



Waun Wen Primary School

Annual Governors' Report to Parents 2023 – 24

Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents

Welcome to this year's annual report to parents. This report outlines the key events for the school year 2023 – 24. As always, governors would like to thank the head teacher and all the staff for their hard work and dedication and all parents for their continued support. The partnership between home and school is vital for any child to succeed and the support that you, as parents, show helps to make this school such a happy and inclusive place.

Lynwen Barnsley

Chair of Governors

Members of the Governing Body 2024 – 25

Category of Governor	Name	Term of Office
Headteacher	Mrs C Nicklin	
Chair of Governors	Mrs L Barnsley	26/10/25
LA Representatives	Mrs L Barnsley Miss H Lawson	26/10/25 22/10/24
Community Representatives	Mrs C Willett Mrs C Ward Vacancy	25/09/26 01/06/26
Parent Representatives	Mrs T Hixson Mrs K Hopkin-Evans Mr Noori Mr K Bouzalakos	05/02/28 26/02/28 06/12/27 26/02/28
Teacher Representatives	Miss B Roberts	26/02/25
Staff Representatives	Mrs A Green	26/02/25
Clerk to the Governors	Miss H O'Callaghan	

School's Vision Statement and Aims



Vision Statement – our aim is for every child to feel happy, safe and secure in our school where they are valued and respected by all.

School Aims

As a school we aim to provide a happy and secure environment in which:

- ✓ All children are treated equally irrespective of gender, race, creed or disability.
- ✓ Every child to achieve his/her full potential.
- ✓ As an inclusive school, we employ teaching and learning strategies for the benefit of all pupils.
- ✓ We strive to foster an enjoyment for learning by encouraging our children to have positive and independent attitudes to their learning.
- ✓ We encourage children to enjoy learning, have positive attitudes and be independent
- ✓ All children to believe in themselves, have confidence and high self-esteem.
- ✓ We expect all children to show respect for themselves, others and for property.
- ✓ We will ensure that all children are made aware of and are proud of their heritage and culture.
- ✓ We encourage positive discipline and manners and strive to

HAPPILY ACHIEVE TOGETHER

Estyn Inspection June 2022

Following the excellent Estyn inspection in June 2022, the school was mentioned in the Chief Inspector's Annual Report 2023 as an example of good practice in tackling the impact of poverty and disadvantage.

A case study of the school "Removing barriers to learning by providing pupils with language and strategies to discuss their emotions" has been published on the Estyn website. You can find a copy on the school website.

<https://www.waunwenprimaryschool.co.uk/news/detail/estyn-case-study/>

As Governors we are so pleased that the inspectors could see that children make strong progress in their learning because they are well supported by all staff, who understand their needs and make sure that every child makes progress. Inspectors recognised the strong relationships between school and parents and how the school tries to involve parents at every opportunity.

Some notable quotes from the report

"As they move through the school, most pupils, including those who are eligible for free school meals, those with additional learning needs and those with English as an additional language, make strong progress from their starting points".

"Most pupils have high levels of well-being across the school and demonstrate respect for each other, their school and their community. They understand that they are cared for well and have a caring attitude towards others".

"All pupils settle quickly to work and are conscientious. Most pupils collaborate well with one another. They sustain concentration in lessons, persevering with tasks when completing more challenging work".

"All staff have warm and positive working relationships with pupils. They support those who are less confident, or are new to English, to settle quickly and encourage them to contribute to lessons very effectively".

You can read the full report on the school's website

<https://www.waunwenprimaryschool.co.uk/estyn-and-performance-data/>

The recommendations from inspectors were to improve the physical environment of the school, in particular the playground and the toilets. The playground was resurfaced in October 2022 and the toilets were all replaced in the summer 2023.

