

Annual Governor's Report to Parents Autumn 2025





SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2025-2026

<u>Tymor yr Hydref</u> <u>Autumn Term</u>		
HMS	1/9/25	INSET
HMS	2/9/25	INSET
Dechrau tymor	3/9/25	Start of term
Diwedd hanner tymor	24/10/25	Half term closes
Dechrau hanner tymor	3/11/25	Half term opens
Diwedd tymor	19/12/25	End of term
<u>Tymor y Gwanwyn</u> <u>Spring Term</u>		
HMS	5/1/26	INSET
Dechrau tymor	6/1/26	Start of term
Diwedd hanner tymor	13/2/26	Half term closes
Dechrau hanner tymor	23/2/26	Half term opens
HMS	27/2/26	INSET
Diwedd tymor	27/3/26	End of Term
<u>Tymor yr Haf</u> <u>Summer Term</u>		
Dechrau tymor	13/4/26	Start of term
Calan Mai	4/5/26	May day
Diwedd hanner tymor	22/5/26	Half term closes
Dechrau hanner tymor	1/6/26	Half term opens
Diwedd tymor	16/7/26	End of term
HMS	17/7/26	INSET
HMS	20/7/26	INSET



A message from our Chair of Governors

I am pleased to present the annual report to the parents and guardians of the children at Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos.

In February this year we had an excellent Estyn inspection visit. The inspection team was full of praise for the staff and pupils of the school. Among the many positive comments from the inspectors are the following:

“The school provides a nurturing environment where pupils feel valued and are eager to learn”

“Leaders and staff establish strong and respectful relationships with pupils. They set high expectations and promote positive behaviour consistently well”

“The school’s engaging curriculum motivates nearly all pupils’ interest and develops their communication and numeracy skills effectively”

“Teachers and leaders monitor pupils’ progress and well-being carefully”

“Nearly all pupils develop as fluent readers, proficient writers, and competent mathematicians”

“Senior leaders support staff to work highly effectively as a team. They foster strong collaboration to develop a clear and accurate shared understanding of the school’s strengths and improvement priorities”

The Governing Body firmly believe that these comments are well deserved and are a testament to the hard work carried out by our enthusiastic staff team.

The Curriculum for Wales is now in place and being implemented across the school. I am thrilled to say that our staff and pupils have engaged positively and enthusiastically to this important change.

We have a dedicated team of staff who believe in your children and encourage each and every one of them to reach their full potential. As a school we continue to provide your children with outstanding opportunities to enable them to develop not only academically, but also socially, physically and emotionally. The school has prioritised wellbeing for all with the emphasis on supporting all of our pupils.

During our visits to the school, the Governors continue to be impressed by the positive attitudes of both staff and children. We are always greeted with a warm welcome from the children who are proud to show us around their school and tell us about the work they are doing with great enthusiasm

We are a community school and the role that our local community plays in the life of the school continues to be invaluable.

Diolch yn fawr

Des Jones



Governor Meetings and Business

Since the last annual report to parents was published, the Governing Body have met every half term. The meetings are a combination of Full Governing Body meetings and Sub-Committee meetings.

Various curriculum policies and non-curricular policies have been reviewed in line with Welsh Government, LA and school expectations. Policies reviewed include the statutory policies: Child Protection and Safeguarding, ALN Policy and Pay policy.

Who is who on the Governing Body (2023-2024)

Headteacher—Mrs Nicola Rowlands

Chair of Governors—Mr Des Jones

Clerk-Mrs Lyndsey Williams

Local Authority Governors - (appointed by LEA)

Cllr Hannah Fleet

Cllr Jo Nuttall

Cllr Chris Brockley

Cllr Lisa Wilkins

Community Governors

Mr Des Jones

Mrs Nicola Hawley

Vacancy

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Teacher Governors (appointed by teaching staff)

Mr Dan Eames-Hughes

Mrs Sarah Davies

Parent Governors (elected by parents)

Mr James Pethica

Mrs Lisa Rainford

Mrs Caroline Jones

Mr Brett Moreton

Mrs Anna Croston

Ancillary Staff Governor (appointed by ancillary staff)

Mrs Nia Jones

Local Authority Contact:

Mrs Kate Evans

GWE Supporting Improvement Officer:

Mrs Sue Clisham (Unitl Easter 2025), Mrs Manon Davies From Summer 2025



Transition and what our pupils do after leaving our school?

We communicate well with local day nurseries and relevant outside agencies when it comes to inviting new pupils into our nursery class. An open evening is held in October to attract new families and a welcome meeting is held in July for families who are joining the school in September. This supports a smooth transition into part time school.

We have consistent policies and practice across the school and as the children move into full time education and through school they engage in a number of transition activities. Year two pupils moving into year three visit the junior site regularly during the Summer term. The aim of these activities is to develop positive relationships between the pupils and their new staff members.

Our feeder secondary school is Ysgol Eirias and the majority of our learners transition there. We enjoy hearing news of past pupils from Ysgol Eirias and especially enjoy hearing their success stories.

