



Ysgol Rhys Prichard

Governors Annual Report to Parents

2024 - 2025



Introduction from the Chair of Governors

I am delighted to share with you the Annual Governors' Report to Parents for the academic year 2024–2025.

This report provides an overview of the school's current position, including recent developments, and future plans. It also highlights the role the Governing Body has played over the past year in supporting the school through strategic oversight, constructive challenge, and collaboration as a 'critical friend'. Throughout the year, Governors have visited the school to engage in a range of monitoring activities. These have included learning walks, book scrutiny, pupil voice discussions, observation of extracurricular provision, and to oversee provision across the school. These visits provide valuable insight into the day-to-day experiences of pupils and help ensure that the school continues to deliver high-quality education in line with its strategic priorities. In partnership with the school and our wider community, we remain firmly committed to our shared mission of delivering an exceptional educational experience for every child within a caring, supportive, and nurturing environment.

We are proud to report that the school continues to go from strength to strength. It has been another eventful and successful year, and we trust that you share our view that Ysgol Rhys Prichard remains a thriving learning community, where children are encouraged and supported to reach their full potential.

As both a parent and an education professional, it has been a joy to witness the wide range of enriching opportunities our pupils have experienced this year. Once again, they have been actively involved in the life of the community—taking part in local celebrations and memorials, visiting the bookshop, and participating in intergenerational activities such as the monthly Year 6 visits to the Llandovery Luncheon Club. These experiences have provided valuable learning opportunities and helped to build strong community connections. It has been truly heartening to see our pupils so engaged with their local area and involved in educational trips and sporting events.

Our dedicated Headteacher and committed staff have continued to foster a culture that values enrichment, creativity, and innovation. With a wide range of clubs, activities, and visiting speakers, they have developed a curriculum that sparks curiosity and excitement in our learners. This reflects their professionalism and passion, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to them for their dedication and for consistently going above and beyond.

We are excited to present a wealth of pupil achievements within this report!

The school remains focused on creating a vibrant and stimulating learning environment where children feel safe, inspired, and supported. Development of the outdoor learning spaces has progressed significantly, and we are extremely grateful to all who have generously given their time and expertise to support this important project.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful pupils, who have demonstrated resilience, hard work, and enthusiasm throughout the year. We are also deeply appreciative of our parents and carers for your ongoing support. Events such as the Christmas concert, Sports Day, and the Summer Fayre were highlights of the year, and your attendance and involvement helped make them truly special.

The role of parents in the success of the school and in the achievements of our pupils cannot be overstated. Whether through promoting good attendance, reading at home, supporting school events, volunteering, or ensuring your children are ready and prepared to learn each day, your contribution makes a real and lasting difference.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to our Headteacher, Mr. Edward Davies, and all the staff at Ysgol Rhys Prichard for their tireless commitment and tremendous efforts over the past year.

Your continued support is vital as we look ahead, and we warmly encourage you to remain involved—it truly matters to the ongoing success of Ysgol Rhys Prichard.

Thank you, once again, for your continued support.

Wendy Thomas - Davies (Chair of Governors)

How you can support your child

Please look at the school website for further information on how you can support your child at home. Go to the **Parents** tab then **Home Support** to see a range of ways in which you can help with handwriting, numeracy reading, spelling, times tables, visual and memory skills <http://ysgolrhysprichard.org.uk>

Breakfast Club

Ysgol Rhys Prichard run a breakfast club, which runs from Monday to Friday from 8.00a.m. to 8.45a.m.

If you would like your child to have a breakfast they must be in the club before 8.30a.m.

Pupils can access the breakfast club through the main entrance of the hall which is located by the swimming pool car park.