Staff – 2024 – 25

Teaching Staff
Mrs C Nicklin (Headteacher)
Miss B Roberts (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs A Churchill (ALNCo)
Mrs J Lewis
Miss L Ashford (on maternity leave) Miss R Mitchell
Mrs R Meredith
Mr D Rowe
Miss C Steel
Mr S Jones
Miss J Mead
Mrs L Rees (on maternity leave) Mrs H Neal
Support Staff
Teaching Assistants
Miss C Lewis
Miss F Burns
Miss L Mauchline
Mr L Williams
Miss M Collins
Miss E Barnes
Miss L Delloy
Mr C Meager
Miss J Purcell
Mrs L Murad
Mrs A Green (Pastoral Support Officer)
School Office Manager
Miss H O'Callaghan
Caretaker
Mr M Jones
Lunchtime Supervisors
Mrs M Isaacs
Mrs Y Evans
Mrs D Spiller
Breakfast Club Supervisors
Miss C Lewis
Miss L Mauchline
Miss L Delloy
Education Welfare Officer
Mrs Emma Mackenzie

School Term and holiday dates 2024/25

Term	Term begins	Mid-term holiday begins	Mid-term holiday ends	Term ends	Total days
Autumn 2024	Monday 2 September	Monday 28 October	Friday 1 November	Friday 20 December	75
Spring 2025	Monday 6 January	Monday 24 February	Friday 28 February	Friday 11 April	65
Summer 2025	Monday 28 April	Monday 26 May	Friday 30 May	Friday 21 July	55
Total					195

School Budget Overview

In accordance with the requirements of the Educational Reform Act 1988, here is the statement of total net expenditure for the financial year 2023/2024

	Delegated Expenditure £	Non-Delegated Expenditure £	Total Net Expenditure £
Teachers Salaries	724,757	10,540	735,297
Salaries	450,315	47,143	497,458
Other Employee Costs	-182	195	13
Premises	47,341		47,341
Transport			0
Supplies & Services	105,910		105,910
Recharges	106,774		106,774
Gross Expenditure	1,434,915	57,878	1,492,793
Grant Income	-397,118		-397,118
Other Income	-95,433		-95,433
Gross Income	-492,551	0	-492,551
Net Expenditure	942,364	57,878	1,000,242

RESERVES:	£
FINAL FORMULA ALLOCATION:	964,469
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE:	942,364
TRANSFER TO / (FROM) RESERVES:	22,105
OPENING BALANCE ON RESERVES 01/04/23	110,735
CLOSING BALANCE ON RESERVES: 31/03/24	132,840

Attendance 2023 - 24

Year group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
REC	8422	0	1032	76	9530	88.4
YEAR 1	9088	0	832	270	10190	89.2
YEAR 2	7512	0	649	301	8462	88.8
YEAR 3	10172	2	690	54	10918	93.2
YEAR 4	9985	0	734	102	10821	92.3
YEAR 5	9995	0	996	68	11059	90.4
YEAR 6	10468	242	596	142	11448	93.6
Totals	65642	244	5529	1013	72428	91.0

Destination of School Leavers

Last year the children leaving from Year 6 moved to variety of secondary schools including Pentrehafod, Bishop Gore, Olchfa, Dylan Thomas, Bishop Vaughan and Morriston.

Policies

Governors regularly check that all statutory policies are in place and on the school website so that they are accessible for parents/carers, external agencies and other stakeholders. Policies that have been reviewed and updated this year: Admissions, Performance Management and Charging Remissions.

Flying Start

Little Petals Flying Start is based in the school building and offers children from 2 years of age 2-hour sessions. The Flying Start staff liaise with the school staff to ensure transition to school is as smooth and possible and offers the child the best possible start.

Flying Start was inspected this year and received a Good rating, with no criticisms or recommendations.

Teaching and Learning

Waun Wen Primary is a caring school valuing every child. Our ethos is to make sure every child is happy, feels part of the school community and reaches their potential. The staff develop strong relationships with the children and there is a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the school which has been commented on by visitors. Staff understand the importance of well-being and understand its impact on child development. The school has ten core values that everyone involved in the school follows. We believe that children learn best from first hand experiences, where they enjoy and are involved in their learning. All successes are celebrated and all children are encouraged to take a full part in school life.

Children's progress is carefully monitored. Mrs Churchill (ALNCO) works with other staff to organise support for any children with additional needs and makes referrals to outside agencies whenever further advice is needed.

Agencies currently working with the school are: Speech and Language Therapists, Behaviour Support Teacher, Autistic Outreach Workers, Occupational Therapists, CAMHS, Exchange Counselling.

