



# Waun Wen Primary School

## Annual Governors' Report to Parents 2024 – 25

### Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents,

Welcome to this year's Annual Report, which outlines the key events and achievements of the 2024–25 school year.

This has been another successful year for Waun Wen Primary School. We were pleased to receive a successful visit from Estyn inspectors, who recognised the good work that is going on in the school. We also enjoyed celebrating the school's 150th anniversary, marking an important milestone in its history.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank the Headteacher and all staff for their continued hard work, commitment, and dedication to our pupils. We would also like to thank parents and carers for your ongoing support. The partnership between home and school is vital to children's success, and the encouragement and involvement you provide help to make Waun Wen a happy, supportive, and inclusive learning community.

Lynwen Barnsley

Chair of Governors

### Members of the Governing Body 2025– 26

Category of Governor	Name	Term of Office
Headteacher	Mrs C Nicklin	
Chair of Governors	Mrs L Barnsley	22/10/29
LA Representatives	Mrs L Barnsley Miss H Lawson Vacancy	22/10/29 15/01/29
Community Representatives	Mrs C Willett Mrs C Ward Vacancy	25/09/26 26/05/26
Parent Representatives	Mrs T Hixson Mrs K Hopkin-Evans Vacancy Vacancy	05/02/28 26/02/28
Teacher Representatives	Mr D Rowe	10/6/29
Staff Representatives	Mrs A Green	10/6/29
Clerk to the Governors	Miss H O'Callaghan	



## **Estyn Interim Visit**

In March 2025, a team of Estyn inspectors visited the school to review progress made in addressing the recommendations from the core inspection in June 2022. During the visit, inspectors observed teaching and learning, reviewed pupils' work, and spoke with pupils, staff, and leaders.

Inspectors found that almost all issues relating to the condition of the school building and playground had been addressed. They described the school as *"a warm, welcoming and inclusive environment for learning"* with *"a strong culture of ensuring that pupils are safe in school"*.

The inspection recognised the success of teachers' work in the Foundation Phase in promoting pupils' independent learning. Inspectors also noted that pupils of all ages benefit from regular and meaningful outdoor learning opportunities, including visits to the local park and effective use of the community garden.

You can read the letter in full on the school website:

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

## **Staff – 2025 – 26**

<b>Teaching Staff</b>
Mrs C Nicklin (Headteacher)
Miss B Roberts (Deputy Headteacher)
Mrs A Churchill (ALNCo)
Mrs J Lewis
Miss L Ashford
Mrs R Meredith
Mr D Rowe
Miss C Steel
Mr S Jones
Miss J Mead (on secondment for two terms) Miss R Mitchell
Mrs L Rees
Mrs H Neal
<b>Support Staff</b>
<b>Teaching Assistants</b>
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)
<b>School Office Manager</b>
Miss H O'Callaghan
<b>Caretaker</b>
Mr M Jones
<b>Lunchtime Supervisors</b>
Mrs M Isaacs
Mrs Y Evans
Mrs D Spiller
<b>Breakfast Club Supervisors</b>
Miss C Lewis
Miss L Mauchline
Miss L Delloy
<b>Education Welfare Officer</b>
Mr Jonathan Martin

#### School Term and holiday dates 2025/26

<b>Term</b>	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Mid-term holiday begins</b>	<b>Mid-term holiday ends</b>	<b>Term ends</b>
<b>Autumn 2025</b>	Monday 1 September	Monday 27 October	Friday 31 October	Friday 19 December
<b>Spring 2025</b>	Monday 5 January	Monday 16 February	Friday 20 February	Friday 27 March
<b>Summer 2025</b>	Monday 13 April	Monday 25 May	Friday 29 May	Monday 20 July
<b>Total</b>				

## 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 2024/2025

**SCHOOL: Waun Wen Primary**

### STATEMENT OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

	Delegated Expenditure £	Non-Delegated Expenditure £	Total Net Expenditure £
Teachers Salaries	772,243	25,699	797,941
Salaries	493,040	37,473	530,514
Other Employee Costs	-471	-2	-473
Premises	11,941	0	11,941
Transport	104	0	104
Supplies & Services	282,914	0	282,914
Recharges	0	5,757	5,757
<b>Gross Expenditure</b>	<b>1,559,771</b>	<b>68,927</b>	<b>1,628,697</b>
Grant Income	-502,202	0	-502,202
Other Income	-56,173	-9,427	-65,600
<b>Gross Income</b>	<b>-558,376</b>	<b>-9,427</b>	<b>-567,802</b>
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>1,001,395</b>	<b>59,500</b>	<b>1,060,895</b>
<b>RESERVES:</b>		£	
FINAL FORMULA ALLOCATION:		1,040,698	
TOTAL NET EXPENDITURE:		1,001,395	
<b>TRANSFER TO / (FROM) RESERVES:</b>		<b>39,303</b>	
OPENING BALANCE ON RESERVES 01/04/24		132,840	
<b>CLOSING BALANCE ON RESERVES: 31/03/25</b>		<b>172,143</b>	