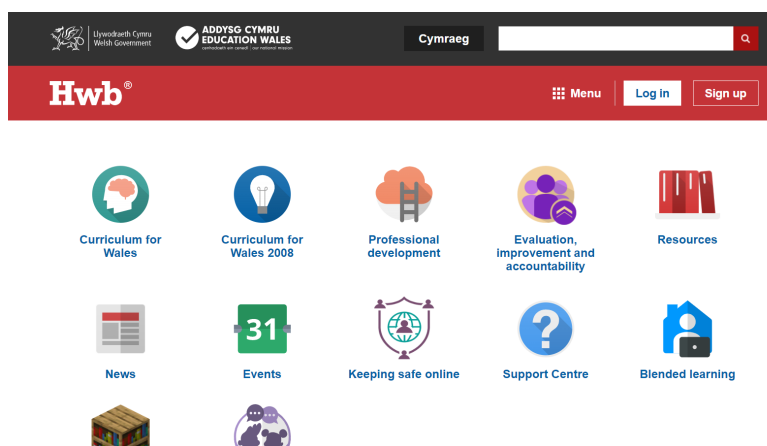
Carmarthenshire County Council ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per family per day, via ParentPay if you wish.

After school Club

Menter Bro Dinefwr runs an after school Club at Ysgol Rhys Prichard from Monday to Thursday evenings 3.30p.m. – 5.29p.m.

The club runs every week during the school term.

If you require any further information, please contact Menter Bro Dinefwr on 01558 825336 or email post@gofalplant.wales.



Each child in Wales has a HWB account. It has a wealth of educational resources and links available to support children, parents and carers alike. Please take a look!

Pupil success this year

Sport - Rugby

- Blu Hughes, Daniel Davies, Joseff Jones, Harri Gardner, Zara Phillips and Noah Evans have represented Mynydd Mawr and Dinefwr Under 11's Schools for the 2024-25 season.
- Years 5 and 6 boys and girls competed in the Urdd National Finals in Aberystwyth and came second. They played brilliantly and showed their excellent skills and great team spirit. Thank you to Alvin Phillips and Ken Hughes for helping to coach them for the competition.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils had the opportunity to represent Mynydd Mawr and Dinefwr primary schools in a 10 a-side competition in Llandovery.
- Year 5 and 6 pupils took part in an East Carmarthenshire rugby tournament. Everyone played well.
- Urdd Tag Rugby– Year 3 and 4 boys and year 5 and 6 girls competed in the festival. They all played well and worked as a team.
- Year 5 and 6 girls took part in a tag rugby festival and had a great time.
- Llanfair and Porthmyn classes went to Ysgol Bro Dinefwr to take part in a rugby tournament organised by Scarlets and Actif.

Football

- Pupils took part in a football tournament organised by Active Sir Gâr at Ysgol Bro Dinefwr. Everyone had an enjoyable day showing their skills and working as a team.
- Gruff Davies Year 5 and James Thomas Year 6 have represented Carmarthenshire Primary Schools during the 2024-25 season.

Netball

- The girls netball team played in the Urdd Netball Tournament and won the area competition. They then went on to Aberystwyth to the All Wales Urdd Final tournament. They played brilliantly as a team and showcased their excellent skills and team work.

Cross Country

Bro Dinefwr Cluster Schools Cross Country competition

- Year 3 Girls – Ava Davies 1st, Ciara Morgan 3rd
- Year 3 Boys – Lucas James– 1st
- Year 4 Girls – Menna Ward 2nd
- Year 5 Girls - Ginny Moore 2nd
- Year 5 Boys– Gruff Davies 1st, Daniel James 3rd
- Year 6 Girls—Zara Phillips 2nd
- Year 6 Boys– Noah Evans 2nd, James Thomas 3rd

Urdd National Championships

- Year 6 Girls – Zara Phillips 2nd

URDD Eisteddfod 2025

We are very proud of all our pupils who took part in Urdd competitions this year in preliminaries and on the stage in Bro Dinefwr school.

