

Welcome/Croeso

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA



2023—2024

Welcome from Mrs Rachael Thomas, Headteacher



It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA Church in Wales 3-16 school.

Making a choice for your child's education is a very important decision. We are delighted and privileged that you have decided to join the YPDVA family. I have every confidence that the our team will provide a warm welcome to our new family members and will provide a stimulating and inspiring learning environment to support their learning. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive school, striving to nurture pupils through opportunity, faith and learning in a supportive community.

Our Christian values underpin all aspects of school life and pervade all learning and extra-curricular activities across the three campuses.

Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things.

Rachael Thomas

Headteacher

Our Staff



Senior Management	
Mrs Rachael Thomas	Headteacher, DSP (safeguarding)
Mrs Cilla Bramley	Assistant Headteacher—Teaching and Learning and Pupil Progress
Mr Gareth Williams	Assistant Headteacher - Inclusion and Pupil Progress
Mrs Sian Churchill	Business Manager
Mrs Amy Morgan	ALNCO
Mr David Coughlan	Senior Teacher - Curriculum, Assessment, Tracking & Reporting
Raising Achievement Leaders	
Mrs Rachel Owen	Head of Languages, Literacy and Communication
Mr Gareth Jones	Head of Science and Technology
Mrs Abigail Dartnell	Head of Humanities and Religious Education
Dr Emma Pearce	Head of Maths, Numeracy, Computer Science and ICT
Mr Luke Spencer	Head of Expressive Arts, Health and Wellbeing
Heads of Phase	
Mrs Sarah Williams	Head of Foundation Phase (Nursery to year 2)
Miss Vicky Pacheco	Acting Head of Foundation Phase (maternity cover)
Mrs Elana James	Head of Development Phase (Years 3-6)
Mr Chris Butcher	Head of Momentum Phase (Years 7 and 8)
Mr Kieran Barclay	Head of Acceleration Phase (Year 9)
Mrs Caroline Blair	Head of Fulfilment Phase (Years 10 and 11)

Our Staff



Teachers	
Mr Kieran Barclay	Teacher of Humanities and Teacher in charge of Welsh Bacallaureate
Mrs Caroline Blair	Head of Fulfilment Phase / Teacher of Science and Agriculture
Mrs Cilla Bramley	Assistant Headteacher / Teacher of Performing Arts
Mr James Buck	Teacher of Design Technology and Engineering
Mr Chris Butcher	Head of Momentum Phase / Teacher of Maths
Ms Sadie Clark	Teacher of Health and Wellbeing
Mr David Coughlan	Senior Teacher / Teacher of Maths and ICT
Mr Noah Dark	Teacher of Science
Mrs Abigail Dartnell	Head of AoLE / Teacher of Humanities
Mrs Caroline Edwards	Teacher of French
Mr Bruce Evans	Teacher of Health and Wellbeing and Physical Education
Ms Alyssia Fiander-Houlden	Teacher of Science
Miss Emily Forrest	Teacher of Years 4/5
Miss Delyth Foster	Teacher of Foundation/Development Phase and Food and Nutrition
Mrs Louise Gray	Teacher of Maths / Numeracy Coordinator/MATS coordinator
Mrs Elana James	Head of Development Phase / Teacher of Years 4/5
Mr Gareth Jones	Head of AoLE / Teacher of Science
Mr Jacob Jones	Teacher of Years 2/3 - currently on sabbatical
Mrs Alison Lewis	Teacher of Years 2/3
Mrs Amy Morgan	Senior Teacher / ALNCO / Teacher of Welsh
Mrs Stacey Morgan	Teacher of English
Mrs Karen Morris	Teacher of Art
Mrs Rachel Owen	Head of AoLE / Teacher of English
Miss Vicky Pacheco	Acting Head of Foundation Phase / Teacher of Foundation Phase
Dr Emma Pearce	Head of AoLE / Teacher of Maths, Computer Science and ICT
Mrs Samantha Probert	Teacher of Food and Nutrition and Welsh
Miss Isobel Pullin	Teacher of English

Our Staff



Teachers	
Mr David Rees	Teacher of Welsh / English / Food and Nutrition
Mrs Victoria Rowe	Literacy coordinator / Teacher of French
Mr Luke Spencer	Head of AoLE / Teacher of Music and Religious Studies
Miss Bethan Sturley	Teacher of Years 2/3
Mrs Katherine Turner	Teacher of Years 2/3
Mrs Lucy Vaughan	Teacher of Humanities
Mrs Amy Waters	Teacher of Year 6
Mr Gareth Williams	Assistant Headteacher / Teacher of Humanities
Mrs Sarah Williams	Teacher of Foundation Phase (currently on maternity leave)
Mr Mark Wysocki	Teacher of PE

