



# Ysgol Y Waun

## GOVERNORS ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS 2024 – 2025



# A message from the Chair of Governors



Welcome to this annual governors' report for the 24/25 school year, it's been a year of ups and downs but thankfully mostly ups, in a year when we saw a severe storm rip the roof off the school hall and leave us in the hands of insurers waiting for a repair to take place.

When I was informed about the roof I met with the caretaker to inspect the damage, the storm was still in full flow and the rain was pouring into the hall ruining all the equipment inside as well as the floor and furniture causing untold damage we could have cried however we had to deal with the situation and hand the issue over to Wrexham Council who had to make things safe.

Despite all of the issues, education in the school did not suffer, the outstanding staff and the leadership in the school ensured that all ran as normal and children's education wasn't uninterrupted. The staff and pupils are all fantastic and continued to work well and enjoy their education.

Whilst Mr Roberts has been seconded elsewhere Mrs Rogers has been acting Head and has done an excellent job, it's been seamless during this period and the senior management team have supported her ensuring all standards were maintained across the school.

The governing body continues to challenge the school and our members meet regularly with various committees and the full body to ensure that policies are up to date and the school makes good progress towards agreed targets.

We continue to be disappointed that the hall roof has not been repaired but this is a matter out of our control - with insurers and loss adjusters unable to agree the cost of repair, we have challenged the Education Department regularly to try and get the matter resolved and will continue to do so.

I would like to thank Mrs Rogers for her time at the school. She has been a great asset to Chirk over several years and her time as Deputy Head was extremely valuable - leading areas of the curriculum and ensuring high standards for all. We will miss her but wish her success at her new school in her role as Head.

We should also thank the governors of Ysgol Y Waun who give their time regularly to support the school and challenge where necessary, schools could not run without their input and benefit greatly from their support.

Frank Hemmings  
Chair of Governors.

# About the School

Number of Pupils on Role: 316

Acting Head Teacher: Mrs S. Rodgers

TEACHER	CLASS	YEAR
MISS HUGHES	DOSBARTH MAPLE	NURSERY/ RECEPTION
MRS MCCUNNELL/ MRS ROWLANDS	DOSBARTH WILLOW	NURSERY/ RECEPTION
MISS WILLIAMS	DOSBARTH JUNIPER	YEAR 1/ 2
MRS WILLIAMS	DOSBARTH CHERRY	YEAR 1/ 2
MRS CRAWSHAW	DOSBARTH HAZEL	YEAR1/ 2
MR MORROW-POWELL	DOSBARTH CEDAR	YEAR 3/ 4
MRS LINES	DOSBARTH SILVER BIRCH	YEAR 3/ 4
MISS GRIFFITHS	DOSBARTH OAK	YEAR 5
MISS PARRY	DOSBARTH SYCAMORE	YEAR 5/ 6
MRS ROBERTS	DOSBARTH BEECH	YEAR 6



GOVERNOR NAME	POSITION	STATUS
AMY BELL		COMMUNITY
DEBBIE DANIEL		PARENT
MICHAEL EVANS		PARENT
JENNIFER FAWCETT-JONES		PARENT
FRANK HEMMINGS	CHAIR	LOCAL AUTHORITY
KATIE JAMES		HLTA
ALEX KNOPP		PARENT
KEVIN PILSBURY		LOCAL AUTHORITY
AMY ROBERTS		TEACHER
STEPH RODGERS		HEADTEACHER
KAYLEIGH SKEATES-LODGE		COMMUNITY
ANNETTE WINTER		PARENT

## School Attendance

School attendance for Sept 24 to July 25

92.6 % attendance

5.7 % authorised absences

1.7 % unauthorised absences

Comments

All Wales Attendance for the same period:

90.9% attendance

3.8% absence due to illness

Exclusions

There was one reported fixed term exclusion in 2024-25

## Extra Curricular Activities

Lights Camera Action

Choir

School council

Eco Council

Digital leaders

Crw Cymraeg

Stay & Play Nursery/Reception Sessions

## School Trips/ Residential Activities/ Visitors to School

### Visitors to school

Jane Webber

Coverdale Puppets

PCSO Hulley

Lights Camera Action

The Curlew Project

### Trips

Sports festival -Ysgol Dinas Bran

Football Tournament - Rhosnesni

Walks to the Aqueduct

Jambori - The Stiwt

Erddig Grounds

Walks to Chirk Castle

Ty Pawb

Cardiff Residential

Nant B. H. Residential

Pentre Llyn Cymmer Residential

Llangollen Eisteddfod

Ty Pawb

Dangerpoint

Stiwt - Pantomime

### Celebrations

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Harvest Festival

Shwmae - Su'mae

Sports Day

St David's Day

Comic Relief Day

World Book Day

Show Racism the Red Card

Christmas Concerts

Children in Need Day

Odd Socks day for anti-bullying awareness

# School Financial Statement

1st April 2024 – 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

## School Fund Account

**Opening Balance: £36,795.31**

Income:

Expenditure:

**Closing Balance: £37,082.91**

## School Budget

**Opening Balance: -£211,389**

Employee Costs: £1,633,737

Premises Costs: £123,103

Transport Costs: £0

Supplies: £38,070

Agency: £79,698

**Closing Balance: -£261,778**

## Additional Learning Needs Update

At Ysgol Y Waun, we identify and support children with additional learning needs early. Pupils receive Small Steps Targets (SSTs) through Targeted Universal Provision (TUP) or an Individual Development Plan (IDP), depending on their needs.

Class Teachers, parents, and the ALN Coordinator (ALNCO) collaborate to set and review targets. Parents receive copies of small steps targets and IDP's and participate in regular reviews and consultations, with open communication encouraged.

Support includes small group work, wellbeing support via the ELSA programme, and external services like Strong Minds and CAMHS Schools In-Reach.

The school is accessible, with a ramp and disabled toilet.

We partner with Inclusion Services, Noddfa Specialist Centre, Educational Psychologists, Speech and Language Therapists, School Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Family Services, and other specialists to provide tailored support.

## School Accessibility and the School Equality Plan

Ysgol Y Waun prides itself on providing an environment which is accessible to all pupils regardless of educational/and or physical needs. We have an 'Equality Policy' which is reviewed by our Governing Body. Actions detailed within the plan aim to provide all pupils with 'equal access' to school opportunities

# School Priorities 24-25



To apply numeracy skills across the curriculum and in real life contexts.

To refine and develop the schools assessment processes for progression in AOLE's across the school.

To further promote pupils "independent learning" to include metacognition.

## **Destination of School leavers July 2025.**

1 child left to attend Ysgol Penglais (Aberystwyth)

1 child left to attend Ysgol Rhiwabon

8 children left to attend St Martins School

38 children left to attend Ysgol Dinas Bran

## **School Plans and Policies**

All schools have plans and policies in place so that they are run safely and effectively.

The full Governing Body meet termly to review policies with priority given to statutory policies

## **Links with our community**

Our governing body prides itself on excellent links between school and the local community.

Annual events include:

- Visiting speakers including Jane Webber and PC Mark.
- Links to charities including Children in Need, MacMillan and Oswestry Foodbank.
- Visits to St Marys in Chirk for Christmas Celebrations.
- Attendance at Remembrance Sunday.
- Links with local shops including the SPAR and COOP.
- Links with Chirk Castle.
- Links with Chirk Court and Chirk Hospital.

## **School Prospectus**

For more information about the day to day running of the school you can access a copy of our school prospectus - available on our school website:

**[www.ysgolywaun.co.uk](http://www.ysgolywaun.co.uk)**