

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran



‘Gwnawn ein gorau glas’

Governors Annual Report to parents 2025-26



Governing Body

FEDERATION OF YSGOL GYMUNEDOL TRIMSARAN AND YSGOL GYMRAEG FFWRNES

<i>Type of Governor</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term of office end date</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Ms M. Arthur</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Cllr. K. Broom (Chair)</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Mrs L. Edmunds</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Mr M. Palfreman</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Headteacher</i>	<i>Mr S. Jones</i>	
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Bowen (Vice-Chair)</i>	<i>06.01.2030</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mr R. John-Howes</i>	<i>06.01.2030</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Nicholas</i>	<i>06.01.2030</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mrs S. Owens (Chair)</i>	<i>06.01.2030</i>
<i>Additional Community Governor</i>	<i>Cllr. Mrs A. Davies</i>	<i>06.01.2030</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs A. Daniels</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Davies</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mr C. Evans</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs C. Quinnell</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Staff Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Davies</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Staff Governor</i>	<i>Mrs C. Emanuel-Evans</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Teacher Governor</i>	<i>Mrs H. Davies</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>
<i>Teacher Governor</i>	<i>Miss C. Roberts</i>	<i>04.01.2030</i>

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Chairperson's Letter

Dear Parents and Supporters of Trimsaran Community School,

On behalf of the Governing Body, I am pleased to present this annual report and reflect on another successful year for our school.

This year has been particularly significant as, since January 2026, Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran and Ysgol Gymraeg Ffwrnes have operated as a formal federation under the leadership of a single Headteacher and Governing Body. While both schools continue to maintain their individual identities and traditions, the federation has created valuable opportunities for collaboration, shared resources and enhanced learning experiences for pupils.

The Governing Body remains committed to ensuring that every child receives the highest quality education within a caring, inclusive and Welsh-medium environment. We are proud of the school's strong focus on bilingualism, where pupils are immersed in Welsh from an early age while also developing excellent English language skills, preparing them confidently for the future.

Throughout the year, staff have continued to develop an engaging inquiry-based curriculum that encourages pupils to ask questions, investigate real-world issues and become active participants in their own learning. This approach has helped strengthen pupils' thinking skills, independence and enthusiasm for learning.

We are equally proud of the school's commitment to supporting the wellbeing of every learner. Through targeted intervention programmes, emotional wellbeing support provided by our trained ELSA staff, and comprehensive Additional Learning Needs provision, pupils receive the guidance and assistance they need to achieve their potential.

The school has continued to strengthen its links with the wider community. Pupils have benefited from a wide range of educational visits, cultural experiences, sporting activities and enterprise projects. Highlights included visits to St Fagans, Big Pit, the Wetlands Centre, London and the Netherlands, participation in local and county Eisteddfodau, community performances, sporting competitions and successful enterprise initiatives, including Year 5's award-winning Junior Traders Project.

Environmental responsibility remains an important priority. The Eco Council and School Council have worked hard to promote sustainable practices and ensure that pupil voice plays a central role in shaping school improvement initiatives. Healthy lifestyles continue to be encouraged through healthy eating programmes, daily toothbrushing initiatives and regular participation in sporting activities.

I would like to congratulate all our pupils for their enthusiasm, resilience and commitment throughout the year. Their achievements, both inside and outside the classroom, are a credit to themselves, their families and the school community. I would also like to thank our Headteacher, staff and fellow governors for their dedication and hard work in ensuring that Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran continues to thrive.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to parents, carers, local businesses and community partners for their ongoing support. Strong partnerships between home, school and community are essential to our success, and we greatly value the contribution that each of you makes.

As we look ahead, the Governing Body remains committed to working with the Headteacher and staff to provide the very best opportunities for all pupils and to continue building on the many successes of the past year.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Mrs K. Broom
Chair of Governors

Progress on School Action Plan

Since January 2026, Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran and Ysgol Gymraeg Ffwrnes have been operating as a Formal Federation, led by one Headteacher and governed by a single Governing Body. While both schools continue to maintain their own individual identities, sites, and day-to-day arrangements, there are increasing opportunities for collaboration, including shared educational visits, joint use of transport, and wider cooperative working where appropriate.