Support Staff	
Miss Gwyneth Bracher	Learning Support Assistant
Mr David Brenton	Examination and Cover Coordinator
Mrs Janet Brockbank	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Jennifer Collela	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Emily Davies	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Nicola Davies	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Sian Davies	Higher Level Teaching Assistant
Mr Peter Foster	Caretaker
Mrs Susan Gumbrill	Lunchtime Supervisor / Cleaner
Mrs Louise Haynes	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Claudine Hayward	Learning Support Assistant
Miss Katie Jenkins	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Annette John	Learning Support Assistant
Mr Mark Latham	Caretaker
Mrs Lydia Lawrence	Numeracy Learning Support Assistant / Cover Supply Teacher

Our Staff



Support Staff	
Miss Linzi Morris	Office Manager
Mrs Melanie Morse	Lunchtime Supervisor / Cleaner
Mr Jude Owen	Literacy Learning Support Assistant
Miss Sally Phillips	Senior Teaching Assistant
Miss Sarah Phillips	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Mandy Phillips	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Catherine Price	Cleaner
Mrs Denise Price	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Sharon Price	Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Lucinda Rees	Learning Support Assistant
Mr Colin Reynolds	Science / Catering Technician
Mrs Sharon Reynolds	Administrative Assistant
Mrs Jane Stiles	Inclusion Support Assistant
Mrs Anna Stuchbury	Cleaner
Mrs Rachel Thomas	Cleaner
Miss Inna Voloshyn	Casual Learning Support Assistant
Miss Claire Walsh	Learning Support Assistant
Mr James Williams	Learning Support Assistant
Mr Jonny Williams	Youth Support Worker
Miss Natalie Williams	Finance and Administrative Assistant

Our Governors



Mrs Rachael Thomas	Headteacher
The Venerable Paul Mackness	Chair of Governors
Mr Richard Thornton	Vice Chair of Governors / LA Governor
Ms Nicola Clifford	Parent Governor
Mrs Rachael Coleman	Foundation Governor
Mrs Sian Davies	Support Staff Governor
Mrs Kath Docker	Foundation Governor
Mr Michael James	Parent Governor
Mr Jacob Jones	Teacher Governor
Mrs Katherine Pearce	Foundation Governor
CLlr Bethan Price	LA Governor
Mrs Grace Rees-Harries	Foundation Governor
Mrs Lindsey Richards	Foundation Governor
Mrs Christa Richardson	Foundation Governor
Canon Leigh Richardson	Foundation Governor
Rev Belinda Roberts	Foundation Governor
Mr Pete Siddle	Parent Governor
Mr Jeremy Wadia	Foundation Governor

Dewi - Our School Dog



We are extremely proud and delighted to have a school therapy and reading dog. Currently still in training, Dewi will eventually provide support to pupils in classrooms across the school campuses.

Research has demonstrated that therapy dogs can have a very positive impact upon both pupil progress and wellbeing in school settings. Dewi is a hypoallergenic breed which means that children are not likely to develop allergies to him. Pupils can benefit educationally and emotionally, increase their understanding of responsibility and develop empathy and nurturing skills through contact with a dog. In particular, it is intended to have a positive impact upon literacy skills, pupil wellbeing, and behaviour. We believe that Dewi provides an invaluable addition to the YPDVA team.

For more information on Dewi, including the School Dog Policy, Risk Assessment and FAQ, please visit our website

[Dewi-Policy-complete.pdf \(j2bloggy.com\)](#)



MOTTO

Byddwch lawen, cadwch eich ffydd a'ch cred, a gwnewch y pethau bychain

Dewi Sant Nawddsant Cymru

Be joyful, keep your faith and belief, and do the little things

St David Patron Saint of Wales

OUR VALUES

To express faith and belief

To respect and care for one another

To be the very best we can be

To be mindful, honest and open

MISSION STATEMENT

We aim to be an open and inclusive school, achieving more together by nurturing young lives through faith, learning and friendship. Offering the very best education and opportunities within a supportive Christian Community.