The Governing Body's Curriculum Committee meets regularly to discuss the School Development Plan and to monitor the priorities. The continued focus on empathy in the school has had a big impact on children's learning. The re-organisation of the office space has meant that the nurture room can be used solely to support children.

School Development Priorities for 2024-25

- To continue to prioritise empathy and wellbeing throughout the school in order to reduce the impact of poverty.
- To continue to develop an innovative curriculum that builds on pupils' understanding and skills and enables them to progress effectively throughout their learning.
- To develop formative assessment processes that secure pupil progression
- To develop strategies and processes to improve self-evaluation throughout the school at every level of leadership.

These priorities have been determined through self-evaluation by staff and governors and are building on the good work already done in the school.

Healthy Schools

Waun Wen Primary is a Healthy School and promotes healthy eating and drinking. Children in the Foundation Phase have milk and all children in the school have fruit daily. All children receive a water bottle at the beginning of the school year and are encouraged to drink water during the school day. School dinners are cooked on site and the children are also taught about healthy lifestyles during lessons.

The pupil voice group, the Healthy Heroes, promote healthy lifestyles throughout the school.

The School Council met with someone from the Local Authority catering department. They discussed how we can improve the school dinners and promoted a fruit is fun day.

Provision for Sport

The children have the opportunity to play a variety of sports both as part of the PE curriculum and as extra-curricular activities. Last year sports offered were football, netball, gymnastics and tennis. Children were also offered taster sessions of cricket and martial arts from external providers.

Community Links

There have been many opportunities for parents to get involved with their child's education. Groups for parents have included:

Family Learning ran sessions for Reception class parents. Family reading also took place weekly in Reception.

Family Club ran for 6 weeks in the Autumn Term. Parents are invited to stay and join in for an hour after school to see how we use language, maths and ICT games to support children's learning. Along with creative and healthy sessions too.

"Let's Talk with your Baby" is a programme run by Speech and Language Specialists for parents and carers with babies from 3 to 12 months old. The 8- week programme ran during the Spring Term 2023. "Language through play" also was offered to parents in the Spring Term.

Sunshine Circles ran during the spring term. This programme is a structured play therapy-based group that incorporates playful, cooperative, and nurturing activities that enhance the emotional well-being of children. Mrs Meredith and Mrs Lewis are running these sessions with parents of our rising 3's.

Multiply is run by Swansea university and is a maths group for parents, designed to build confidence in maths so that they can support their child's learning. This group has run with Nursery and Year 3 parents.

Adenydd are working with us to trial a new group. POISSD (Providing Opportunities for Sensorimotor System Development) took place on a Monday.

We have been working hard to promote the school and make it an important part of the community. We work closely with our partner primary schools and have strong transitional links with Pentrehafod Comprehensive School. Transition also is planned from Flying Start to Nursery, from Nursery to Reception and from the Foundation Phase to key stage 2.

Mrs Green started a coffee morning for parents which has evolved into a PTA. They have already sorted out the library and run 2 tabletop sales of clothes generating money for the school.

The Friends of Brynmelyn gardening team have done an excellent job of clearing the area next to the school so that both the community and the school can use it. The Eco Warriors go to the area every Friday morning and have grown vegetables and flowers. We were awarded a Tesco Community Grant which helped us buy equipment and resources for the garden. Mrs Jones and Mr Meager are running a gardening club after school in the community land.

The school also works closely with Ebenezer Church and members of the Waterfront Church visit regularly to join in Acts of Worship. There are also links with City Church in Dyfatty.

The Pop-Up shop is running every fortnight and has been very successful. The shop has been supported by a grant from Amazon and by donations from St Teilo's Church in Bishopston, St Michael's Church in Manselton and Ebenezer Baptist Church in High Street.

The Austin Bailey Foundation has provided grants to help ensure that all Y6 children could attend the residential visit.

Welsh Language

No children currently attending this school come from a Welsh speaking home. Welsh is taught as a second language throughout the school and on a daily basis.

The Cylch Cymraeg are involved in the Siarter Iaith and promote the speaking of Welsh around the school.

Toilet Facilities

All the toilets were refurbished in July 2023 and everyone is delighted with the result.