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran is a Welsh medium school. Children are immersed in the Welsh language on entry into the Nursery. The main language of instruction throughout the school is Welsh. English is taught in lessons from Year 3 and an emphasis on bilingualism ensures that pupils achieve high standards in both languages by the end of Year 6.

The Headteacher and Senior Management team meet with prospective parents prior to their children starting and explains the advantages of bilingualism. All teaching staff in parents' meetings etc reiterates this message.

Homework is given out on a Thursday and to be returned on a Monday which consists of reading tasks, discussion cards, spelling and times tables.



There is no formal link between Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran and a Secondary school. Parents can apply for any Secondary school in the County. The application is based on your home address and not the primary school attended. Taster days are organised at Ysgol y Strade as this is the school that most Year 6 pupils transition to, but we would recommend parents contacting the school they wish to apply for. Joint activities are arranged throughout Year 5 and 6 and parents evenings held so that transition is as smooth as possible.

We have developed an authentic inquiry-based approach to our curriculum which is a student-centred teaching method that encourages students to ask questions and investigate real word issues. This pedagogic approach ensures that students are actively engaged in the learning process and are given the opportunity to engage their curiosities and deepen their thinking skills.

Intervention groups are formed on the basis of tests administered and teacher assessments. Pupils who need extra support in specific areas access our universal learning provision which includes ChATT, Literacy, Numeracy, Positive Play and ELSA interventions. Progress, of all learners is regularly and carefully tracked using Building Blocks and the schools' tracking systems.

The school has two trained Emotional Literacy Support Assistants (ELSA). They have special training from educational psychologists to support the emotional development of children and young people in school. ELSAs have regular professional supervision from educational psychologists to help them in their work.

The school continues its effort in reinforcing the importance of environmental issues. School and Eco council meet regularly and look for ways in which environmentally friendly practices can become a part of the school life. Pupil's voice is important, and they have been collecting information and acting on their ideas.



Healthy eating is promoted regularly through stickers given to pupils with healthy lunchboxes. Fruit is eaten during break times and brought in from home. Healthy eating is part of the Health and Wellbeing curriculum.

Efforts are made to increase attendance and persistent absences are targeted and encouraged to be punctual.

Effort to improve the use of Welsh in school continues. Our initiative to promote the Welsh language within the school continues to encourage pupils to use Welsh outside the classroom as well as inside.



The Design to Smile team have provided pupils with toothbrushes and toothpaste and daily teeth brushing continues in school.



Community Links

The governing body actively encourages parents/carers and the local community to link with the school. Local businesses support the school with fundraising and support pupils' learning by allowing pupils to visit.

The schools's Community Police Officer runs a wide range of workshops for pupils on 'internet safety', 'keeping safe' and 'drug and alcohol misuse'.

Year 4 pupils visited Big Pit National Coal Museum.

Years 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6 visited St Fagans National Museum of History.

Design to Smile visit the Foundation Phase pupils and daily teeth brushing continue.

Years 4 and 5 visited the Peripatetic Music Tour Concert.



Year 6 pupils took part in a quiz against other local schools which was organised by 'Menter Cwm Gwendraeth'.

Reception to Year 4 pupils received the flu nasal spray.

Years 5/6 received lessons on the Old and New Testament by Alison Treharne of Bible Explorers.

To celebrate the school's 150th Anniversary, Years 1-6 pupils held a show at Theatre Ffwrnes.

Mari Arthur of TeTrimTeas visited Year 5 pupils to talk to them regarding business ideas. Year 5 created pebble art and other crafts to sell at Carmarthen Market. They won the Junior Traders Project Award and the Best Presented Stall Award.



The School Nurse visited the Reception class for a height and weight assessment and also for Year 1 screening.

Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils visited Neuadd y Gwendraeth to see 'Cyw' show.

Pupils took part in the Local Eisteddfod at Ysgol y Strade and one pupil from Year 2 competed at the County Eisteddfod.

Years 1 and 2 have visited Nantycaws Recycling Centre.

Years 5 and 6 visited London for an overnight stay and had an opportunity to see 'The Lion King' show and visited the famous attractions.

