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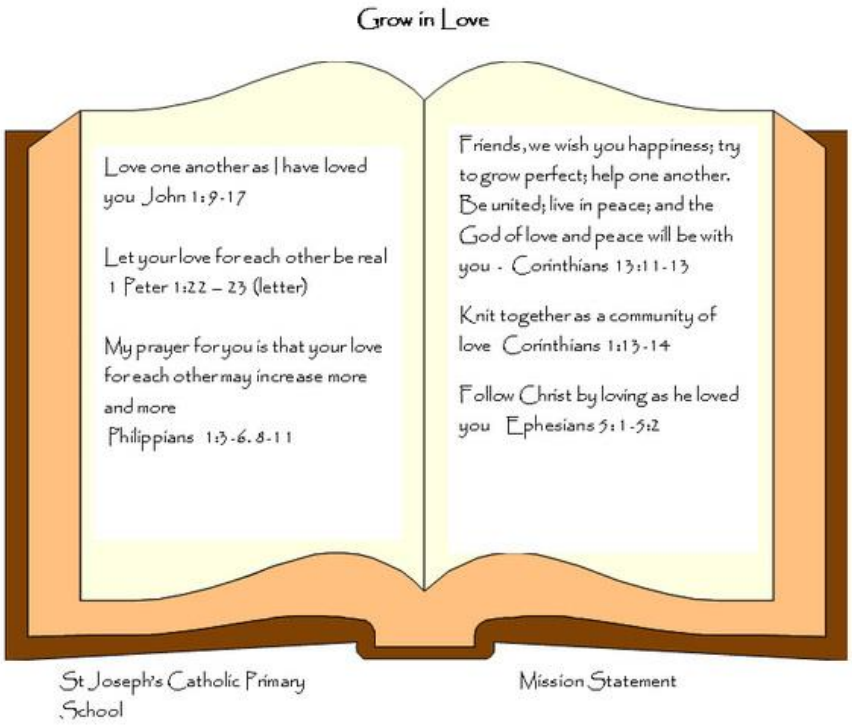
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BAE COLWYN

Grow in Love

Governors' Annual Report to Parents

2024-2025



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1. Introduction from Chair of Governors

Another year appears to have flown by very quickly as I sit to write this report. This year has been a difficult year. As I finished my letter last year, I said the budget would again be challenging. Unfortunately, we were presented with a budget which meant we had to implement redundancy which resulted in Mrs Taylor taking voluntary redundancy at Easter. I would like to put on record my thanks to all the staff during a very stressful period for their support and continued professionalism whilst the redundancy process was taking place. The budget for the coming year appears just as challenging.

A number of Foundation Governors stood down in July before re appointment by the Bishop in August for the next term of office. I would like to thank Nicola Cooper, Emily Jones, Michelle Romachney (previous Chairperson), Liz Ward and Carol Wreglesworth for all their help and contributions whilst they served as governors. We welcome Sarah Braid and Garth Butcher as new foundation governors but still require more new governors if anyone is interested. Simon Croft, the Conwy County representative, also has a new role at council so will no longer be the county representative. A special mention to Mrs Pritchard who has left her role as Clerk to the Governors. She gave many years of her time, voluntary, helping organising, note taking and keeping us all on the right track. She has been greatly missed at our meetings and for all the work she did outside of the meetings.

The school development plan (SDP) continues to evolve and, as Governors, we are really delighted with the progress we have seen in the school during the year. We are looking in the coming year to further strengthen the link between teachers and Governors by having a dedicated governor working with a lead teacher for each area of learning.

New guidance on attendance has been produced by Conwy education department which has been approved and signed off by the governors. I am aware that Mr Wilkinson has informed you as parents about the difference between authorised and unauthorised attendance. As governors we seek your support in improving our attendance. Attendance of your children at school is important to them as an individual and can have a disruptive effect on the whole class.

Behaviour within school has also been raised to us on several occasions this year. We ask, as governors, to ensure that your children show respect to staff and their fellow pupils. Disruption within a class does have an effect on your child's education.

I would like to thank the staff for their continued support and dedication they give to the pupils to maintain a safe and happy environment.

I would also like to thank the PTA for all the wonderful work they do in supporting the school and the financial support they give through their fundraising activities.

Hopefully this year you will see a lot of maintenance work around the school funded by a grant from the Welsh government to the diocese.

Thank you to all my fellow governors for all the voluntary time you give to the school and the support to myself.