Urdd Cluster Eisteddfod

- School Choir - 2nd
- Folk Dancing group Year 3 and 4 - 1st
- Folk Dancing group Year 5 and 6 - 1st
- Individual reciting - Year 3 and 4—Cian Goodall 2nd
- Solo - Year 3 and 4— Cian Goodall -3rd
- Solo - Year 1 and 2— Eleri Davies -3rd
- Alaw Werin Years 5 and 6— Layla Ryan –2nd
- Theatrical performance— 3rd
- Duet Years 3 and 4— Cian Goodall and Gruff Thomas— 3rd
- Duet years 5 and 6—Tia Morgan and Layla Ryan—3rd

Art and Craft– County

- Llewelyn Davies– jewellery - year 3 and 4– 1st, Creative Textiles— year 3 & 4– 2nd, Printing- Year 3 and 4– 1st,

National Urdd Eisteddfod Art and Craft– Llewelyn Davies– Printing years 3 and 4– 2nd

Cogurdd

32 pupils took part in the school round of Cogurdd. Iolo Jones won the School round and he went on to represent the school in the area Cogurdd round.

Urdd Area Eisteddfod– Folk Dancing

- Folk Dancing group Year 3 and 4 - 3rd
- Folk Dancing group Year 5 and 6 - 2nd

Urdd Eisteddfod Success



Pupil success this year

Rotary Competition 2025

Art – Reception / Nursery

3rd - Rhodri Davies

Year 1 and 2

1st– Evan Roberts

2nd– Ariya Zulchafil

3rd – Dewi Davies

Years 3 and 4

2nd - Freya Wilson

Year 5 and 6

2nd - Tia Morgan

3rd – Cleo Hawliczek

Reading

Welsh Years 3 and 4

1st – Ifan Powell

2nd – Gruff Thomas

English Years 5 and 6

1st - Laya Ryan

Mathematics Year 6

1st – Zara and Tia

2nd– Jakub and Lloyd



Pupils Success



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Pupils learning experiences this year

Pupils had a host of informative and fun experiences during the year. We invited visitors to the school to speak with us and school trips were organised to various locations.

PC Diane Boyt

During the year Diane Boyt visited the school to talk to all pupils regarding internet safety, anti-social behaviour, respect and bullying.

Elinor—Fire Officer

Interesting presentations and beneficial discussions took place to discuss fire safety with all pupils.

Visits

The pupils have enjoyed residential trips to Abernant and Llangrannog. Classes have visited Rhandirmwyn, Llyn Brianne, 'Sgiliau' play centre, Llansteffan beach, Heatherton

Dannika Evans– Cymuned Sgarlets

The pupils had the opportunity to improve rugby skills under Danika's guidance by playing various games.

'Bible Explorers'

Members of the Bible Explorers were welcomed to the school to work with year 5 and 6 this year.

Carmarthenshire Active

We have been fortunate to have had Active coaches holding sessions with our pupils.

Menter Bro Dinefwr– Our thanks go to Glyn and the staff at 'Menter' for delivering a variety of activities for us. Activities included– Eisteddfod Ddwl, Quiz Dim Clem, Blogging, lard games. Ebony came out to do 'Street dancing' with all classes.

Bagad Glaziked Proudregad instrument band

The instrument band from Brittany visited Llandovery for the 'Sheep Festival'. We are very fortunate that they came to the school and performed for us. The pupils were surprised at the similarities between both National Anthems.

Dr Ailsa Goodall– came to speak to the year 1 and 2 children about the role of the doctor.

Rhodri Gomer visited the school to speak about bees.

Llandovery AFC held skills session with the pupils.

Dr Lewis spoke to year 3 and 4 pupils about why it is important to look after our bodies.



Pupils learning experiences



Year 5 and 6 Creative Curriculum Project – ‘Reading the Wild’ Festival

As part of the ‘*Reading the Wild*’ Festival’s Outreach Programme, supported by our local Bookshop ‘Dragon’s Garden’, pupils took part in an exciting and enriching cross-curricular project.

Working over several weeks with experienced workshop leader Derek Cobley, alongside their teachers, the children developed their art and writing skills through a series of imaginative and engaging sessions. The project formed part of their English curriculum and also supported their learning in History.

