Pupils are disciplined as necessary, with an emphasis on the consequences of their actions so that they understand why they need to behave in a disciplined manner. The behaviour policy also recognises good behaviour and there are several opportunities to reward and celebrate this.

School Prospectus

The school Prospectus is on the School's website.

Additional Learning Needs

Each pupil follows the school curriculum unless special arrangements are in place to disapply for specific reasons such as medical issues or additional learning needs. Provision is made in the work plans for all classes to support children with additional learning needs. Pupils with additional learning needs receive support within the classroom and occasionally in small groups or one-to-one.

The Additional Learning Needs Coordinator works across the school with all age groups. Working with staff, parents and external agencies, the coordinator ensures that pupils' needs are identified and that pupils receive all the necessary support to achieve their individual targets. Individual plans are reviewed with parents at least twice yearly. The school produce one-page profiles for pupils and will hold person centred reviews for pupils with more complex needs.

Classroom Assistants play a key role in supporting pupils with specific needs in literacy and numeracy and emotional support. Some pupils also benefit from time-limited catch-up programmes to accelerate their progress. These pupils are not on the additional learning needs register. In July 2025, there were three pupils on the register.

Mrs Rhiannon James is the School's Additional Learning Needs Coordinator.

Complaints

We take pride in our relationship with parents and our open-door policy. We foresee that complaints/concerns will be addressed informally and in a cordial manner through discussion between the teacher and parent/carer. Parents should bring any unresolved complaints/concerns to the attention of the Headteacher and subsequently the Chair of Governors if they are dissatisfied with the way their concerns were dealt with.

Facilities for Disabled People

We ensure that pupils with disabilities are not treated less favourably than other pupils. In preparing the plans for the new school, close attention was paid to the needs of pupils with disabilities. Ramps have been fitted to all exit doors which have a step. The school building is all on one level.

School Toilets

There are plenty of toilets for our pupils in the school. The facilities are appropriate for the age of their users and all toilets are cleaned daily. Additional toilets are provided for staff and visitors only.

Supporting Charities

During the year our pupils and their families have supported several charities including Children in Need, Save the Children and Macmillan.

Links with the Community

During the 2025–2026 academic year, we have continued to establish and strengthen our links with the local community. We have continued our collaboration with the community to plant the Tiny Forest and support its ongoing maintenance, whilst also providing pupils with opportunities to learn about and develop their understanding of the environment.

We also took part in Walk to School Week for the second year. Two volunteers continue to attend the school weekly to listen to pupils read and support the development of their reading skills.

This year, even more children participated in the Urdd Eisteddfod, with some individuals progressing through to the second round. The school choir also performed again in a concert at The Stiwt, as part of a joint event involving all the Welsh-medium schools in Wrexham.

Parent and Teacher Association

This year, the PTA Committee has continued to grow. Over the course of the year, a number of successful events were organised, including a Christmas Fair, a sponsored hop and a Summer Fair. The PTA managed to raise a fantastic total of £2291.57 during the last academic year. This funded a magician and we are also raising money for developing the playground.

School and Parent Links

The Governors place great emphasis on the link between the school and parents, and view this as the most important element of the school's work. Parental cooperation in terms of the children's education is essential, not only as individuals eager to help in their children's development, but also as a team of parents which invigorates and sustains the school. The school is open and accessible for all parents to raise any concerns and issues with in a timely manner.

The Governing Body also ensures that the school maintains close contact with parents by:

- Corresponding regularly with parents to inform them about all the school's activities and arrangements
- An exciting website which contains important and up-to-date information about the school
- Ensuring that parents, in consultation with the Headteacher, have the chance to call into the school to discuss any issue that relates to them
- To provide written reports to parents on their children's progress, including targets for the future

Parent Governors

When vacancies arise for a Parent Governor, the school will send out communication through letter about the process which will take place.

