



Gelliswick Church in Wales
VC Primary School

Annual Governing Body Report to Parents 2024-25

Pembrokeshire term dates
<https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/pembrokeshire-schools/term-dates-and-school-holidays> Please see website.

Election of Parent Governors
 Arrangements are made for the election of parent governors when a parent governor's term of office expires, or on receipt of a resignation. Information about the election is sent via our usual communication channels.

Chair of Governors
 Cllr. Y Southwell, C/O School Address

Clerk to the Governors
 Mrs J Ashworth, C/O School Address

Full report
 The full report to parents is available on our school website and contains information on attendance, financial summary, the school development plan, Additional Learning Needs, term dates.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff team for their continued hard work and dedication. At the end of the summer term, we said goodbye to a number of staff; Mrs Hopkinson, Mrs Maloney, Mrs Evans, Mr O'Connor, Ms Nabaneh, Miss Ledwood, Miss Eastwood and Mrs Maher who move on to various new roles, adventures and even retirement.

The Governing Body and I continue to work closely with Mrs Prevel and the school's senior leadership team in continuing to develop Gelliswick school to make sure makes good progress against its priorities and that learners continue to make good progress across the curriculum.

As I am sure you will be aware, Gelliswick has established an active support group – 'Friends of Gelliswick School', who have been working hard to fundraise and put on activities to enhance pupil and family experiences. We are very thankful for their time and energy in supporting our children. We do hope to see you at our family bingo events, discos and summer fete next year, if you are able to give a hand. I encourage you to find out more about our 'Friends' group and consider joining and supporting in any way that you are able.

We are also grateful for the support of our wider parish communities, particularly Canon John Cecil, Rev. Samuel Patterson, and other parishioners who support the spiritual life of our school.

The School Prospectus and a summary of the School Development Plan, along with a wealth of other information, including the curricular aims of the schools can be found on our school website. We always welcome any feedback and encourage you to complete the questionnaires sent out by the school. Thank you to those families who have taken the time to give us feedback each term. This is always useful in supporting us to improve.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the pupils and the whole school community on their successes this year and wish those Year 6 pupils who have moved onto Milford Haven Secondary all the best in their future endeavors. Please find below a very small insight into the busy year we've had at Gelliswick. Check out Class Dojo or follow our Facebook/Instagram page to keep up to date with the brilliant achievements of the children of Gelliswick school. We look forward to the coming academic year with enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely, Cllr Yvonne Southwell, Chair of Governors

Governor Type	Name
Additional Community	Cllr Yvonne Southwell
Community	Vacancy
Foundation	Mrs Jacqueline Davies
Foundation	Mr John Greenish
Foundation	Mr Geraint Williams
Foundation	Rev Samuel Patterson
Head teacher	Mrs L Prevel
Local Authority	Mr David Humphreys
Local Authority	Mrs Jane Rees
Local Authority	Ms Sophie Amies
Parent	Mr Graham Whitecross
Parent	Mrs Rhianon Picton
Parent	Vacancy
Parent	Mrs Paula Holt
Parent	Mr Steven Mayne
Staff	Ms Emma Evans
Teacher	Vacancy
Bishop's visitor (ex officio)	Mrs Lorna Cecil
Diocesan Director (ex officio)	Rev John Cecil

Successes this year at Gelliswick Church in Wales VC School

These are a few highlights of our year – please check out our website, dojo and facebook pages to keep up to date with what is happening at Gelliswick!

Religious Life

- Harvest services in school and at St Mary's Church Hakin
- Christmas service services in school
- PATCH donations arranged by Dept. of Spiritual life

School events

- Successful Christmas discos and a super Easter bingo night. Lots of fun had by all!
- Macmillan coffee morning raising funds.
- NSPCC PANTS days, Anti-bullying week, Shwmae day and Show Racism the Red Card day!
- Amazing productions from all our Year groups: EY – Nativity, Y1/2 – “You are special” Summer Spectacular, Y3/4 – Welsh Whisperer concert, Y5/6 – The Snow Queen! Musical

Sporting Events

- Boys and girls cricket tournaments
- MANY Milford Haven Cluster sporting competitions
- Y5/6 football tournament
- Y6 went to Llangrannog - many thanks to the staff who attended to support the children for this memorable time

Community Links

- School summer fayre
- Choir singing at various community events
- RLSS assemblies – the school even had a slot on ITV news!
- Fire service visits
- Y6 safe cycling course



Our Lighthouse Community Hub, used by families and children at Gelliswick. Staff and community members give what they can so others can take what they need from the Lighthouse. The Lighthouse has received financial support from generous donors who have heard about its work. Learners access the Lighthouse freely and attend daily to pick up anything they need. On average 8 families per week access the Lighthouse. Please contact Mrs Awcock or Ms Evans to discuss any needs you have or if you would like to donate.

Examples of support provided:

- ▶ Bedding sets provided to school families
- ▶ Christmas presents
- ▶ Swimming kits provided weekly
- ▶ Full kit bags for residential trips
- ▶ Sanitary product packs provided to children in need
- ▶ Nappies/wipes accessed daily
- ▶ New learners have been provided with pre-loved school uniform on entry
- ▶ Daily provision for underwear, shoes, clothing, coats etc
- ▶ Electricity and gas top ups
- ▶ Toiletries, including hairbrushes, shampoo and deodorants provided daily
- ▶ Nit lotion and combs provided
- ▶ Bag of clothes and necessities provided for pupils going into temporary care