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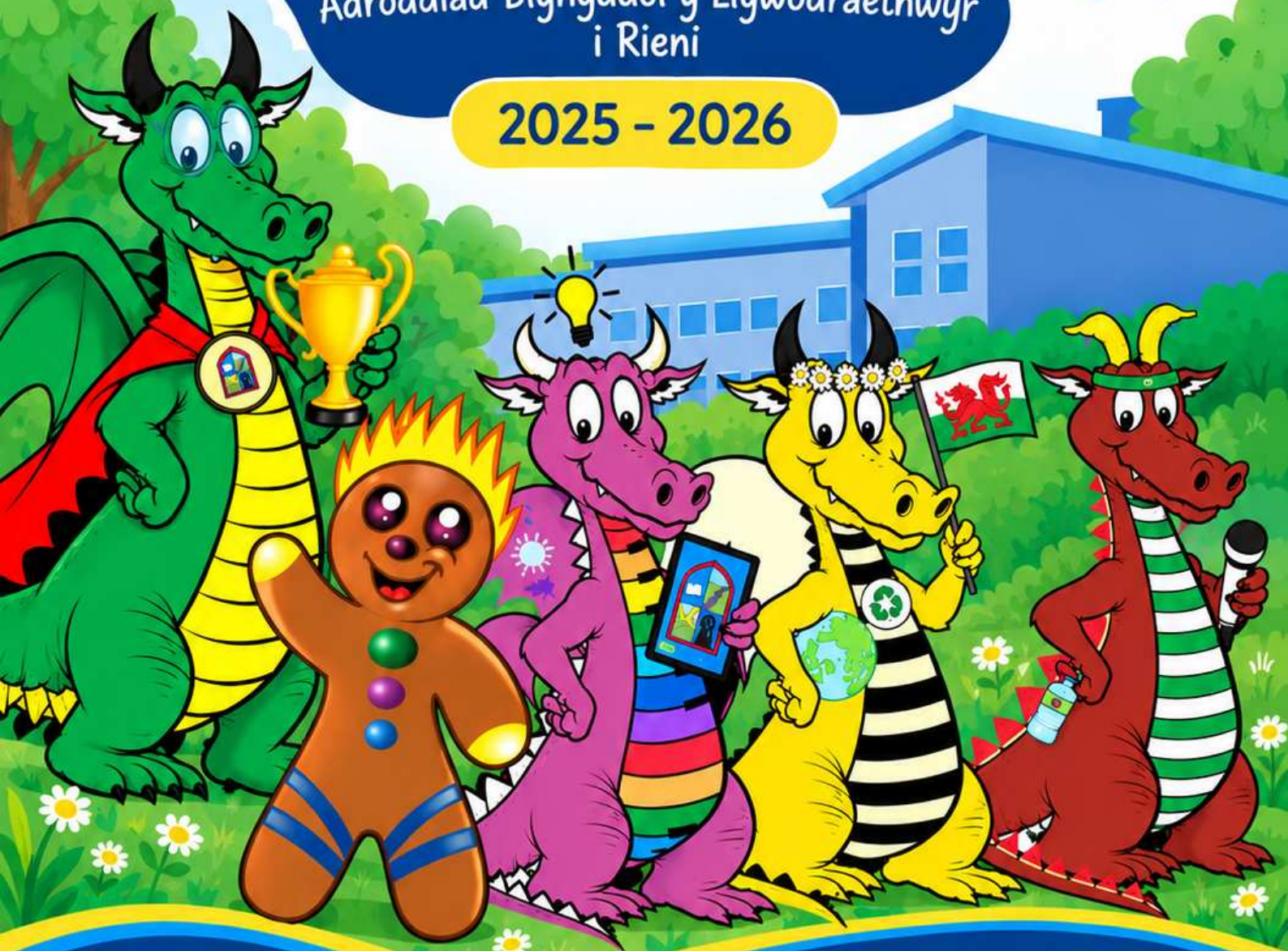
Work hard. Be kind.
Gweithiwch yn galed.
Byddwch yn garedig.