## Attendance 2024 - 25

Year group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
REC	7977	0	684	57	8718	91.5
YEAR 1	7758	0	469	79	8306	93.4
YEAR 2	9366	0	770	326	10462	89.5
YEAR 3	6895	0	576	167	7638	90.3
YEAR 4	9150	1	542	13	9706	94.3
YEAR 5	9472	11	689	194	10366	91.5
YEAR 6	9946	110	634	122	10812	93.0
Totals	60564	122	4364	958	66008	91.9

## Destination of School Leavers

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

## **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: Strategic Equality Plan, Safeguarding, Behaviour, Curriculum.

## **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.

## **Teaching and Learning**

Waun Wen Primary School is a caring and inclusive school that values every child. Our ethos is centred on ensuring that all children are happy, feel a strong sense of belonging, and are supported to reach their full potential. Staff build positive and trusting relationships with pupils, and the warm, welcoming atmosphere of the school is frequently commented on by visitors.

The wellbeing of pupils is a clear priority. Staff understand the importance of wellbeing and its impact on children's learning and development. The school community is guided by ten core values which underpin daily school life. We believe children learn best through first-hand experiences where they are fully involved and engaged in their learning. All achievements are celebrated, and children are encouraged to take an active role in all aspects of school life.

Children's progress is carefully monitored. Mrs Churchill, the Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo), works closely with staff to organise support for pupils with additional needs and makes referrals to external agencies where appropriate. Agencies currently working with the school include Speech and Language Therapy, Behaviour Support Services, Occupational Therapy, CAMHS, Platform Counselling, and Women's Aid.

The Governing Body's Curriculum Committee meets regularly to review the School Development Plan and monitor agreed priorities. The continued focus on empathy across the school has had a positive impact on pupils' learning and wellbeing. In addition, the reorganisation of office space has enabled the nurture room to be used solely to support children who require additional emotional or pastoral care.

## **School Development Priorities for 2025-26**

- To embed empathy and wellbeing as core values across the school community, actively reducing the impact of poverty on pupil engagement, achievement, and emotional development.
- To develop an innovative, inclusive curriculum that builds on pupils' skills and understanding, ensuring effective progression through robust formative assessment that informs planning, personalises teaching, and supports all learners to reach their potential.

- To design and implement effective strategies and systems that enhance self-evaluation practices across all levels of leadership within the school, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and accountability.

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.

### **Provision for Sport**

The children have the opportunity to play sport both as part of the PE curriculum. Children were also offered taster sessions of cricket and dance from external providers. All children in years 3 – 6 go swimming.

### **Community Links**

The Eco Warriors are enjoying working in the community garden weekly with The Friends of Brynmelyn Park gardening team. Nursery and Reception children planted bulbs in the Autumn. A poly tunnel has been added to the garden this year so that children have the opportunity to grow vegetables throughout the year.

Children spoke to local councillors about Brynmelyn Park and suggested ways that the environment could be improved.

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.

Language and Play sessions were organised for Nursery parents.

Family Club ran for 6 weeks after school in the Autumn Term. Mrs Lewis organised the sessions and had some very positive feedback. Parents joined their children to find out more about how the school teaches literacy, maths, expressive arts, science, technology and yoga and well-being, and

A five-week First Aid course for parents.

The nursery teacher visits the Dyfatty playgroup and strong links are being made.

A grant from the Environment Centre paid for a new shed in the Foundation Phase yard.

A group of children go each week to the Warm Hub in the Community Centre to read and talk to members of our community.

The After School Club started in January and has been a great success.

The Pop-Up shop is running every fortnight and has been very successful. The shop has been supported by a grant from the Austin Bailey Foundation and by donations from St Teilo's Church in Bishopston, St Michael's Church in Manselton and Ebenezer Baptist Church in High Street. We were very grateful for the donation of £1,000 from an anonymous donor.

Links continue with the nursing home, with children and residents enjoying the visits. At Easter, children wearing Easter bonnets walked over to the nursing home, much to the delight of the residents.

In May the school hosted an evening for Meithrin and 120 teachers, headteachers and advisers came to see the way teaching is organised in the Foundation Phase. The evening was a great success and we were very pleased to celebrate the hard work and dedication of all our staff.

In June the school celebrated its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with 3 days of celebrations. The children enjoyed a Victorian day where everyone dressed up and experienced lessons that children in 1875 would have experienced. An assembly was held and we welcomed back ex-pupils and retired staff. The week finished with a picnic and fun in Brynmelyn Park where the sun shone and memories were made.

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.

### **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.

In April 2025, the school was awarded the Bronze Siarter Iaith Award.

### **Toilet Facilities**

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