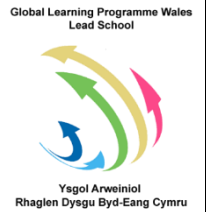




Johnstown Primary School



Governors' Annual Report to Parents Academic Year 2024/2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils

Please find below the Governors Annual Report for Johnstown Primary School.

Throughout the last academic year the school has, in partnership with you, the community and outside organisations been able to maintain the high standards of education, pastoral support and the wellbeing of pupils within the school. Staff within the school continue to set high expectations for themselves as well as the pupils who attend our school.

Some of the strengths at the school include the excellent outdoor learning opportunities, high standards of education, parental engagement with the school and the additional learning needs (ALN) provision. This list is not exhaustive; however I have been lucky enough to witness excellence throughout each area of the school on my learning walks.

I would like to thank the Acting Headteacher Mrs Reynolds, the Senior Leadership Team, all teachers and support staff, the caretaker and our catering staff for their continued hard work and dedication to each and every child within the school. School staff have ensured that both the Curriculum for Wales and the new ALN reforms are well embedded within the school and continue to drive forward the standards of the school.

I would also like to thank the parents and carers of the pupils within the school, it is a pleasure to have met some of you in my role as the Chair of Governors, and I hope that we can meet again in the new academic year to further improve our partnership.

I think you will agree that the 'Johnstown School PTA' have been doing a brilliant job this year, as in previous years. I know that those involved work very hard to offer opportunities to the school community and I am very grateful for their efforts – I'm sure you are too.

Thank you to my fellow Governors who continue to volunteer their time to engage with the running and standards within the school. I am very grateful to you all for your time and effort.

Finally, and not least, I want to thank the pupils of Johnstown School. I have met and spoken to many pupils during the year who have enthusiastically shared their learning with me. They have presented themed learning, stories they have written and even invited me to judge the Easter Bonnet Parade – what a privilege for me. Every pupil at the school has demonstrated that they are consistently living up to the school motto of 'Be all you can be'.

As you are aware Estyn came to inspect the school at the end of June, we are very proud of the pupils during this time. I am also very appreciative of the hard work the staff put into the inspection preparations. The official report will be published at the end of August, and we look forward to sharing it with you when we return from the summer break.

The school governing body is no longer required to hold an annual parents meeting. Instead, the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 now enables parents of registered pupils at the school to request up to three meetings per year with the governing body. If you want to request one of these please find the information below by following the link:

<https://www.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/home/council-services/education-schools/school-governors/#.W9L1wMsktDw>

I hope you have a wonderful summer with your friends and families and that we move into an even more successful year in September. To those children who are moving up to secondary school – good luck, and for those children moving up a year or joining our school I look forward to seeing you next year.

Yours sincerely

Katie Gardner

Cadeirydd y Rhoddwyr / Chair of Governors

Curricular and Extra Curricular Activities

The pupils have taken part in a variety of activities across the Areas of Learning and Experience throughout the year. In particular, pupils have participated in Expressive Arts, through activities such as the Urdd Eisteddfod, and Health and Well-being activities, through a range of sports. The school entry into the Urdd Eisteddfod resulted in participation in the national competition. Sporting fixtures have continued into this academic year and have included matches as part of our local cluster of schools. These have been shared digitally with parents and as part of weekly newsletters.

Governing Body Membership

Name	Status	Term of Office
Miss K Gardner	Chair of Governors LA Representative	2023 – 2027
Mr P Adshead	Vice Chair of Governors Community Governor	2023 – 2027
Mr D Rose	Community Governor	2021 – 2025
Mrs N Moroney	Community Governor	2024 – 2028
Vacancy	Community Governor	
Mr A Williams	Additional Community Governor	2024 – 2028
Cllr G John	Local Authority Governor	2025 – 2029
Mr S Murphy	Local Authority Governor	2021 – 2025
Vacancy	Local Authority Governor	
Mrs K Crane-Davis	Parent Representative	2023 – 2027
Mrs G Deverill	Parent Representative	2024 – 2028
Mr T Bloomfield	Parent Representative	2024 – 2028
Mrs L Brown	Parent Representative	2025 – 2029
Mrs L Jenkins	Parent Representative	2025 – 2029
Mrs S Davies	Teacher Representative	2022 – 2026
Mrs F Bloomfield	Teacher Representative	2024 – 2028
Vacancy	Staff Representative	
Mrs L Reynolds	Acting Headteacher Governor	

Clerk to Governors: Mrs S Roberts

Any communication with Governors is via the Clerk to Governors at Johnstown Primary School, Heol Salem, Johnstown, Carmarthenshire SA31 3HS. Tel: 01267 236653
Email: admin@johnstown.ysgolccc.cymru.