Governors' Annual Report to Parents

Adroddiad Blynnyddol y Llywodraethwyr
i Rieni

2025 - 2026

Gyda'n
gilydd ♡



“Together
we make a difference ♡



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Capable Learners



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Confident Individuals



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Happy Children
Brighter Futures ♥

A message from our Chair of Governors

Matthew Davies

Kind
People
Brighter
Communities
♥

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure, on behalf of the Governing Body, to welcome you to Portmead Primary School's Annual Report to Parents for 2025-2026.

This report gives us an opportunity to reflect on another busy year at Portmead and to celebrate the achievements of our children, staff and wider school community.

As governors, we are extremely proud of our school and of the commitment shown every day to ensuring that our children are happy, safe and able to achieve their very best. Portmead serves a community with many strengths, but also significant challenges, and we know just how important the school is in the lives of our children and families.

Throughout the year, governors have continued to support and challenge school leaders, monitor the school's priorities and ensure that decisions remain firmly focused on improving outcomes and experiences for our pupils.

This year has also seen Portmead continue to work increasingly closely with Blaenymaes Primary School as we prepare for the future. While change inevitably brings questions and challenges, the Governing Body remains committed to ensuring that the needs of our children, families and community remain at the heart of every decision.

I would like to thank Allison, the staff team and our governors for their continued hard work and dedication. Most importantly, I would like to thank our children, who make Portmead the special place it is, and you, our parents and carers, for your continued support and partnership.

I hope you enjoy reading about the work and achievements of the school over the past year.

Matthew Davies

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Chair of Governors

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Meet Our Governing Body

Working together for the children
and community of Portmead. ♥

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Chair of Governors

Matthew Davies



Vice Chair of Governors

Kirstyn Taylor



Parent Governors

Matthew Davies

Kirstyn Taylor

Sophie Williams

Gemma Rowe



Community Governors

Carol Jeffreys

Monwar Chowdhury

Beverly Phillips

Reverend James Page



Staff Governor

Courtney Holland



Teacher Governors

Michael James

Megan Mountstevens

Current Vacancies

1 x Parent Governor

4 x Local Authority Governors



Could this be you? ♥

If you are interested in finding out more about becoming a governor, please contact the school office.

What do Governors do?

Our Governing Body plays a vital role in the life of our school. Governors work together with the Headteacher and staff to:



Set the strategic direction for the school



Challenge and support school leaders



Monitor progress and ensure the best outcomes for all pupils



Ensure the school is a safe, inclusive and positive place to learn



Act as a link between the school and our wider community

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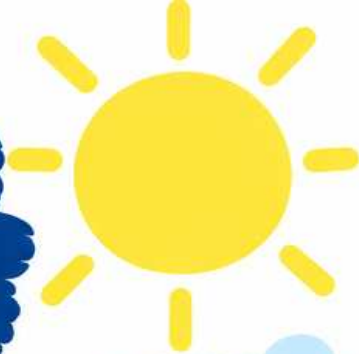
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Portmead at a Glance



A happy, inclusive and ambitious
school at the heart of our community. ♥

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Total number
of pupils



211

Full time
pupils



188

Part time
pupils (Nursery)



23

FSM Percentage
(Reception to Year 6)



49.4%

Our Classes

8

mainstream
classes



2

specialist
teaching facility
(STF) classes

Pupils with an
Individual Development Plan
(IDP)



21%

Pupils with
English as an Additional
Language (EAL)



18%

Attendance



88.7%

Attendance
is a key
priority for
our school. ♥

Pupil Voice



96%

feel safe
in school. ♥



97%

feel happy
at Portmead. ♥



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Memorable Moments from 2025 - 2026

Amazing learning. Unforgettable experiences.
A year to be proud of! ♥

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Film Fortnight WALL-E



Mary Poppins School Show



CWTChella Welsh Festival



Sustainability Fashion Show



National Numeracy Day Giant Monopoly



Cluster X Factor



Forest School



Enterprise Projects



Siarter Iaith Gold & Beyond



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Learning & Teaching at Portmead

Curious minds. Brighter futures. ♥



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Curriculum for Wales

Learning for life, today and tomorrow.

