

Ysgol Gymunedol Trimsaran



'Gwnawn ein gorau glas'

Governors Annual Report to parents

2024-25



Governing Body

TRIMSARAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY NO. 108

<i>Type of Governor</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Term of office end date</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Cllr. Mrs K. Broom (Chair)</i>	<i>03.09.2025</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Ms M. Arthur</i>	<i>31.08.2026</i>
<i>Local Authority</i>	<i>Mr R. Sully</i>	<i>03.11.2027</i>
<i>Headteacher</i>	<i>Mr S. Jones</i>	
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mr R. John-Howes</i>	<i>27.03.2026</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Ms A. Nobel</i>	<i>06.03.2028</i>
<i>Community Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Nicholas</i>	<i>30.09.2025</i>
<i>Additional Community Governor</i>	<i>Cllr. Mrs A. Davies</i>	<i>03.06.2027</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs A. Daniels</i>	<i>22.03.2026</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs G. Davies</i>	<i>25.05.2026</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mr I. Jones</i>	<i>06.03.2027</i>
<i>Parent Governor</i>	<i>Mrs H. Raine-Diplock (Vice-Chair)</i>	<i>23.11.2025</i>
<i>Staff Governor</i>	<i>Mrs C. Emanuel-Evans</i>	<i>18.05.2026</i>
<i>Teacher Governor</i>	<i>Miss C. Roberts</i>	<i>19.11.2029</i>

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Chairperson's Letter

Dear Parents and Supporters of Trimsaran Community School,

The past year has been a busy and successful one for the school. We were particularly pleased with the excellent Estyn inspection report received earlier this year, which recognised the hard work and dedication of our staff and pupils.

Our children are happy, and we are seeing gradual improvements in attendance, which remains a key focus for us. One of the highlights this year was the success of the *Bocs Bwyd* project, along with the pupils' involvement in growing and selling vegetables. These initiatives have provided our learners with valuable, real-life experiences that enrich their education.

Years 5/6 enjoyed a memorable trip to Llangrannog, and we ended the academic year on a high note with a fantastic end-of-year show.

One of the ongoing challenges we face is improving attendance further to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to reach their full potential. As a governing body, we truly value the continued support of parents and the wider Trimsaran community in helping us meet this goal.

We are looking forward to celebrating the school's 150th anniversary this year, an important event for the whole community

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Mrs K. Broom
Chair of Governors

Progress on School Action Plan

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 Foundation Learning and Key Stage 2 is Welsh. However, English is taught in lessons in K.S.2 and an emphasis on bilingualism ensures that pupils achieve high standards in both languages by the end of K.S.2.

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.



The pupils follow a thematic curriculum. Themes are arranged and planned carefully for each age range ensuring complete curriculum coverage.

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.

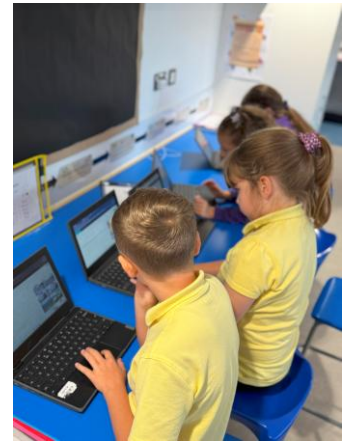
The school continues its effort in reinforcing the importance of environmental issues. School and Eco council meet regularly and look for ways in which environmentally friendly practices can become a part of the school life. Pupil's voice is important, and they have been collecting information and acting 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 local shops regularly donate prizes or items for school events. 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 5 pupils visited Abergwili Museum and Toby Carvery to learn more About their theme of 'cookery are an essential part of everyday life'.

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.

Year 1 pupils visited Pnyfodau Fawr Farm to collect pumpkins to Pumpkin Soup in school.

A coffee morning was held at the school and pupils performed to parents/visitors to raise money for various charities.

The Eco Council planted tea plants with Mari Arthur – TeTrim Teas.

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

Pupils took part in the Local Eisteddfod at Ysgol y Strade.

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.

Years 4, 5 and 6 visited Pembrey Country Park for toboggan and tubing sessions.

Year 4 have taken part in cookery sessions at school with 'Cegin y Bobl.

Years 5 and 6 visited Llangrannog for 4 nights and took part in various activities, horse riding, swimming, quad biking, skiing etc.

Years 1-3 – Carol Service Evening in the school.

Year 5 pupils invited their parents to school for Christmas dinner made by the pupils.

Pupils received an assembly with Paul and Delia on the Luhimba Project.



Year 5 pupils visited Llanelli Library.

Year 2 visited National Botanical Gardens to learn about Blodeuwedd tale.

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

Vicar Suzy Bale visited the school and held an Easter assembly for the pupils.

Year 4 visited Llyn Llech Owain.

The school choir were invited to perform at a VE Day 80th celebration at Burry Port Hall and Armed Forces Week at Pembrey Community Hall.

Years 3-6 visited Theatre Ffwrnes to see Coleg Sir Gâr's production of 'Sister Act'.

Years 1-6 will perform a show 'Chwilio'r Chwedl' at Selwyn Samuel Centre.



Additional Learning Needs

There are currently two pupils with a statement of Additional Learning Needs and eight 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 and Mr Dafydd.

Pupils have taken part in an Actif Sir Gâr sports activities at the school.

Four pupils from Year 6 attended a training course for Bronze Young Ambassadors organised by Carmarthensire 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.

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.

Years 5/6 competed in an Urdd Netball competition at Llanelli Leisure Centre.

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

Weekly Sports Club is held every Monday 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 Llanelli Leisure Centre.

The Junior pupils have received rugby skills session with Darcy Thomas (Scarlets) on a regular basis

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

Year 2 visited Llanelli Leisure Centre for a multi-skills session.



Year 3/4 took part in a TAG Rugby Festival at Parc y Scarlets.

School sports day was held in school.

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

Years 3/4 and 5/6 took part in a Rugby festival at Stebonheath.

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 2024-2025 was 92.07%.

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 2024	4.73%	3.44%
SPRING 2025	3.52%	4.05%
SUMMER 2025	5.47%	4.62%

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: 2024-2026

Autumn 2024	Tuesday 3rd September	Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November	Friday 20th December
Spring 2025	Monday 6th January	Monday 24th February – Friday 28th February	Friday 11th April
Summer 2025	Monday 28th April	Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May	Monday 21st July
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

Designated INSET Days

- ✓ Monday, 2nd September 2024
- ✓ Monday 1st September 2025

Good Friday

- ✓ 18th April 2025
- ✓ 3rd April 2026

May Day

- ✓ 5th May 2025
- ✓ 4th May 2026

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 2024/25 Trimsaran Community School

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Trimsaran

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

993,088

Net Expenditure 2024/25

Dyraniad Ariannu yn ôl Fformwla 2024/25

-945,131

Formula Funding Allocation 2024/25

Arian Wrth Gefn a Ddysgwyd Ymlaen o
2023/24

-195,222

Surplus Brought Forward from 2023/24

Arian Wrth Gefn yn Cario Drosodd i 2025/26

-147,265

Surplus Carried Forward to 2025/26