Last but not least a massive thank to Mr Wilkinson for all his continued support and leadership in making St Josephs the great school it is.

Phil Mulholland (Chair of Governors)

2. Governing Body Information

Governor name	Type of governor	End of term of office
Mrs S Braid	Foundation	August 2028
Mr A O'Kelly	Foundation	August 2028
Mr G Butcher	Foundation	August 2028
Fr Vimal	Foundation	August 2028
Mr P Mulholland	Foundation	August 2028
Mr T MacLean	Foundation	August 2025
Cllr. D Wilkins	Community	August 2026
Mr A Campion	Parent	August 2027
TBC	Local Authority	August 2026
Mr A Laing	Elected Teacher	August 2028
Mrs T McGowan	Elected Staff	August 2028
Mr J Wilkinson	Head teacher	August 2028

Chair to the Governors: Mr P Mulholland, St Joseph's School, Brackley Avenue, Colwyn Bay, LL29 7UU

Clerk to the Governors: TBC

There were the following changes to the governing body during the academic year 2024 – 2025

- Mrs C Wreglesworth, Dr M Romachney, Mrs E Ward and Mrs N Cooper left their roles as Foundation Governors
- Mr G Butcher and Mrs S Braid were appointed as new Foundation Governors
- Mrs E Roberts left her role as Teacher Governor and was replaced by Mrs A Laing
- Cllr S Croft left his role as Conwy Governor
- Mr A Campion was elected as Parent Governor