Years 2-6 visited Llandry Church for a Thansgiving Service and Christingle Service.

The school choir were invited to sing at Plas-y-Sarn Christmas Fayre and Asda, Llanelli.



Kerbcraft an enterprise by the National Assembly have worked with Year 2 pupils to discuss safety on the road.

Technocamps worked with Years 1-6 at school.

Year 4 have taken part in cookery sessions in school.

Year 1 visited Llanelli Wetlands Centre.

Year 6 visted The Netherlands for 4 nights. They visited Maastricht as we have a connection with a former headteacher of Afnorth, a school specifically for children of families working for NATO. Pupils had an opportunity to meet and speak with Army, NAVY and RAF personnel on their careers and living on the base.



Year 6 pupils took part in a speed awareness session with County's Road Safety Officer and the Police.

St David's Day Coffee Morning was held in the school for parents/guardians/visitors and they were entertained by the pupils.

Menter Cwm Gwendraeth have held sessions in school to help promote the Welsh language.

Additional Learning Needs

There are currently one pupil with a statement of Additional Learning Needs and five pupils with an Individual Development Plan. Teaching assistants are employed to support some 12 pupils who are currently receiving intervention that is over and above what is provided by universal provision.

Individual Development Planning meetings have been held to discuss several pupils who have additional learning needs. Agencies involved share information regularly and plan together for strategies for improvement.

Programmes such as 'Read Write Inc', 'Hwb Ymlaen' and 'Positive Play' are being used. Intervention groups to help pupils with numeracy and literacy are held from Years 2-6. 'The Actions Alphabet' and 'Tric a Chlic' is introduced in the Nursery and is used in the whole of the Foundation Phase for all pupils. Over the past year, reading intervention has taken place inside the classroom.

Support is provided by a team of Teaching Assistants lead by our Additional Learning Needs Coordinator, Catrin Roberts.

Children can receive their support either in the classroom or by being withdrawn into special teaching areas. Pupils have full access to the school's resources and the school adheres to the Additional Learning Needs Policy.

Sporting and other achievements

Sports After School Club is held on a weekly basis with Miss Roberts, Mr Dafydd and Mrs Armstrong.

Pupils have taken part in Actif Sir Gâr sports activities at the school and at Pentre Awel, Llanelli.

Four pupils from Year 6 attended a training course for Bronze Young Ambassadors organised by Carmarthenshire County Council. The course inspires them to become role models and leaders through sport so that they can influence others to take part in sport and physical activity.

Scarlets have provided rugby skills sessions at Parc-y-Scarlets.

Years 2-6 have received cricket sessions in school.

Year 5/6 took part in a football competition at Penrhos School, Llanelli.

Year 5/6 visited Ysgol Llangennech for a friendly netball and rugby festival.

Year 3-6 competed in a Cross-Country Competition at Penygaer, Llanelli. Three pupils took part in the next round at Nantgaredig.



Years 5/6 competed in an Urdd Netball competition at Pentre Awel, Llanelli.

Years 3/4 took part in a Rugby festival at Ysgol Penrhos.

Weekly Sports Club is held every Monday which is organised by the Urdd for Years 3-6.

Years 3/4 and 5/6 took part in an Urdd Rugby tournament at Tregib, Llandeilo.

Year 1 pupils have taken part in Hockey skills session.



Year 3 and 4 have received a three week intensive swimming course at Pentre Awel, Llanelli.

Years 3/4 and 5/6 competed in an Urdd Football tournament at Tregib.

Year 2 visited Pentre Awel, Llanelli for a multi-skills session.

Year 3/4 took part in a TAG Rugby Festival at Ysgol y Strade.

School sports day was held in school.

Years 5/6 took part in a friendly Rugby and Netball game in the school with Dewi Sant, Furnace and Llangennech Schools.

Meithrin and Derbyn competed in a Sports competition at Parc y Scarlets organised by Menter Cwm Gwendraeth.

Pupils of Years 3-6 have competed in an Urdd Athletics Competition at Carmarthen.



Provision of toilet facilities

Toilets are located in all four of the Foundation Phase classes on the ground floor.

On the first floor, the Key Stage 2 toilets are located centrally.