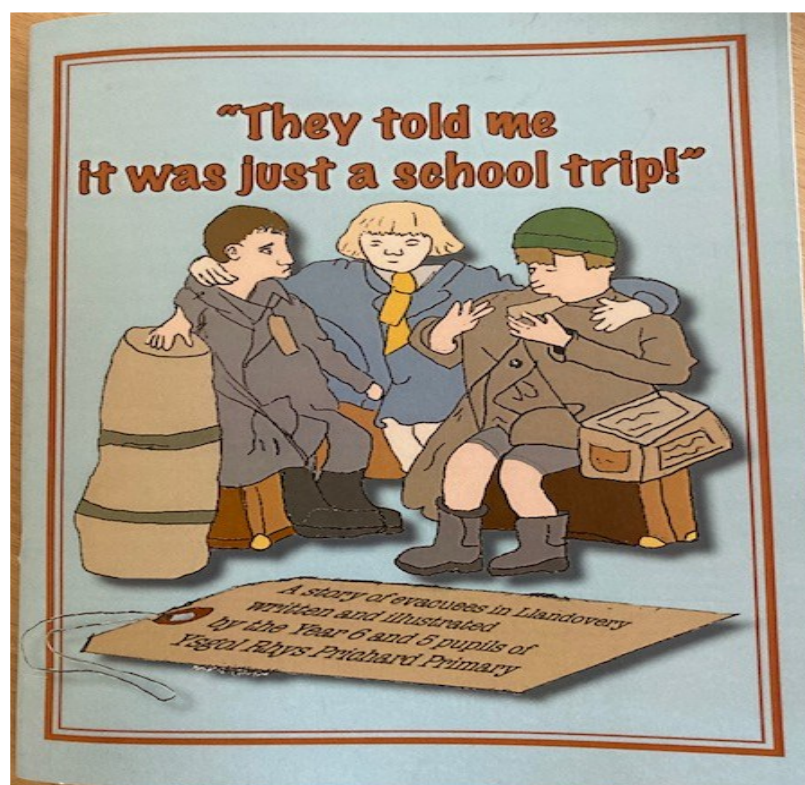
Pupils were fully involved in the process of creating an original story – from the very first ideas to the final published book. They developed their speaking and listening skills, researched both primary and secondary historical sources, and worked collaboratively to create characters, shape the storyline, draft and re-draft their writing, and produce original illustrations.

Throughout the project, the children worked individually, in small groups and as whole classes, learning to compromise, share ideas, and support one another. All of the content – both written and visual – reflects the pupils’ own creativity and decision-making.

The project supported key areas of the Curriculum for Wales, including Expressive Arts, Humanities and Language, Literacy and Communication. In addition to developing their skills, the children gained a valuable understanding of what life was like for children in Llandovery during the Second World War (1939–1945), and considered how people around the world today are still affected by war and the need to find safety.

We are extremely proud of the enthusiasm, creativity and hard work shown by all pupils involved in this meaningful and memorable learning experiences.

The book is available to buy for £5. Please contact the office for your copy.



School Eisteddfod

We held a School Eisteddfod this year, the first for several years. It was a success with every child in the school competing. There was fierce competition between the teams and Gwydderig came out on top. Congratulations to Tia Morgan for winning the chair for Year 5 and 6 pupils and to Ifan Powell for winning the chair for Year 3 and 4 pupils. Many thanks to the judges Mrs Meiriona Rees and Mrs Catrin Jones for judging the stage competitions and Mrs Debra Davies for judging the drawing and handwriting competitions.



Apple Orchard-

Thank you very much to Llandovery Rotary for contributing towards the costs of creating an apple orchard on the school grounds. We look forward to seeing apples growing on the trees in the future.



Links to community

The school prides itself in being an active part of the community and this academic year we have had the pleasure of taking part in many local activities, including:

- Harvest Festival Service.
- Remembrance Day March
- Turning on of the Christmas lights at Llandovery
- St. David's Day Parade around Llandovery.
- Children in Need.
- Individual class trips and activities.
- Choir performances at various locations in the community
- D Day landing day
- We have had the pleasure of continuing to welcome the Luncheon and Friendship Club to school to have dinner with us. This is followed by year 6 children entertaining our guests by playing bingo and board games.
- Llanwrda Cricket Club have held coaching sessions with pupils.





