



Ysgol y Llan Primary School

Growing and learning through faith, friends and fun
Tyu a Dysgu Gyda'n Gilydd trwy Ffydd, Ffrindiau a Hwyl



Welcome to Ysgol y Llan

Mr. Tomos Williams, Headteacher, says:

It is with great pride that I welcome you to our wonderful school in Wales. We are a mixed, English-medium primary school situated in the village of Whitford, commanding spectacular views over the River Dee, the Wirral and beyond. We are a popular school, proud of our achievements and we have a strong reputation in the local community.

Warm, welcoming, vibrant, engaging

Parents tell us that we are an extremely warm, welcoming and vibrant school.

Inspire

We provide a caring, supportive community in which all children are valued and provided with intellectual challenge. It is our aim to inspire all learners to follow their dreams, creating a better future for Wales and the global community.

Opportunities for every child

We offer an active environment with meaningful experiences that nurture and develop creativity, individual talents and interests. We will challenge pupils to become informed critical decision makers and problem solvers with a strong moral sense of right and wrong. We provide opportunities for all children to become confident assertive communicators with the ability to be resilient risk takers.

Igniting an interest in the world

Our teaching is stimulating and creative and encourages our children to continue their education outside of school, and become lifelong learners. We want to ignite an interest in the world around them, and for that interest to lead to fulfilling and imaginative lives. Learning should be fun!

Pastoral care

Whilst academic achievements are an important part of life at our school, all children also have the opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of sporting and musical opportunities, as well as regular trips. Our pastoral care is exceptional, ensuring all children are kept safe and are supported both inside and outside school.

Dedicated staff

I am also very proud of our exceptionally experienced and dedicated staff, who ensure that all our children are well supported to achieve their true potential and work hard with families to overcome any barriers to learning.

Get in touch

If you wish to hear more about what we can offer your child, and to visit our school, please contact us for more information or an appointment to meet me, on either 01745 560431 or whmail@hwbcymru.net.





School day: happy learners

Wraparound care

Breakfast Club Ysgol y Llan participates in the Welsh Assembly's Free Breakfast Initiative and also has a paid service for those who have work commitments. The cost of the childcare service between 7:45am and 8.30am is £2.50 per day and the free breakfast club will be available from 8.30am until 8:45am. Your school day begins at 8:55am.

We also have an After-School Club (Clwb Ddraig) which provides care for pupils whose parents work and are therefore unable to collect their children at the end of the school day.

Our After-school club runs from Monday-Friday 3:15-4:15, 4:15-5:15pm. Each session is £4.

Uniform

School uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of a school and setting an appropriate tone. Our school colours are yellow and navy.

Food in school

Our priority is to ensure that all menus provide balanced and nutritious food choices, as an important and integral part of school life. Eating healthy nutritionally balanced meals helps support a young person's continued growth and development, boosting concentration, improving performance and active participation throughout the school day.

Packed lunches

Should children prefer to bring a packed lunch from home, we ask that it contains healthy and nutritious foods. All children, whether packed lunch or school meals, sit together with friends in the school hall.

Free School Meals

If you are eligible to receive free school meals it is very important for our school that you apply. The school can access funding for children who qualify for free school meals that will allow us to provide further targeted support programs, buy equipment and resources.

Please complete an online form to apply for free school meals. Contact the school office or FreeSchoolMeals@flintshire.gov.uk if you have any questions in relation to free school meals.

Behaviour

A high standard of behaviour is expected at all times.

- Ysgol y Llan is a calm and warm environment where children feel welcome and where they can work in a relaxed atmosphere.
- All children have a right to be happy in school and not feel, or be, threatened.
- When on the school site, parents are expected to support all school rules.



Curriculum: solid learning foundations for future success

A progressive curriculum

Teachers plan their work based on the Foundation Learning (infants) and National Curriculum (juniors) documents.

Infant pupils work to the 'Foundation Learning Outcomes' covering seven areas of learning.

Throughout School, pupils follow the National Curriculum for Wales. Our schemes of work provide a framework to teach by and are progressive and sequential, building year on year. Whole class teaching takes place regularly, alongside group work and individual work.

Foundation Phase Seven Areas of Learning

1. Personal and Social Development, Well-being and Cultural Diversity.
2. Language, Literacy and Communication skills.
3. Mathematical Development.
4. Welsh Language Development.
5. Knowledge and Understanding of the World.
6. Physical Development.
7. Creative Development.

National Curriculum Key Stage 2

Our lessons are taught under the following headings: The 6 AoLEs Areas of learning and experience.

- Languages, Literacy, and Communication.
- Mathematics and Numeracy.
- Science and Technology.
- Expressive Arts.
- Humanities.
- RVE
- Health and Well-being

National Curriculum for Wales

The new National Curriculum for Wales was statutory from September 2022. In preparation for this, all of the above will be taught under the new headings of the new curriculum. The Curriculum for Wales covers six Areas of Learning and Experience (AOLEs) with three cross-curriculum responsibilities.



Enriched curriculum: visits and visitors, residential, outdoor learning and clubs

Visits and visitors

To further enhance our curriculum, we regularly take the children on trips out of school, such as:

- Local walks to the Downing.
- Mostyn Estates.
- Talacre Beach.
- Annual pantomime.
- St. Asaph Cathedral.
- Greenfield Valley.
- Flint Castle.
- Local artists and musicians.

From time to time, we also welcome visitors into school to talk to the children. These have recently included:

- Bishop's Visitor or the Bishop himself.
- Police Liaison Officer.
- NSPCC.
- School nurses.
- Various sports coaches.