Estyn Inspection

Estyn inspected the school between October 20th and October 23rd, 2025.
The full report can be seen on our school website.
The report noted, among other things that –
Ysgol Llan-y-pwll is a caring, happy and inclusive learning community where there is a strong sense that every pupil is a member of a large, close-knit family.
Leaders and staff have high expectations in terms of promoting the Welsh language and they model the language purposefully, which is beginning to have a beneficial effect on pupils' oral skills from a young age.
Most pupils make consistent progress in a range of skills from their various starting points, including those with additional learning needs (ALN).

3 Recommendation were made, which will feed our School Development plan for 2026 – 2027 :
Provide learning activities that ensure a consistent challenge for pupils.
Develop pupils' leadership roles to have a wider influence on the life and work of the school.
Empower the governing body to implement self-evaluation processes more effectively.

School Improvement Plan 2025 -2026

The School Improvement Plan is updated annually and is discussed regularly in meetings of the Governing Body.

The priorities for 2025 -2026 were: -

Priority 1: *Co*ntinue to develop pupils' oral skills in every class to ensure they use correct oral patterns confidently and in a variety of situations

Priority 2 : Develop mathematical language across the school to ensure progress in the use of mathematical terms and the practice of vocabulary in the areas.

Priority 3 Develop our progress tracking systems to ensure that we can identify the baseline and measure each pupil's progress effectively.

The Priorities for the School Development Plan for 2026 – 2027 are:-

Priority 1 : Develop a whole school reading system consistently across the school.

Priority 2 : Providing learning activities that ensure a consistent challenge for pupils..

Priority 3 : Develop pupils' leadership roles to have a wider influence on the life and work of the school.

Priority 4 : Empower the governing body to implement self-evaluation processes more effectively

SUMMARY FINANCIAL EXPENDITURE STATEMENT 2025/2026
Financial Year 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026

BUDGET HEADING	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) ACTUAL	EXPENDITURE/ (INCOME) PLANNNED BUDGET	BALANCE
EMPLOYEES	364,377	357,544	-6,833
PREMISES	29,082	25,372	-3,710
TRANSPORT	77	200	124
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	24,641	50,000	25,359
EDUCATION SUPPORT SERVICES	14,446	31,173	16,727
CONTINGENCY FUND	0	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	432,622	464,289	31,667
OTHER INCOME	-89,209	-83,389	5,820
OPENING BALANCE (1st April 2025)	-58,203	-58,203	0
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE	285,210	322,697	37,487

The sum of 37,487 carried forward is 11.6% of the budget.

The indicative budget for 2026 – 2027 is 433,826

School Fund

For the year ending March 31 2026.

	Receipts		Payments
Balance brought forward	£2,288.88	Expenditure	£7,719.11
Receipts	£15,023.42		

Closing Balance £9,593.19

Mrs Karen Williams inspected the books, tables and documents associated with the Ysgol Llan-y-pwll and attested to their accuracy.

Attendance

Sept 2025– August 2026
Whole school – 93.1%
Statutory pupils 94.6%
0 Unauthorised absences (Statutory aged pupils)

School Times

9:05 : Doors open

9:10 – 10:30 : Registration – Session 1

10:30 – 10:45 : Break Time

10:45 – 12:00 : Session 2

11:40 – Nursery Children Home Time

12:00 – 1:00 : Dinner Time Reception start at 11:55)

1:00 – 2:15 : Session 3

2:10 – 2:25 : Break Time

2:25 – 3:25 : Session 4

3:25 : Home Time

SCHOOL DATES 2026 - 2027

Academic year 2026/27

Term	Term open	Half term close	Half term open	Term close
Autumn 2026	Tuesday September 1	Friday October 23	Monday November 2	Friday December 18
Spring 2027	Monday January 4	Friday February 5	Monday February 15	Friday March 19
Summer 2027	Monday April 5	Friday May 28	Monday June 7	Tuesday July 20

Staff Training Dates

Tuesday, September 1st, 2026
Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026
Monday, November 2nd, 2026
Monday, January 4th, 2026
Monday, April 5th, 2027
Friday, June 25th, 2027

This concludes the Governors Annual Report to Parents for 2025-2026