There was no Annual Report to Parents Meeting requested for 2023-24

3. Summary of income and expenditure

2024/2025

ADRODDIAD GWARIANT / EXPENDITURE REPORT

CYFRIFON TERFYNOL - FINAL ACCOUNT

YSGOL ST JOSEPH'S 155		CYLLIDEB TERFYNOL *FINAL BUDGET*	NEWIDIADAU CYLLIDOL/ *BUDGET VIREMENT*	CYLLIDEB PRESENNOL *CURRENT BUDGET*	GWIR-WARIANT *ACTUAL EXPENDITURE*	AMCANGYFRIF GWARIANT PELLACH *ESTIMATED FURTHER EXPENDITURE*	ALLDRO A RHAGWELIR *PROJECTED OUTTURN*	GWAHANIAETH *VARIANCE*
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
GWEITHWYR	**EMPLOYEES**							
STAFF DYSGU	*TEACHING STAFF*							
Athrawon	Teachers	728,016	0	**728,016**	740,548.17	0	740,548	-12,532
Codiadau Cyflog	Increments	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
ATHRAWON LLANW	*SUPPLY TEACHERS*							
Llanw- Salwch/Premiwm	Supply-sickness/premium	25,678	0	**25,678**	39,010	0	39,010	-13,332
Llanw- Mamolaeth	Supply-Maternity	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Anghenion Arbennig	Supply-Special Needs	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Swydd Wag	Supply-Vacant Post	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Cytundeb Gweithlu	Supply-Workforce Agreement	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Arall	Supply-Other	1,041	0	**1,041**	0	0	0	**1,041**
STAFF ATEGOL	*SUPPORT STAFF*							
Cymhorthyddion Addysgu	Teaching Assistants	182,377	0	**182,377**	172,501	0	172,501	**9,876**
Cymorthydd Gweinyddol	Administrative Assistant	29,673	0	**29,673**	29,302	0	29,302	**372**
Goruchwylio Canol Dydd	Mid-Day Supervision	16,158	0	**16,158**	11,836	0	11,836	**4,322**
Clerigol Amser Cinio	Lunchtime Clericals	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Gofalwr	Caretaker	7,790	0	**7,790**	9,066	0	9,066	**-1,276**
Glanhawyr/Glanhawr mewn gofal	Cleaners/Cleaners in Charge	19,866	0	**19,866**	19,864	0	19,864	**2**
Staff Brecwast	Breakfast staff	10,434	0	**10,434**	10,161	0	10,161	**273**
Warden Cymunedol	Community Warden	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Llanw- Staff Ategol	Supply-non teaching	1,920	0	**1,920**	11,515	0	11,515	**-9,594**
COSTAU ERAILL	*OTHER COSTS*							
Hysbysebu	Advertising	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Prydau Oedolion	Adult Meals	735	0	**735**	352	0	352	**383**
Costau Eraill staff	Other Staff Costs	500	0	**500**	697	0	697	**-197**
Hyfforddi A Datblygu Staff	Staff Training and Development	200	0	**200**	956	0	956	**-756**
ADEILADAU	**PREMISES**							
Atgyweirio a Chynnal adeiladau (Cyffredinol)	Repair and Maintenance of Buildings (General)	4,300	0	**4,300**	9,008	0	9,008	**-4,708**
Adeiladau-CaCh (Datganoli Pellach)	Repairs & Maintenance Buildings - Additional Responsibilities	8,073	0	**8,073**	8,168	0	8,168	**-94**
Trydan	Electricity	7,048	0	**7,048**	11,738	0	11,738	**-4,690**
Nwy	Gas	4,599	0	**4,599**	7,543	0	7,543	**-2,944**
Dwr	Water	4,783	0	**4,783**	8,340	0	8,340	**-3,557**
Olew	Oil	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Cynnal Tir	Grounds Maintenance	855	0	**855**	900	0	900	**-45**
Defnyddiau Glanhau	Cleaning Materials	2,300	0	**2,300**	3,032	0	3,032	**-732**
Offer Ymladd Tan	Fire Fighting Equipment	300	0	**300**	915	0	915	**-615**
Trethi	Rates	3,484	0	**3,484**	3,484	0	3,484	**0**
Casglu Ysbwriel	Refuse Collection	2,967	0	**2,967**	3,543	0	3,543	**-576**
Costau Eraill Adeiladau	Other Premises Costs	900	0	**900**	0	0	0	**900**
CLUDIANT	**TRANSPORT**							
Costau Teithio Staff	Travelling Expenses Staff	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Costau Teithio Disgyblion	Travelling Costs Pupils	1,415	0	**1,415**	3,128	0	3,128	**-1,713**
CYFLENWADAU A GWASANAETHAU	**SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**							
Lwfans Y Pen	Capitation	15,800	0	**15,800**	21,733	0	21,733	**-5,933**
Costau Llungopiwr	Photocopier Costs	3,500	0	**3,500**	2,317	0	2,317	**1,183**
Offer Technoleg Gwybodaeth	Information technology Equipment	0	0	**0**	3,159	0	3,159	**-3,159**
Cynllun Benthyca	Loan Scheme	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Ffôn	Telephones	1,870	0	**1,870**	1,997	0	1,997	**-127**
Gwersi Nofio	Swimming Tuition	3,500	0	**3,500**	4,562	0	4,562	**-1,062**
Darpariaeth Awyr Agored	Outdoor Education Provision	4,000	0	**4,000**	11,338	0	11,338	**-7,338**
Cefnogaeth Cwriciwlwm TGC	ICT Curriculum Support	4,266	0	**4,266**	4,266	0	4,266	**0**
Asiantaeth - Staff	Agency - Staff	1,000	0	**1,000**	14,633	0	14,633	**-13,633**
Cerdd	Music	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meals	27,320	0	**27,320**	0	0	0	**27,320**
Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Gwasanaethau Eraill	Other Services	3,952	0	**3,952**	4,480	0	4,480	**-528**
TALIADAU TRYDYDD PARTI	**THIRD PARTY PAYMENTS**							
Cytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth	Service Level Agreements	80,871	0	**80,871**	80,619	0	80,619	**252**
CYFANSWM GWARIANT	**TOTAL EXPENDITURE**	**1,211,492**	**0**	**1,211,492**	**1,254,712**	**0**	**1,254,712**	**-43,220**
INCWM	**INCOME**							
Gosodiadau	Lettings	-1,500	0	**-1,500**	-1,500	0	-1,500	**0**
Incwm Cerdd	Music Income	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Incwm Prydau Oedolion	Adult Meal Income	-735	0	**-735**	-376	0	-376	**-359**
Incwm Prydau Disgyblion	Pupil Meal Income	-27,320	0	**-27,320**	-88	0	-88	**-27,232**
Incwm Llaeth Disgyblion	Pupil Milk Income	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**
Incwm Arall	Other Income	-11,000	0	**-11,000**	-103,860	0	-103,860	**92,860**
Cyfraniad Grant GDD	PDG grant contribution	-89,556	0	**-89,556**	0	0	0	**-89,556**
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	-100,170	0	**-100,170**	0	0	0	**-100,170**
Llôg ar falansau	Interest on Balances	0	0	**0**	-446	0	-446	**446**
CYLLID HEB EI DDYRANNU	**UNALLOCATED FUNDING**	0	159,534	**159,534**				**159,534**
CYFANSWM	**TOTAL**	**981,211**	**159,534**	**1,140,745**	**1,148,442**	**0**	**1,148,442**	**-7,697**
DEFNYDD O ARBEDION 2023/24 (I FALANSIO'R GYLLIDEB)	USE OF 2023/24 CARRYOVERS (TO BALANCE THE BUDGET)	-27,634						
CYFANSWM Y GYLLIDEB TERFYNOL	**TOTAL FINAL BUDGET**	**953,577**						