All toilets are provided with hot water, liquid soap and hand sanitiser. Toilet rolls and hand towels are replaced daily and cleaned to a high standard on a daily basis. Hand dryers are installed throughout.

Authorised & Unauthorised Attendance Statistics

Attendance for the academic year 2025-2026 was 92.29%.

Any child falling below 80% will be referred to the L.E.A. School Welfare Officer.

In the event of an absence parents are requested to inform the school by phone or by letter otherwise your child's absence will be considered to be unauthorised.

The following statistics relate to the number of authorised and unauthorised absences expressed as a percentage of the total number of possible attendances in that term.

TERM	AUTHORISED	UNAUTHORISED
AUTUMN 2025	4.53%	3.25%
SPRING 2026	3.59%	3.56%
SUMMER 2026	5.25%	2.86%

A request. A significant number of children are now arriving late for the start of the school. This not only disadvantages them but also disrupts the learning of others. Please make every effort to ensure that your children arrive on time as this helps them to develop habits that will be of advantage to them, not just now, but, in the future.

Regular school attendance is vital and missing school can have a significant impact on achievement over a one year period as illustrated below:

95-100% attendance	Best chance of success	Your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity.
90-95% attendance	At least 2 weeks of learning missed	Satisfactory. Your child may have to spend time catching up with work.
85-90% attendance	At least 4 weeks of learning missed	Your child may be at risk of underachieving and may need extra support from you to catch up with work.
80-85% attendance	At least 5½ weeks of learning missed	Your child's poor attendance has a significant impact on learning.
Below 80% attendance	At least 7½ weeks of learning missed	Your child is missing out on a broad and balanced education. You are at risk of prosecution.

School Terms & Holiday Dates: 2026-2028

Term	Term begins	Half Term	Term Ends
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April	Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May	Monday 20 July
Autumn 2026	Wednesday 2 September	Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October	Friday 18 December
Spring 2027	Monday 4 January	Monday 8 February to Friday 12 February	Friday 19 March
Summer 2027	Monday 5 April	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June	Tuesday 20 July
Autumn 2027	Thursday 2nd September	Monday 25 October to Friday 29 October	Friday 17 December
Spring 2028	Tuesday 4 January	Monday 21 February to Friday 25 February	Friday 7 April
Summer 2028	Monday 24 April	Monday 29th May to Friday 2 June	Thursday 20 July

Dyddiau HMS Penodol / Designated INSET Days 2026-27

- Dydd Mawrth 1af o Fedi 2026 / *Tuesday 1st September 2026*
- Dydd Mercher 2il o Fedi 2026 / *Wednesday 2nd September 2026*
- Dydd Llun Ionawr 4ydd 2027 / *Monday January 4th 2027*
- Dydd Llun Ebrill 5ed 2027 / *Monday April 5th 2027*
- Dydd Llun Gorffennaf 19eg 2027 / *Monday July 19th 2027*
- Dydd Mawrth Gorffennaf 20fed 2027 / *Tuesday July 20th 2027*

Good Friday

✓ 26 March 2027

✓ 14 April 2028

May Day

✓ 4 May 2026

✓ 3 May 2027

✓ 1 May 2028

Foundation Phase Timetable

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Meithrin 08:45-11:30	11.30-12:30	12:30-15:00
Derbyn – Year 2 08:45-12:00	12:00-13:15	13:15-15:00

Key Stage 2 Timetable

Morning Session	Lunch	Afternoon Session
Years 3-6 08:45-12:30	12:30-13:15	13:15-15:10

Statement of Expenditure

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2025/26
Trimsaran Community School



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Trimsaran

Gwelir isod crynodeb sefyllfa ariannol
terfynol eich ysgol ar gyfer 2025/26.

Please see below a summary of your
school's final outturn position for 2025/26.

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Gwariant Net 2025/26	1,096,783	Net Expenditure 2025/26
Dyranriad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2025/26	1,046,377	Formula Funding Allocation 2025/26
Arian Wrth Gefn a Ddygwyd Ymlaen o 2024/25	<u>-147,265</u>	Surplus Brought Forward from 2024/25
Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Ymlaen i 2026/27	<u>-96,859</u>	Surplus Carried Forward to 2026/27