We deliver an exciting, relevant and inclusive curriculum based on the four purposes, helping our children to become:



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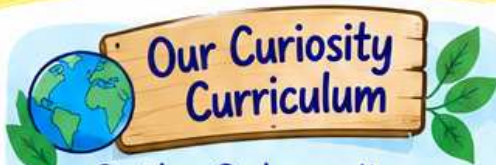
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Big ideas. Real connections.

Our themed curriculum brings learning to life through meaningful, engaging experiences. Over a three-year cycle, children explore:



Backpackers



Celebrations



A Moment
in Time



Guardians
of the Globe

Making links. Building knowledge.
Sparking curiosity. ♥



Enrichment & Wider Opportunities

Amazing experiences for every child.

We provide a wide range of enrichment opportunities that inspire, build confidence and create unforgettable memories.

- ✓ Trips and visitors
- ✓ Performances and competitions
- ✓ Film Fortnight
- ✓ Choir, dance and the arts
- ✓ Forest School
- ✓ Sports and healthy living

Learning
beyond
the
classroom
♥



Positive Learning Environments

Calm, respectful and ready to learn.

We create safe, inclusive and nurturing classrooms where children feel happy, valued and able to take risks with their learning.

- ✓ High expectations
- ✓ Positive relationships
- ✓ Restorative approaches
- ✓ Inclusive for all
- ✓ Wellbeing at the heart



Happy
children
learn
better
♥



Explore

Discover



Create

Grow

"Curiosity today,
opportunities tomorrow." ♥



Digital and Real Life Skills

Ready for tomorrow.

We equip our children with the skills they need for an ever-changing world, both online and in everyday life.

- ✓ Confident and safe use of technology
- ✓ Research, problem-solving and creativity
- ✓ Communication and teamwork
- ✓ Financial literacy
- ✓ Independence and resilience
- ✓ Making a positive difference in our community

Skills for life
beyond Portmead ♥



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Inclusion, Wellbeing & Belonging

Every child matters at Portmead ♥



At Portmead, we believe that every child is unique, valued and capable.
We are committed to removing barriers, meeting individual needs and creating an inclusive, nurturing environment where all children can belong, learn and succeed.



Our Diverse School

Our school is a rich and diverse community. We are proud to support children with a wide range of backgrounds, languages, needs and experiences.



21% of pupils have an Individual Development Plan (IDP)



18% of pupils speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)



Many different cultures, faiths and languages enrich our school



Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

We provide tailored support so that every child can access the curriculum and reach their potential.

- ✓ Two Specialist Teaching Facility (STF) classes
- ✓ Enhanced Inclusion Provision
- ✓ Individual support plans
- ✓ Close working with external professionals
- ✓ Adaptations and resources to meet a range of needs
- ✓ A skilled and committed team of staff



Wellbeing at the Heart

Children cannot learn if they don't feel safe, happy and supported. We prioritise emotional health and wellbeing for all.

- ♥ Nurture and restorative approaches
- ♥ Trusted adults and check-ins
- ♥ Zones of regulation and Now/Next boards
- ♥ Access to counselling, mentoring and external support
- ♥ A focus on resilience, confidence and self-esteem



A Culture of Belonging

We celebrate difference and promote kindness, respect and understanding. Every child is part of our Portmead family.

- ★ An inclusive and respectful school community
- ★ Pupil voice through our School Council
- ★ Celebrating cultural diversity
- ★ Learning about rights, responsibilities and respect
- ★ Opportunities for all children to take part, achieve and shine

Be you. You belong here. ♥



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Working Together



We work closely with families, carers and a wide range of professionals to ensure the best outcomes for our children.