ADNODDAU YCHWANEGOL	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES	£
Arbedion	Reserves	32,332
Dyraniad Cronfa Wrth Gefn Ysgolion	Schools Contingency allocation	0
Assasiad Trethi	Rates Adjustment	-0
Gwaharddiadau	Exclusions	0
Cronfa Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Fund	100,170
Grant Dysgu Proffesiynol	Professional Learning Grant	5,730
Grant Diwygio'r Cwricwlwm	Curriculum Reform Grant	2,122
Grant Gweithredu ADY	ALN Implementation Grant	5,525
Ariannu ychwanegol Safonau Ysgolion	School Standards Additional Funding	12,986
Gwelliant - Cefnogaeth ADY	Reform - ALNCO Support	2,649
Codiad tâl athrawon (Medi '24)	Teachers pay increase (Sept '24)	5,443
Safonau Ysgolion (Amrywiad 4)	School Standards Variation 4	9,740
Ariannu Egni 24/25	Energy Funding 24/25	7,634
Grant ADY	ALN Provision	2,838
Grant Addysg Awdurdodau Lleol (a arweinir gan alw)	Practioner Engagement (Demand Led)	0
CYFANSWM ADNODDAU AR GAEL	TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE	1,140,745.23

AMCANGYFRIF ARBEDION 2024-25 ESTIMATED CARRYOVER	-7,697
Canran Arbedion / Percentage Carryover	-1%

Current financial situation

Our expenditure on staffing remains more than is affordable based on our budget allocation. Our current structure is heavily reliant on grant funding continuing. In the Financial Year 2025-2026 forecasts suggest we will overspend our allocation and be required to make further cuts to staffing in April 2026.

Grant Funding

1. School Standards - £113,297 being spent to meet staffing requirements in Early Years and Years 1 and 2
2. Equity - £63,825 and Under 5s £23,091 is being spent on additional staffing to support smaller group support in Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing
3. Reform (Professional Learning and Additional Learning Needs Grants) - £10,900

Travel and subsistence

No travel or subsistence payments have been made to members of the Governing Body.

Gifts

Outside of money raised through fundraising activities (including PTA), the school received donations from parents, former parents and parishioners totalling £600 plus a grant of £304 from Colwyn Town Council towards families requiring extra support in transition to high school.

4. Community/Parish Links development

Parish

The newly appointed GIFT Team led our Harvest Mass and we adopted a new system for different classes taking the lead with other masses during the term. We held a School/Parish Carol Service on Friday 13th December. This was a wonderful event, organised by Miss Copp and well attended by children and families. Fr Vimal visited all the classes during the term leading Prayer.

In Spring Term, we held a special assembly to launch the Year of Jubilee and followed this up with CAFOD workshops for Years 5 and 6. Children in Year 3 began preparations for the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion. Our annual Big Lent Walk, arranged by Miss Copp was a successful community/parish event which raised £335 for CAFOD. We held a number of school masses which are now being planned and delivered by individual classes – parent/family attendance seems to be on the increase. Despite the range of need in school, almost all children attend mass and the behaviour is very good. This is a strength and a big positive.

In Summer Term, children in Year 3 made their 1st Holy Communion followed by their party in school. Year 6 pupils attended the Diocesan Leavers Mass in Wrexham Cathedral. Alongside the Parish, our PTA held a fantastic summer fair. This featured bouncy castles, lovely food, lots of stalls and a stage with entertainment throughout the afternoon.

Other Community Links

In Autumn Term we served our community and wider world through the choir performances at local venues and care homes, litter picks and donations to Teams 4U, Children in Need and the St Joseph's Foodbank members who are giving their time to help our community. Children in Years 1-4 walked

to Theatre Colwyn for a special Christmas Film treat. Our NPEP Project in conjunction with Bangor University was extended based on the Year 6 trial to see if Accelerated Reader could have a similar positive impact in all Junior classes following the implementation processes of Year 6.

