

Chair of Governors – End of Year Letter to Parents and Carers

June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another school year, I wanted to take this opportunity to reflect on what's been a busy and eventful time for the school, and to share my thanks with the whole community.

This has been my first year as Chair of Governors, and it's been a real privilege to step into the role. The year has brought with it some significant changes, but also plenty of progress — and throughout, the commitment of pupils, staff, governors, and families has been clear to see.

There are so many thank-yous, I'm not quite sure where to start – but here goes...

A huge thank-you to Kat Ellis, who stepped down as Chair at the start of the year and finishes her time as Parent Governor in July. Her contribution to the school over the years has been immense and invaluable. She will leave a legacy for years to come.

We also welcomed a new arrival this year – Miss Sophie's baby! – with Kerri stepping in to cover her maternity leave.

Behind the scenes, Ruby and Nia have been working tirelessly in one-to-one support roles. In the kitchen we said a goodbye to Miss Annette after many years of service, and her curries and brownies will be missed by all. We welcomed Miss Angie into the role who is already making it her own.

After many years as a cornerstone of our school office, Delyth will be leaving us at the end of the year. From keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes to being a friendly first point of contact for so many families, Delyth has supported our school community with kindness, calm, and quiet efficiency. Their presence will be truly missed by staff, pupils and parents alike.

The school's Challenge Advisor Vicky will also finish her support to the school at the end of the year. She has been a great support to the school over recent years and her focus and commitment to the school has been invaluable.

Throughout all the change, Mrs Howells and the whole team have continued to show huge dedication, and our first staff well-being questionnaire was a lovely reminder of just how much care and teamwork goes on every day.

Thank you, too, to our brilliant Governors – all volunteers who give their time and energy to support the school. A special mention to Lowri, who has transformed the school library into a magical place to read, discover and explore.













The team has been hard at work delivering the School Development Plan, with some brilliant steps forward in reading, helped by the introduction of new reading records. There's also been a lot happening behind the scenes with new planning and assessment tools to better track pupil progress. Science and technology have taken a leap forward too, with links to secondary schools giving children a real taste of what's to come – and hopefully sparking a lifelong interest in all things STEM.

Parents and carers have been getting involved too – thank you to everyone who joined our awareness sessions to learn more about what's happening in the classroom and how to support learning at home.

One of the big wins this year was the installation of outdoor canopies, giving every class a sheltered outdoor space – perfect for rain or shine. (The canopy for Parrog and Betws will be fitted over the summer holidays.) And let's not forget the Greener Growth project, which continues to bring the school grounds to life, helping children connect with nature through forest school sessions and outdoor learning.

Looking ahead, the school is preparing a refreshed prospectus and welcome materials for new families. The focus for the next stage of development will include boosting confidence in Welsh, deepening enthusiasm for learning, and building leadership skills across the school.

So, as we say goodbye to another school year, I'd like to wish you all a sunny, restful and well-deserved summer break. A warm welcome to our new Parent Governor joining in the autumn, and a big cheer for our Year 6 leavers heading off to secondary school – you've made us proud!

Thanks again for being part of our school community – it's the people who make it special. Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb am eich holl gymorth a'ch cydweithrediad dros y flwyddyn

Cofion gorau / Warmest wishes,

Emma Rees

Chair of Governors