School Priorities from September 2024 to July 2025

School Development Plan 2024-2025

Priority 1	Re address whole school curriculum design so that teachers plan more purposefully for skill development. Actions to address when considering curriculum design will include, providing purposeful outdoor learning activities, developing independence, and ensuring a suitable level of challenge.
Priority 2	Develop pupils' Welsh oracy skills so that it supports the accuracy in extended writing.
Priority 3	Strengthen opportunities for pupils to use and apply their mathematical computational fluency in problem solving activities and tasks in which they are required to demonstrate their reasoning skills.
Priority 4	To continue developing leaders at all levels and enhancing their understanding and ability to contribute to the self-evaluation and improvement processes.
Priority 5	Develop further pupil response to feedback.



The Governing Body

The Governing Body is made up of a group of people who have a variety of skills and expertise. They give their time in a voluntary capacity to support our school and community, to communicate the vision, ethos and strategic direction of the school and develop a culture of ambition for pupils, parents/carers, staff and themselves. As a governing body our work throughout the year includes regular meetings of the Full Governing Body every term, with responsibilities delegated to sub-committees (including finance, staffing, curriculum and standards) to allow for greater scrutiny, challenge, and informed discussion to take place.

All Governors receive mandatory training from the local authority, plus attend sessions on developing areas of interest e.g. Curriculum for Wales, Additional Learning Needs, Outdoor Learning etc. The Chair attends termly briefing sessions with other Chairs in Carmarthenshire.

All Governors have been invited into the school this year, to take part in curriculum discussions, book monitoring, ALN review and health & safety.

We visit the school to provide support and challenge to class teachers, the leadership team and to continue to find out more information regarding the designated area of learning governors have agreed to focus on.

As a school, we are keen to welcome new Governors who feel they have the skills and enthusiasm to help develop our young learners. From time-to-time vacancies arise on the Governing Body and if you feel you have the time and enthusiasm to commit to helping our school as a governor then please contact the Head teacher, Mr Edward Davies.

We would like to extend our thanks to Mrs Charlotte Evans, the Clerk of the Governing Body for her efficiency and hard work throughout the year.



Members of the Governing Body

Here is an up-to-date list of Ysgol Rhys Prichard's Governing Body:

Name	Governor Type	Term of Office	
Mrs Wendy Thomas-Davies	Community Representative	10-Nov-21	09-Nov-25
Mr Huw Thomas	Additional Community Representative	20-Mar-24	19-Mar-28
Rev. Paul Pritchard	Community Representative	06-Jul-22	05-Jul-26
Mr Edward Davies	Headteacher	18-Sep-17	
Mrs Meryl Jones	LA Representative	03-Dec-21	02-Dec-25
Cllr Handel Davies	LA Representative	04-Sep-21	03-Sep-25
Mrs Caroline Pritchard	LA Representative	04-Dec-23	03-dec-27
Miss Gwendolyn van Gompel	Parental Representative	24-Oct-22	23-Oct-26
Mrs Mair Pennycook	Parental Representative	24-Oct-22	23-Oct-26
Mrs Laura Jones	Parental representative	26-Jun-23	25-Jun-27
Mrs Nerys Pease	Community Representative	15-Nov-23	14-Nov-27
Mr Nicky Crocker	Parental Representative	21-Nov-23	20-Nov-27
Mrs M E Evans	Staff Representative	19-Nov-22	18-Nov-26
Mrs Bethan Jones	Teachers Representative	18-Sep-24	17-Sep-28



Keeping in touch

There are several ways you can keep up to date with what's happening in the school:



Website

<https://ysgolrhysprichard.org.uk>



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Term dates 2025-2026

Autumn 2025	Tuesday 2nd September	Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October	Friday 19th December
Spring 2026	Monday 5th January	Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February	Friday 27th March
Summer 2026	Monday 13th April	Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Monday 20th July

INSET Days for 2025-2026

1/9/25

2/9/25

24/10/25

23/2/26

1/6/26

20/7/26

Thank you for taking the time to read our report.

A full copy of the Governors Report is available from the school office.