In Spring Term, we started a long-term project through The King's Garden. The aim is for young and old to learn more about their environment. 'Who Lives in the Playground?' has seen Year 3 and Year 4 children and one or two parents/parishioners making nests, examining trees and learning about all sorts of wildlife. PC Gareth Owen continued to deliver School Police Liaison sessions, despite the fact that funding has been cut by WG. NWP have agreed to continue to fund and we feel these sessions are needed more than ever in the Colwyn Bay area.

In Summer Term, Year 5 children went to Ysgol Eirias for taster days and Year 6 children attended Transition Week at Ysgol Eirias and Ysgol Bryn Elian in preparation for September 2025. We continue to work very closely with Ysgol Eirias to provide continuity of learning between Year 6 and Year 7. Dr Lowri Brown, Head of Education, visited our school. This is her first visit for a while and she commented on the positive environment of the school, whilst acknowledging the challenges of need and resources.

5. Report on Self-Evaluation and School Development Plan Priorities

What did we find out last year?

- Attendance is below Conwy average and we are authorising more absences than Conwy schools. This needs to improve.
- We have identified areas for further development in each of the Areas of Learning Experience (AoLE). This will be driven by AoLE Teams.
- Pupils have good knowledge of how their learning is based on the four purposes
- The teaching of writing now has a clearer structure
- Planning for applied Literacy and Numeracy skills has improved
- Training for meeting Additional Learning Needs was good but further is still required
- Pupils report that behaviour in class and at playtimes is not as good as it should be

Progress against School Development Plan priorities 2024-2025

- We made good progress with Prayer and Liturgy - included careful planning within classes and whole school using the revised directory 'Love you more dearly'
- We improved writing across the school through carefully structured genres taught and applied in all classes
- Maths skills are better mapped and applied within topics. Further work is needed with Science.
- Improved training provided to help staff support children with Additional Learning Needs. This continues to be a priority for further development.

Proposed School Development Plan priorities 2025-2026

- To evaluate the appropriateness, breadth and depth of curriculum annually through the establishment and effective use of Areas of Learning Experience (AoLE) teams
- To improve whole school attendance data in line with Conwy averages

- To further strengthen self-evaluation processes to enhance pupils' skills

6. School Performance Summary

Wellbeing, as evidenced by attendance data and a variety of pupil/parent surveys is mixed. Whilst most children report they are happy in school and that staff help them to learn, more children than on average in Conwy schools continue to report that other children do not behave well at playtimes and in class. We have enrolled on a project with Ffit Conwy to try to enhance our playtime provision in 2025-26.

Most children continue to develop their literacy, numeracy and digital skills and are able to apply these skills across the curriculum. Most pupils' writing skills progressed well through implementation of a more structured approach to the teaching of genres.

Attendance remains a concern with overall attendance below Conwy and Wales average and authorised absence above.

7. Attendance data

Year	Attend %	Auth Abs %	Unauth Abs %	FPN Warnings	FPNs
2022-2023	91.3	8.1	0.6	0	0
2023-2024	91.7	7.8	0.4	0	0
2024-2025	91.2	8.0	0.8	1	0

Groups	2023-2024		2024-2025	
	School %	Wales %	School %	Wales %
All Pupils	91.7	92.1	91.2	92.6
Boys	90.5	91.9	90.2	TBC
Girls	93.2	92.3	92.0	TBC
Entitled to Free School Meals	88.9	87.9	88.3	88.3
Additional Learning Needs	84.2	88.3	85.1	TBC
English Additional Language	92.2	TBC	92.7	TBC
Children Looked After	98.1	TBC	83.0	TBC
Summer Born	90.7	TBC	90.6	TBC

Attendance Targets 2025-2026

- All pupils in line with Conwy average (92.5%)
- Authorised in line with Conwy average
- Unauthorised in line with Conwy average
- Raise boys' attendance by 1%

We have revised our Attendance Policy this year and will only be authorising holidays in term time under strict exceptional circumstances.

1. **Term dates for 2025 - 2026**

AUTUMN TERM 2025	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2025**
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**TUESDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2025**
BEGINNING OF AUTUMN TERM	WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2025
HALF TERM CLOSE	FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2025
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER 2025

SPRING TERM 2026	
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2026**
BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM	TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2026
HALF TERM CLOSE	FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2026
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2026
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2026**
END OF TERM	FRIDAY 27 MARCH 2026

SUMMER TERM 2026	
BEGINNING OF SUMMER TERM	MONDAY 13 APRIL 2026
MAY DAY	MONDAY 4 MAY 2026
HALF TERM CLOSE	FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026
RETURN AFTER HALF TERM	MONDAY 1 JUNE 2026
END OF TERM	THURSDAY 16 JULY 2026
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026**
STAFF TRAINING DAY	**MONDAY 20 JULY 2026**

2. Summary of Prospectus changes

There have been no significant changes to the prospectus this year.

