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**GOVERNING BODY'S ANNUAL REPORT
TO PARENTS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR
2025/2026**

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GOVERNORS' REPORT

A message by the Chair Of Governors

It is my pleasure to present to parents, on behalf of The Governing Body, our Annual Report, which outlines information regarding the school during the 2025-26 academic year.

As stakeholders in the school, it is important for you to be informed of events, and to hold us as governors accountable for your child's education. I would like to thank the staff for all their hard work and commitment, and to you as parents for your support.

The involvement of parents is vital to ensure a child's success at school and the governors are thankful to you for this. The academic year has been very challenging, and the staff have worked extremely hard to provide a balanced curriculum and ensure that all pupils have the opportunity to achieve their potential and succeed in a happy, open and caring atmosphere.

The children have enjoyed listening to guests and visitors to the school, and were given opportunities to attend a wide range of educational trips and visit, allowing them to enjoy interesting and exciting experiences.

I would like to conclude by praising the efforts of the Parents and Teachers Association for all their hard work, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The school's governors are committed to our roles and responsibilities and are proud to work with staff and parents in order to maintain high standards and offer children first class experiences and care.

I would like you to take time to read the report and reflect on the academic success and the highlights of our school during 2025-2026.

The school was pleased to receive a glowing Estyn report in January 2025. In addition the Governors were extremely pleased that the school won The Evening Leader Award for best Primary School in Flintshire and Wrexham during the last academic year.

G.T Robinson

Chair of Governors

Governors

Name	Status	Untill
Mr Bob Robinson	Co-opted	December 2028
Mrs Valmai Hughes -Parry	LEA	January 2028
Mr Hugh Burgess	Co-opted	April 2028
Mr Paul Miller	Co-opted	December 2029
Mrs Delyth Taylor	LEA	January 2027
Mr David Roberts	LEA	January 2027
Mrs Kelly Kelso	Parent Governor	December 2028
Mr Ian Powell	Parent Governor	November 2025 Resigned
Mrs Sally Holloway	Parent Governor	March 2030
Mr Paul Cawley	Parent Governor	May 2027
Miss Nia Griffiths	Non - Teaching	September 2027
Miss Carys Hughes	Teacher Governor	September 2027 Retired and resigned
Mrs Leanne Thomas	Teacher Governor	March 2030

Clerk to the Governors: Mrs Nicky Napper .

The Chairman and Clerk can be contacted via Ysgol Rhos Helyg (01352 780265) or by writing to:

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During the 2025/2026 academic year the full Governing Body met on the following occasions:-

September 25 2025
November 27 2025
March 19 2026
June 4 2026

Attendance 2025-26

Attendance	94.2%
Authorised Absence	4.8%
Unauthorised Absence	1%

Parents are expected to contact the school as soon as possible to give a reason for an absence. This can be done by phone or email. If no explanation has been received , then the school will

register that child as an unauthorised absence. All family holidays are encouraged to be taken during school holidays.

Exclusions

There were none.

Forest School

The school has been successful in gaining The Platinum Award which will be our final assessment as the awarding body recognises that the ECO principles are embedded in our school and learning. We have been taking groups of children out for “Forest School” lessons and have been developing the grounds with groups of children throughout the year. Pupils cover so many areas of the curriculum in this environment and have fun in the process.

Outdoor Learning on a regular basis for all pupils became the norm.

Holiday Club

In addition to the excellent quality care provided by the after school club we have extended this to cover holiday periods when parents who work find it very difficult to find affordable childcare.

Changes to the Prospectus

The prospectus provides comprehensive information about the school. The Prospectus is revised in accordance with legislative requirements.

Policies

The Governing Body have reviewed a comprehensive list of policies during the year.

Buildings and Resources

The grounds maintenance is contracted out through the Sherrats.

Breakfast Club

The Free Breakfast Club has been a resounding success again this year with breakfast being served to over 50 pupils, despite funding, cuts from 8.15 a.m. – 8.45 a.m. This is really beneficial for the pupils.

School Development Plan

The School works hard on continuous improvement ideas and all staff contribute ideas to delivering improvement opportunities. There is a rolling plan for improvement and regular meetings take place to monitor actions. This plan is also monitored by the LA and Governors at regular school improvement meetings and system leader visits.

Curriculum

Ysgol Rhos Helyg presents a full and wide curriculum to all pupils which is full of a range of learning methods and experiences that will prepare them for their future lives. The schools curriculum reflects Curriculum for Wales with the for purposes central to all planning. We support our pupils to be :

- Healthy, confident individuals
- Ambitious capable learners

- Enterprising, creative contributors
- Principled, informed citizens

Here is our vision and values for our curriculum here at Ysgol Rhos Helyg:

Together we will:

- Support our pupils to become aspirational, resilient and lifelong learners who are equipped for the future and prepared to enter the world of work
- Instill in them a pride in their identity and a respect for others in a nurturing and supportive environment where everyone's needs are recognized and valued
- Enable our learners to be productive members of their community and to become global citizens who respect the environment and are able to connect and contribute to the world around them
- Teach our learners to be healthy and active in their lives and to express themselves in different ways

Our Educational Philosophy is based on inclusion, health and wellbeing ensuring that all our pupils achieve their best and are supported to become happy and independent learners.