How are we making sure that every child is taught in a way that meets their individual needs?

Staffing levels are good at Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos, with appropriate pupil to staff ratios. Across school we currently have 17 teachers, including the headteacher. 5 higher-level teaching assistants (HLTA), 11 teaching assistants and 4 ALN teaching assistants. All staff are committed to providing pupils with the necessary skills and support to achieve their full potential. Classes are all of mixed ability and teachers provide a variety of activities to suit the diverse learning needs of all pupils. Pupils regularly talk about their learning and discuss their next steps with adults. Progress is tracked carefully throughout the year.

Pupils are rewarded, praised and encouraged when working hard and learning new things. Our weekly celebration assembly continues to be held on a Friday throughout the year, celebrating all achievements. 'Ser yr wythnos/Stars of the week' are chosen for pupils who are working hard to reach the four purposes. Our Values award is given to pupils who have been following our school values. Children are also chosen for good use of Welsh in class and around school; these pupils are announced by the 'Cryw Cymraeg'. Each week the headteacher chooses a pupil on each site to receive the Headteacher award; this is awarded for exceptional behaviour or an outstanding achievement.

Our curriculum has been designed to suit the needs of our learners and we are carefully monitoring progress to ensure the pupils experience a range of activities during their time at Llandrillo yn Rhos which will help them achieve the four purposes (healthy, confident individuals, ethically informed citizens, ambitious capable learners and enterprising, creative contributors).

Parents are encouraged and welcomed to be partners in their children's education and we regularly report to them on their child's progress and achievements.

At Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos we have an inclusive ethos that supports the learning and wellbeing of all. Our highly experienced staff work collaboratively to support pupils and through early identification, plan and deliver interventions and support. The school follows a robust graduated approach to identify and meet additional learning needs.



- **Universal provision** – Support/provision that is available to all pupils
- **Targeted intervention** – Indirect 1:1/group support – Pupils identified at this level will receive interventions and may have a learning goals plan
- **Specialist support** – Direct 1:1/group support – Pupils identified at this level will have either a school IDP or a local authority IDP

‘Staff provide valuable care and support that enables nearly all pupils with additional learning needs (ALN) to make sound progress against their personal targets.’ Estyn 20205

What activities and options are available for our pupils?

The school is well equipped with age-appropriate resources in classrooms and around school.

Extra-curricular activities are an important part of the children’s experiences at Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos. We offer a variety of after school clubs that are delivered on a voluntary basis by school staff. Clubs this year included Choir, Stories in the outdoors, Cricket, Rounders, Dance, IPAD club, Football club, Chess, Art and Gardening. ‘Kick it’ is a multi-sports club that is delivered by an outside agency at a cost to parents.

Our pupils are also invited to the Urdd and those who are members take part in activities and competitions, representing our school. Last year we took part in football and netball competitions. Some of our learners also took part in the Eisteddfod, reciting poetry in Welsh.

In addition to the Urdd sports events we also worked with our cluster of schools and Eirias secondary school to deliver a cross country run and also a cluster Eisteddfod.

Our outdoor environment is impressive, and the pupils have numerous types of play equipment for the children on both sites to play on. On the infant site we have a slide, trim-track equipment, climbing apparatus, a train and a castle. The infant site also has a large playing field, an orchard and a forest school area. On the junior site we have gym equipment, trim-track equipment, an astro area for playing football and a large forest school area.





How do we make sure our pupils are healthy, safe and well supported?

We continue to develop an excellent programme of play, physical education, sport and games to keep learners active and fit. School meals became free in Wales to all pupils from September 2022 and the uptake has been good. Our catering department offer a balanced diet throughout the week, with a good choice of meals to suit all pupils. Pupils have a healthy snack of fruit, with milk or water at snack time and have water bottles in class to encourage them to keep hydrated.

The Welsh Assembly Government ensure all pupils are able to receive a Free breakfast. We continue to run a successful free breakfast club from 8am on both sites.

We employ two ELSA's (Emotional Literacy Support Assistants) who work hard to ensure pupils' emotional needs are met in school. They support learners with a range of needs, including friendships, resilience and dealing with trauma and bereavement. We have some excellent resources to support pupils wellbeing in our wonderful Pods.



Health and Safety is regularly monitored through protocols in school and checklists are carried out monthly within each year group and monitored by our caretaker, Nikki Barr. All defects are reported to Mrs Barr and to the Headteacher when of a more urgent nature. Mr Des Jones is designated Governor for Health and Safety.

Toilet facilities. We have sufficient toilets for our pupils, with 6 main toilet blocks available across the two sites for pupils use. There are 2 staff toilet blocks and 2 disabled toilets. All toilets are cleaned daily and monitored throughout the day.



What we are trying to improve?