3. Curriculum developments

We revised our teaching of genres in Language, taking a more structured approach that is common in every class. Children explore and are taught a genre and then are given opportunities to apply that genre in other areas of the curriculum.

We have also ensured that Numeracy skills are applied at an appropriate level based on pupil Maths skills.

We have enhanced our provision for Prayer and Worship both whole school, though our GIFT Team and within each class. We follow closely the new Prayer and Liturgy Directory – 'To love you more dearly'.

We have reviewed our Marking and Feedback policy this year to ensure in reflects current guidance and practice.

4. Additional Learning Needs provision

We continue to develop the way we record information on universal and targeted provision. This ensures that all strategies are recorded and evaluated for effectiveness and provides an accurate history when trying to access further support.

Progress of children on IDPs is tracked by class teachers and our ALNCo, using a person-centred planning approach. We continue to receive external support for pupils with ASD, Speech and Language, English as an additional language and hearing impairment.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children requiring additional support (either through universal provision or IDPs). This is particularly true in the younger classes in our school. At the same time, reduced funding and changes to how ALN children are supported in Conwy, has resulted in us having fewer staff to support children. In 2025-26 demand for resources mean that a small group approach will be essential to ensure safety and meet the needs of all learners to the best of our ability.

Our Admission Policy ensures we treat all learners equally and that our site is accessible to all. However, as we are no longer able to access additional staffing or significant funding for children with additional learning needs, we are making parents/carers aware of resource pressure as part of the admission process.

5. School Language Category

St Joseph's is a Category 1 school. English is the school's main language of internal communication as well as with parents and carers. There is recognition that creating a Welsh language ethos within the school supports and encourages positive attitudes towards Welsh language use. Learners are able to read, write, speak and listen in English according to age and ability, and they have some understanding of Welsh. Welsh is taught and assessed as part of the Area of Learning and

Experience (AoLE) for languages, literacy and communication. At least 15% of school activities (both curricular and extra-curricular) are in Welsh.

6. Welsh language development

We are working towards the Cymraeg Campus Silver Award. This is being led by three staff who have attended the Welsh Sabbatical Course funded by Welsh Government.

7. Toilet provision

Our Nursery class have their own toilet facilities. Foundation Learners share one set of boys' and one set of girls' toilets. Years 3-6 have use of two sets of boys' and two sets of girls' toilets. There is also a separate wheelchair accessible toilet. All toilets are cleaned on a daily basis and cleanliness checks made during the day.

8. Healthy Eating developments

All children are encouraged to bring in a healthy snack. We encourage healthy packed lunches and the school catering services continue to provide healthy school meals. Pupils are asked to bring water to school. We are delighted that most children now access the free school meals service provided. This ensures most children now have a healthy, balanced lunch. All classes include work on maintaining a healthy diet in their topic provision.

9. Sports and extra-curricular activities

We took Year 4 to Pentre and Year 6 to Nant BH for Residential Outdoor Activities. It should be noted that this is becoming increasingly costly and difficult to release sufficient staff. We may need to consider whether this valuable opportunity remains viable in the future. We returned to participate in the Conwy Schools Cricket Competition - the first time we have entered for several years. We had coaches come in to school to offer sessions in tennis and cricket sessions. Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 all attended swimming lessons at Colwyn Leisure Centre. Finally, the children in Years 5 and 6 were able to attend SwimSafe sessions at Porth Eirias to ensure they are safe when swimming in the outdoors.

10. Other areas to celebrate

We have accessed a significant sum of money from Welsh Government to carry out improvement works on the building. This should include new central heating boilers, new hall windows and replacement of the leaking flat roof areas.

Corporate Health and safety carried out full inspection of the school. They were happy with our provision. They gave a small list of actions to be addressed.

The school council worked closely with Conwy to try to improve the safety of the road outside school. They created new signs to display, monitored traffic and parking and helped with a trial of temporary road closure. We are awaiting the outcomes from this trial to see if it should be implemented on a long-term basis. We were one of two schools in Conwy chosen for this pilot.

We continue to benefit from a small number of volunteers from the local community and parish who give up their valuable time to run our PTA and to come in to school.

Our After School Club was inspected by Care Inspectorate Wales. The inspector commented particularly on the staff/pupil relationships, care shown and provision of the environment.