Financial Statement for 2024/2025

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Gwelir isod crynodeb sefyllfa ariannol terfynol eich ysgol ar gyfer 2024/25.	Please see below a summary of your school's final outturn position for 2024/25.
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Gwariant Net 2024/25	1,920,306 Net Expenditure 2024/25
Dyraniad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2024/25	-1,988,463 Formula Funding Allocation 2024/25
Diffyg Ariannol a Ddygwyd Ymlaen o 2023/24	<u>41,608</u> Deficit Brought Forward from 2023/24
Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd i 2025/26	<u>-26,550</u> Surplus Carried Forward to 2025/26
Atodaf hefyd crynodeb o'r grantiau a dderbyniwyd gan eich ysgol yn ystod y flwyddyn ariannol 2024/25. Buaswn yn ddiolchgar petaech yn medru trefnu rhannu holl gynnwys y llythyr yma gyda Chorff Llywodraethol yr ysgol	I also attach a summary of grants received by your school during the 2024/25 financial year. I would be grateful if you could arrange for all the contents of this letter to be shared with the school's Governing Body.
Pe bai gennych unrhyw ynholiad ynglŷn â'r uchod, yna cysylltwch â'r Adran RHYLL drwy e-bostio RHYLL@sirgar.gov.uk .	If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact the LMS Section by e-mailing LMS@carmarthenshire.gov.uk .

Governors review our budget position on a termly basis and make informed decisions to maintain the high performance of the school and our statutory requirements.

Steps taken by the governing body to develop or strengthen the school's links with the community

Community Police Liaison Officer Andrea Pike joined the school in her new role during this academic year and has completed the Police Education Programme with pupils from Year 2 to Year 6. She has also supported the school with additional lessons and assemblies when necessary.

Local PCSOs have supported the school with key assemblies and supported with parking in the community.

Statutory Policies Reviewed and/or Updated by the Governing Body 2024/2025

- Child Protection/Safeguarding
- Admissions
- Health & Safety
- Performance Development
- Curriculum
- Managing medicines
- Fire Management Plan
- Online Safety
- RSE
- ALN

Term Dates (including half term holidays) for 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
Autumn 2026	Wednesday 2nd September	Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October	Friday 18th December
Spring 2027	Monday 4th January	Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February	Friday 19th March
Summer 2027	Monday 5th April	Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	Tuesday 20th July

Designated INSET Days

- ✔ Monday 1st September 2025
- ✔ Tuesday 1st September 2026

For school specific INSET days, please contact the relevant school. Usually, schools have 5 INSET days during the academic year (including the designated days).

Changes to the School Prospectus

The school staff and classes have been updated, together with the term dates. The current school prospectus is available on our new school website. This website can be found using the following web address <https://www.johnstownprimaryschool.cymru>

A paper copy of the School Prospectus is also available from the school office on request.

Curriculum and Organisation of Education & Teaching Methods at the School

Pupils are taught by a qualified teacher in fifteen classes. All classes from Nursery to Year 2 have at least one teaching assistant to support individuals or groups within each class. All classes from Years 3-6 have at least one teaching assistant within each year group. This includes supporting pupils with additional learning needs.

In each class, pupils are taught a curriculum based on Curriculum for Wales 2022, using a range of suitable teaching approaches.

Pupils with additional learning needs may require additional support. This is given in the classroom, including small group and targeted intervention support. Additional support is provided in line with the ALN Reform guidelines.

PPA (Planning/Preparation/Assessment) cover for teachers is carried out by qualified teaching staff. One of the teacher's delivers a curriculum based on Expressive Arts to pupils from Nursery to Year 6. This teacher also supports the school choir and extra-curricular music activities. The second teacher specialises in Outdoor Learning and delivers this aspect of the curriculum from Reception to Year 6.

Language Category of the School

Johnstown Primary School is an English medium school, however, pupils are taught to develop their Welsh bilingual skills in every year group. This is based on the WESP categorisation.

Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities at the school are in good order and cleaned to a high standard on a daily basis.

Healthy Eating & Drinking

Healthy eating and drinking by pupils of the school is promoted regularly through:

- Healthy School status
- Discouragement of fizzy drinks, crisps and chocolate in lunchboxes
- Fruit eaten during break times brought in from home
- Healthy eating is part of the Health and Well-being curriculum
- Trip letters encourage healthy lunch boxes
- Three water fountains around the school for pupils
- Aspects of cooking being taught across the curriculum

School Development Plan

School Development Plan priorities for 2024-2027 are:

1	To strengthen leadership at all levels to improve the quality of self-evaluation processes, with particular focus on the monitoring of Welsh and Digital skills.
2	To strengthen the wellbeing and attitudes to learning of pupils with particular respect to Progression Step 3.
3	To refine the mapping of provision for skills across the curriculum, with a strong focus on further strengthening pupil progress in mathematical reasoning approaches.
4	To strengthen parental engagement through enhancing relationships and restorative approaches.
5	To ensure a consistent approach to self and peer assessment to support learner effectiveness.