Our Four Purposes



Everything we do supports our children to grow into:



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Did we make a Difference?

Looking back at our priorities for 2025 - 2026



Writing

A love of writing.
A future full of possibilities.



GOOD PROGRESS

Our priority: Build a consistent approach to developing pupils' writing across the school.

The difference: Children became more confident and independent writers, with clearer progression and greater consistency. Talk for Writing, Skills Chains and novel-led learning enhanced our writing experiences.

Next: Keep developing independence, adaptive teaching and children's ability to improve their own writing.



Behaviour & Wellbeing

Calm classrooms.
Happy children. Brighter minds.



GOOD PROGRESS

Our priority: Develop a consistent whole-school approach to positive behaviour.

The difference: Clearer routines and expectations, restorative approaches and more personalised support have created calmer learning environments and improved engagement.

Next: Continue strengthening behaviour, wellbeing, belonging and attendance.



Assessment

Knowing more.
Remembering more. Achieving more.



Every child
Every step
Forward

MORE TO DO

Our priority: Review and refine assessment in line with Curriculum for Wales.

The difference: We streamlined systems and strengthened the way we identify pupils' progress and next steps. However, this was the area where progress was more limited and further development is needed.

Next: Develop assessment practice further, particularly pupil independence, self-assessment and understanding of progression.

And where are we going next?

2026 - 2027



Reading

Working alongside Blaenymaes Primary School, we are beginning a shared focus on developing a strong culture of reading and ensuring every child makes progress from their individual starting point.

Readers today.
Brighter tomorrows. ♥



Assessment & Independence

Continuing the work that needs further development so children understand their learning, their progress and what they need to do next.

Understand. Improve. Succeed. ♥



Attendance, Belonging & Wellbeing

With attendance currently at **88.7%**, improving attendance and ensuring children are in school, engaged and ready to learn remains a key focus.

Be here. Belong. Achieve. ♥



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Attendance at Portmead

Every day matters ♥



"Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, belong and thrive."

Our Attendance 2025 – 2026

88.7%
Overall attendance



We know that there is more we can do and improving attendance is a key priority for 2026 – 2027.

Why Attendance Matters ♥



Learn

Children make the best progress when they are in school and part of the learning journey.



Belong

Regular attendance helps children feel part of our school family.



Grow

Being in school builds confidence, independence and friendships.



Succeed

Every day in school helps children to achieve their hopes and dreams.

Every Day Counts

A few days here and there can add up to a lot of learning lost:

95% attendance ≈ 9 days off a year

90% attendance ≈ 19 days off a year

85% attendance ≈ 29 days off a year

80% attendance ≈ 38 days off a year

More time in school means more chances to shine! ♥

We Understand ♥

We know that some absences are unavoidable, for example illness or medical appointments. If your child is unwell, please let us know as soon as possible.



We are here to work with you to support the best possible attendance for your child.



How We Support ♥

- ✓ A welcoming, safe and nurturing environment
- ✓ Early support for families when attendance becomes a concern
- ✓ Working closely with our Education Welfare Officer
- ✓ Tailored support plans where needed
- ✓ Positive recognition and celebration of good attendance
- ✓ Removing barriers and finding solutions together

How Families Can Help ♥



Establish good bedtime and morning routines



Be prepared – uniform, school bag and equipment ready



Try to arrange appointments outside of school hours where possible



Talk to us if your child is worried about coming to school – we're here to help



Celebrate good attendance and the difference it makes!



Small steps...
big futures! ♥



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Our School Finances

2025 - 2026

Making every pound count



£1,503,837

Core School Funding

Our final formula allocation for the year. This is the delegated budget managed by the school.



£726,539

Additional Income

Grant and other income helped us provide more for our children and enhanced their learning experiences.



£1,584,396

Net Expenditure

Invested in running our school and providing the best possible education and support for our pupils.