Following a rigorous self-evaluation process we devise priorities for school improvement. 2024-25 priorities included:

Current school priorities:

1. To develop pupils' extended writing and to ensure pupils are being appropriately challenged in LLC
2. To further improve the mathematics provision, ensuring challenge for all, across the curriculum
3. To continue to develop assessment and tracking systems in order to impact on pupil progress

Additional priorities:

1. To improve the Welsh language provision and work towards achieving the Cymraeg Campus Silver award
2. To support pupils in becoming emotionally ready to learn by prioritising their wellbeing
3. To continue on the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) transformation programme

National priorities:

1. improving pupils' progression by ensuring their learning is supported by a range of knowledge, skills and experience
2. reducing the impact of poverty on pupils' progression and attainment

What are our child absence rates?

Attendance figures for Whole School year 2023-2024

Whole School attendance 93.5%

Whole School attendance termly;

Autumn – 94.4%

Spring – 93.2%

Summer – 92.7%



How are we working with parents and community?

As a school, we continue to build strong links with all our parents to enrich the learning opportunities for our children. Our monthly newsletter, which is shared on ClassDojo, keeps all parents and members of our school community informed of school business. This is also published on our website.

The school has also been successfully involved in the Healthy Schools Initiative, Colwyn in Bloom Art and Eco Schools. We look forward to continuing with these very worthwhile projects. Some of our older learners attended residential visits to Pentre and Nant BH.

We are proud of our positive links with the community and businesses in Rhos on Sea, which has included collaborating with 'Coast café', taking part in beach cleans, using Rhos Park bowling club, singing in the care homes at Christmas and using the nearby churches for our services.

Parents progress meetings were held during the academic year to keep parents informed of their child's progress and parents were invited into school each term for a parent meeting. A full progress report was sent to parents in July 2025.

Attainment and progress:

Throughout the year we carefully monitor and track each child's progress and attainment using a variety of methods. This could be by daily observations, asking questions or by giving verbal and written feedback. Our youngest learners are tracked each half term to see if they are making progress in RWI and all children are tracked to monitor progress and attainment in their basic skills. Children in Years 2 – 6 have more formal assessments in spelling, reading and mathematics.

Other matters of interest:

- In the Autumn term we raised money for Children in Need. Some of the children went to the Pantomime in Rhyl and Llandudno and our year groups all delivered a fantastic Christmas service.
- In the Spring term we held a NSPCC number day, organised by the School Council and we learnt more about Internet safety. St David's day is always a day of celebration and we welcomed grown-ups into the school for the Eisteddfod sharing sessions. World Book day included dressing up as a book character and Y3-6 all enjoyed a careers fair. Y4 organised a science fair for all children and we walked to the church for our Easter services.
- In the Summer term our children auditioned and took part in the popular, 'Llandrillo's Got Talent' and Mrs Carnell's drama group finished their year by performing an amazing musical in the United Reformed Church. Sports for All and Race for Life took place in the sunnier months. The Scholastic book fair was a big success in raising money for the school!
- Swimming and residential have taken place for children in Years 5 and 6.
- Day trips have taken place throughout the year for children in Reception – Y6 including to Pili Palas, Anglesey sea zoo and Manorafon Farm.
- FOTs continue to be a success, raising money by organising movie nights, discos and a Christmas raffle.
- Ysgol Llandrillo yn Rhos achieved the Silver Cymraeg Campus award!



Finances

See below the School's Final Budget Statement for 2024-25. The statement shows the school's position in terms of income and expenditure. We will continue to review and monitor the school's finances carefully in order to ensure continued stability.

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Welsh Government/Local Authority Grant funding received (financial year 24/25)

School standards	£187,557
Equity	£86,499
Reform	£7,880
ALN	£9,836.98
Curriculum reform	£2,122

Governing Body Expenses

Expenses were paid to the clerk to the governors.



Leadership

Mrs Nicola Rowlands began as headteacher at the start of the academic year.

Mrs Sarah Davies is the deputy headteacher for the school.

Mr Dan Eames-Hughes and Mrs Becky Lightowler are both assistant headteachers. Mrs Lightowler is based on the infant site and Mr Dan Eames-Hughes is based on the Junior site. Both have various leadership responsibilities and line manage staff on the relevant site.

Thank you

Firstly, the Governors wish to express their sincere thanks to Mrs Rowlands for her hard work and commitment since taking over the position of Head Teacher in September 2020. She steered the school through an outstanding Estyn inspection in February of this year.

A big thank you to all of the staff at the school - they are a great team and have worked tirelessly this year supporting the children at Llandrillo yn Rhos. Their energy and commitment during the Estyn week was exceptional.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Sophia Hathaway, our Cluster Business Manager, who supports the headteacher in carrying out her role successfully.

Thank you to Mrs Sue Clisham for her continued support to Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos as our 'Supporting Improvement officer' this year.

As a community school we really value the support of local businesses throughout - you play a very important part in the life of the school and it's really appreciated.

Finally, and most importantly, we would like to thank all of the pupils at the school - it's such a joy to see the children enjoying their school life, happily working and playing in an environment where they feel safe and supported. Good luck to the Year 6 pupils who left this summer - keep in touch!.