Residentials

Each Year, Upper Key Stage children go on a three-day residential to Nant BH to cover outdoor and adventures activities.

Nant BH Centre is part of the North Wales Outdoor Education Service (NWOES) delivering to Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Wrexham and Anglesey. Based in the heart of the Eryri National Park they are able to provide an exciting range of adventure activities in unspoilt wild country. They are surrounded by impressive scenery and have easy access to lakes, rivers, mountains, coast and mines for memorable and inspiring adventures.

Outdoor learning

Additionally, our school benefits from wonderful outdoor provision in a secure learning environment, including:

- Extensive grounds.
- A small, wooded area named the Goedwig, with log circles, bug hotels and a small pond.
- Two FP outdoor areas.
- Outdoor classroom.
- Trim trail.
- School orchard.

Clubs

Many extra-curricular activities take place at the school, including:

- Urdd,
- Football,
- Gardening Club,
- Choir.

Some of these activities are seasonal.



Sport, P.E. and music

Sport and P.E.

Health, wellbeing and fitness are considered vitally important at Ysgol y Llan. We encourage all pupils to participate in sporting activities and to derive enjoyment from such activities.

Regular sporting fixtures against local schools are arranged to give pupils experience of competitive sport. The main competitions that we regularly participate in include:

- Football.
- Dodgeball.
- Swimming.
- Rounders.
- Netball.
- Tennis.
- Athletics.
- Hockey.

Music

We value music and the happiness and togetherness this can bring to everyone. Daily hymns brighten up even the dullest of days during our collective worships. We also take part in various community musical events:

- Annual Christmas Carol singing at Mostyn Hall or the local town.
- Singing in the local Eisteddfod.
- Cathedral services.



Inclusion

Additional Learning Needs, supporting our shining stars

In line with our desire to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality for pupils of all abilities within the context of Christian belief and practice, we take great care to identify any pupil who may have additional needs. Our Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator (ALNCo) is responsible for maintaining a register of children with additional learning needs, including those identified as more able and talented.

We maintain a register of children with additional learning needs (including those identified as more able and talented). These children are identified through ongoing teacher assessment, and also by analysis of the results from the assessment/profile weeks, which takes place in the autumn and spring term. Children on the register are discussed formally at bi-annual additional learning needs team meetings which monitor progress and decide whether further intervention is necessary. Where appropriate, children will be provided with an Individual Development Plan.

Monitoring and support is provided via:

- A person centered approach with the views of the learner and family at the heart of any individual plan.
- Discussions with all staff including the early years and playgroup staff so that early intervention can take place.
- Learning support staff withdrawing individuals or small groups to enhance their basic skills and to track progression
- Regular forms of assessment, reviews and tracking of progress.
- Tailored support in class through appropriate modelling, scaffolding and adult support.
- External professionals from the Learning Support Service or other relevant agencies such as Speech and Language or Occupational Therapist.

More able and talented

We take part in regular activities/competitions entered within Flintshire and further afield aimed specifically at those more able and talented, together with classroom-based challenges appropriate to their needs.





Worship: reflect, sing, pray and learn

Church links

We take great pride in our links with our Church. Ysgol y Llan is a Voluntary Aided School, and we teach pupils following our RVE scheme of work. Curriculum for Wales Religion, Values and Ethics.

Every day the whole school comes together to reflect, sing, pray and learn about our common Christian values. Once a week the whole school crosses the road to our local Church to attend a short service. This is conducted by the Reverend or Headteacher, and on occasion by our Bishop's Visitor or another visitor.

Collective worship

Each class has daily prayer and weekly R.E. lessons. We come together for whole school collective worship on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (Friday is a celebration assembly).

Church events

The school supports the local Church at key events during the year, including Harvest, Easter, Christingle and Christmas, and everyone is invited to the Family Eucharist Service which is held on the first Sunday of each month at 11.00am.

Pupils have the opportunity to be confirmed in St. Asaph Cathedral later in the school.





Admissions and getting involved

Applications

Ysgol y Llan Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School accepts pupils between the ages of 3 and 11 years of age. Ysgol y Llan has a capacity for 120 pupils on roll including 15 Nursery.

As a Church in Wales Voluntary Aided School, the admissions committee established by the governing body of the School is responsible for the admission of pupils. A parental preference form for nursery and primary school admission will be available on line (preferred method of application) on www.flintshire.gov.uk/schools/schooladmissions or by contacting the Admissions Team (admissions@flintshire.gov.uk; 01352 704068/704073).

Forms will be available according to the admissions timetable as set out in the Flintshire County Council Admissions Guide.

Getting involved

Friends of Ysgol y Llan

Our active and friendly PTA organise a number of popular annual events such as the Christmas Fair, Winter Wonderland with Santa's Grotto and Reindeer, Summer Fair and BBQ, Easter Bingo and a Christmas Market. These events provide significant funding for the school. Everyone is welcome to join.

Governorship

The Governing Body consists of representatives of parents, teachers, the Local Education Authority, and Foundation Governors from the Diocese who is linked to the Church. They work closely with the staff and Senior Leadership Team to support the school and plan its strategic developments. If you would like to be a School Governor, please contact the school office.



Our core values

- Respect.
- Perseverance.
- Trust.
- Truthfulness.
- Friendship.

Together we will succeed.

School ethos

Recognising its historic foundation, the school will preserve and develop its religious character in accordance with the principles of the Church in Wales and in partnership with the Church at Parish and Diocesan levels. The school aims to serve the community by providing an education of the highest quality within the context of Christian belief and practice. It encourages an understanding of the meaning and significance of faith and promotes Christian values through the experience it offers to all its pupils.



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