£38,101

Closing Reserves

Our remaining reserve balance at the end of March 2026.

Where did our money go?

Our People



£922,175

Salaries

£2,425

Other employee costs

The largest part of our budget is spent on our dedicated staff who make the biggest difference to our children every day.

Learning & Resources



£306,574

Supplies & services



Investing in high quality resources, learning materials, IT, curriculum experiences and enrichment activities to support amazing learning opportunities.

Our School Environment



£30,298

Premises

Keeping our school safe, clean and well maintained so our children have the best possible environment to learn and grow.

Other Costs



£173,263

Recharges

Includes essential central services provided by the local authority, such as HR, finance, ICT and other support services.

Our year-end position

- ✓ Final formula allocation: £1,503,837
- ✓ Net expenditure: £1,584,396
- ✓ Amount funded from reserves: £80,559
- ✓ Opening reserves (01/04/25): £118,660
- ✓ Closing reserves (31/03/26): £38,101

During 2025-26, we used £80,559 of our reserves to support the school budget. This reduced our reserves from £118,660 to £38,101.

Governors continue to monitor our finances carefully to ensure resources are used effectively and sustainably, always with our children's best interests at the heart of every decision.



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Our Journey Together

Portmead & Blaenymaes

Two Schools • One Shared Future

Working together today to create an even brighter tomorrow for our children, families and communities.

Why Our Schools Are Coming Together

Portmead and Blaenymaes share many similarities, including our commitment to high aspirations, inclusive practice and a strong sense of community. The new school will bring together the very best of both schools to provide modern, high-quality facilities and even greater opportunities for all our children.



Where We Are Now

- ✓ Working closely together through curriculum harmonisation
- ✓ A shared Reading priority for 2026–2027
- ✓ Aligning approaches to teaching, assessment, behaviour and ALN support
- ✓ Regular meetings between both school leadership teams and governors
- ✓ Engaging with pupils, staff, families and the wider community
- ✓ Planning for the future while maintaining the unique identity of both schools

Our Shared Vision

“A new school community where every child learns, belongs, thrives and achieves their potential.”



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“Different strengths.
Shared values.
A brighter future together.”

Listening to Our Children

Our pupils have shared their ideas and hopes for the new school through surveys, workshop and discussions. Their voice is helping to shape the plans, ensuring the new school reflects what matters most to them.



Dysgu • Perthyn • Ffynnu • Gyda'n gilydd

What Happens Next?

- 🔍 Ongoing design and planning work with the Local Authority
- 👥 Continued engagement with pupils, families and staff
- 📄 Formal consultation at the appropriate stage
- 🚩 Updates will be shared regularly as plans progress

We will keep our school community informed every step of the way.

A new chapter
Full of possibilities

What Stays the Same

- ✓ Our commitment to every child
- ✓ Our caring, inclusive ethos
- ✓ Our experienced and dedicated staff
- ✓ Our strong community links
- ✓ Our focus on wellbeing, learning and high expectations
- ✓ Our belief that every child can succeed

Same values.
Bigger opportunities.



Looking Ahead to 2026 - 2027

Another year of learning, belonging
and growing together



Same children.
Same values.
Bigger opportunities.

Our key priorities for 2026 - 2027

Reading



Building a love of reading across both schools and helping every child make progress from their individual starting point.

Assessment & Independence



Developing consistent, meaningful assessment that helps children understand their learning, recognise their progress and become increasingly independent and confident learners.

Attendance & Belonging



Working with families so that every child is in school, feels they belong and has every opportunity to learn, make progress and thrive.

Our Shared Future



Continuing to work closely with Blaenymaes as we harmonise our curriculum, share practice and prepare for our new school, while celebrating the unique identity of both schools.

Your support makes a difference.

Thank you for being part of Portmead.

Together we create brighter futures.

A strong community helps our children thrive.

To our children, families, staff, governors and wider community – thank you for everything you do to make our school such a special place. We are proud of how far we have come and excited about what lies ahead.