Our Values	Our Behaviours
Kindness	At our school we think that kindness is one of our most important values. We aim to create a nurturing school community where everyone is treated with care, fairness and respect.
Respect	We foster an environment where respect is shown for the beliefs, cultures and needs of others as well as for the environment both local and global. We listen to each other and make time to talk and understand.
Ambition	We work hard on developing our skills and in being resilient learners with a positive growth mindset. We are motivated to learn and aim high.
Co-operation	We work together as a team to achieve our goals and to make our school community a place here we can succeed. We work together to sort out our differences and we work with each other to solve problems.
Health	We support everyone's well being needs to ensure that everyone is able to learn to their full potential and are supported in every way. We promote the importance of a healthy lifestyle and how this impacts on learning.
Creativity	We encourage all our learners to explore and learn creatively and to develop their entrepreneurial skills.
Curiosity	We support our learners to develop a love of learning, to influence what they learn and to ask questions about the

	world around them.
Inclusivity	Through a person centered approach we want everyone to be able to take a full and active part in school life.

Parents also play a vital role in supporting their children in these areas. The school also teaches Welsh as a second language and incidental Welsh is used throughout the school at an appropriate level. The school involves the children in many aspects of the culture and heritage of our Nation as well as Nations abroad.

Language and Welsh Language Use

Through daily *Helpwr Heddiw* sessions instructions are given in Welsh and followed appropriately. Pupils are encouraged to use incidental Welsh at all times. The Athrawon Bro are involved with the school, implementing new schemes and resources. Within Year 6 pupils are regularly assessed and moderated by the school and by its consortium with the support of the Athrawon Bro.

Foreign Language

We teach French and Spanish to all pupils.

Facilities for the disabled

In accordance with the Schools' Admission Policy, there will be no discrimination against any pupil on the grounds of disability where the school is able to meet the needs of the child. The school has an accessibility plan and a disability scheme to promote equal opportunities. The school has purchased a mobile ramp to allow wheelchair access from all exits if required.

Additional Needs.

Specific tasks and Individual Development Plans (IDP) are given to children with Additional Learning Needs (ALN) who have been identified as needing Additional Learning Provision (ALP), with other children on universal or targeted interventions. Teachers and support staff work hard to implement these plans as the children strive to succeed with their targets. We work with relevant outside agencies to ensure appropriate support and some pupils have benefited from one to one support. We fully comply with the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Act which has been in effect for Nursery, and Years 1,3 and 5 since January 2022 with the Special Educational needs Code being phased out for other year groups this year.

We have suitable resources in school and pupils are monitored and cared for by a team of staff led by our ANCO. Ancillary Support Workers, Learning and Behavioural Support staff as well as class teachers form part of this team at the school.

Community Links.

Parents evenings were held are held face to face.

The School makes regular contributions to the Halkyn Mountain News.

Tiny Tots playgroup commenced here in September 2007.

Our Free Monthly Community café was established in 2024 and goes from strength to strength.

Arrangements and Toilet Facilities

The school has an adequate number of toilets for the pupils who are registered at school. The facilities are cleaned daily.

Charities

The school supported local charities once again. The school is pleased to support local food banks and to continue to support The local pensioners groups. The School also supports events like Children in Need.

School Security

To provide a secure environment for all its pupils and staff, security locks are fitted to the main entrance and the end of the corridor which is used at break times. Visitors to school are asked to sign in on arrival. Termly fire drills were held last year. All pupils are familiar with the procedure should they hear a fire alarm. The school ensures the safety of all stakeholders by adhering to the school's Health and Safety Policy.

A new perimeter fence was installed for September 2024.

Dealing with Complaints

The School has an open and friendly ethos and parents are welcome to arrange to meet the Headteacher to discuss any concerns. If you have a complaint about any aspect of school work and you are not satisfied you should then contact the Chair of Governors and then, if the matter is not resolved, the Local Authority.

Session Times

The school complies with Welsh Government Guidance.

	Foundation Phase	Key Stage 2
Start	8.50	8.50
Morning Break	10.15-10.30	10.40-10.55

Lunch Time	12.00-12.50	12.00-12.50
Afternoon Break	2.00-2.10	N/A
End	3.10	3.10

School Budget

The school budget is generated by a formula which is mainly based on pupil numbers. The Governors have met and kept the School budget under review with advice from Mrs Debbie Duncan of the LEA.

FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2025-26

BUDGET HEADING	BUDGET 2025/26	EXPENDITURE 2025/26	DIFF + OR (-)
BALANCE FROM 2024/25	23,097		23,097
EMPLOYEES	393,468	565,602	-172,134
PREMISES	57,813	34,200	23,613
TRANSPORT		-	-
SUPPLIES	12,173	23,064	-10,891
ADULT MEALS/LINK COURSES		568	-568
SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENTS	22,476	25,832	-3,356
CAPITAL FINANCING		-	-

INCOME	-	-90,298	90,298
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TOTAL 2025/2026	509,027	558,967	-49,940
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SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES
2025 – 2026

Autumn Term 2025	
<i>School Opens</i>	3 rd September
School Closes (Half Term)	23 rd October
School Opens	2 nd November
School Closes	18 th December
Spring Term 2026	
School Opens	5 th January
School Closes (Half Term)	5 th February
School Opens	15 th February
School Closes (Easter)	19 th March
Summer Term 2026	
School Opens	5 th April
School Closes (May Day)	3 rd May
School Closes	28 th May
School Opens	7 th June
School Closes	16 th July