Aidan Campus

Reception, Nursery, Year 1

Wyncliffe Creche
0-3 years

Dewi Campus

Years 6 - 11

Non Campus

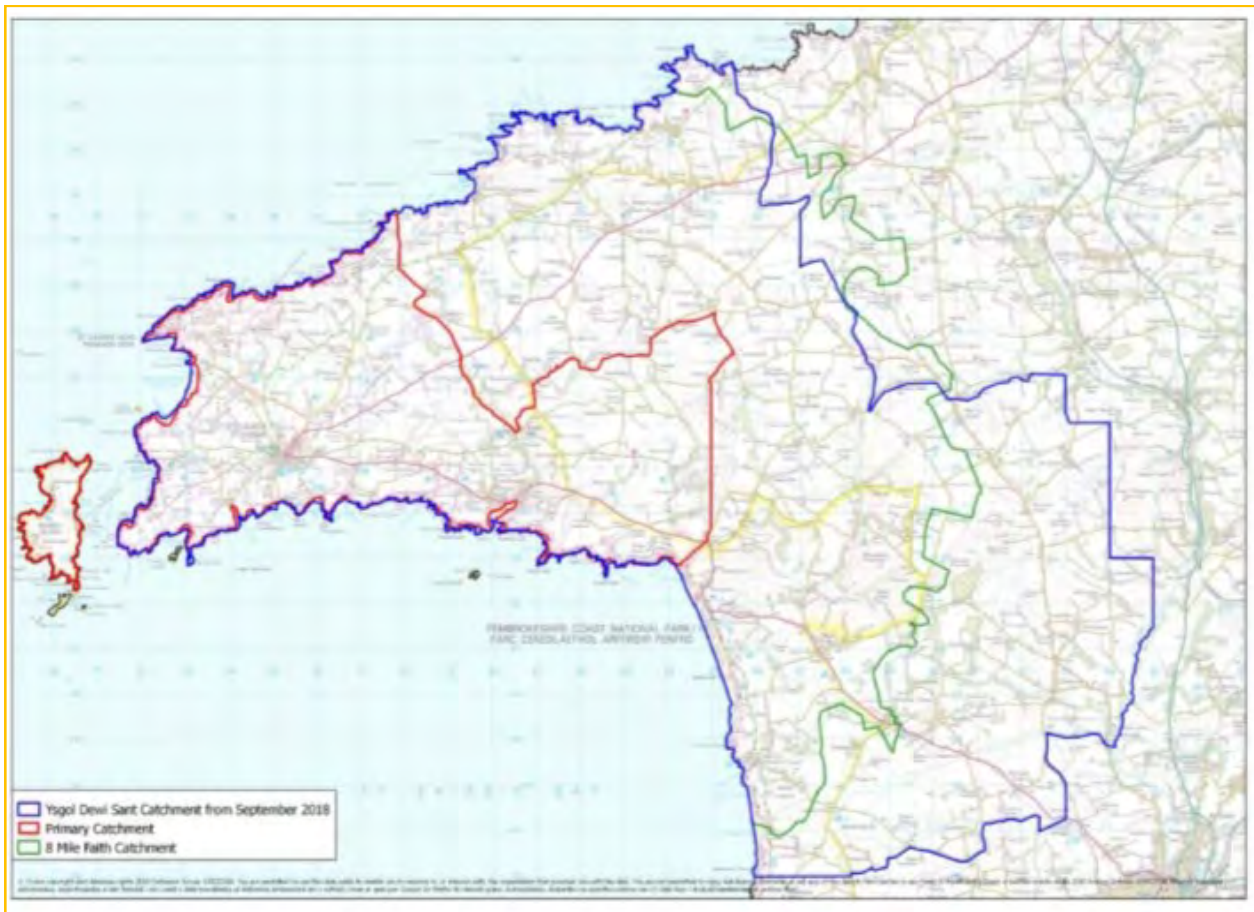
Years 2 - 6

School Transport



Free transport is provided for all pupils within the school's catchment area who live more than three miles from the school. For Faith reasons, pupils living within eight miles also qualify. Such pupils are issued with season tickets by Pembrokeshire Education Authority for the relevant buses. Parents wishing further information should contact Pembrokeshire Education Authority, County Hall, Haverfordwest, SA61 1TP (Telephone 01437 764551). School transport may have both CCTV video and audio recording equipment installed for the protection of pupils, adults and property.

The map below shows the catchment areas for Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA, identifying the secondary phase, primary phase and 8 mile faith boundaries.



If you require more information on school transport and eligibility please contact the **Pembrokeshire Education Authority** at 01437 764551, in Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire County Council. (SA61 1TP). Applications for the school bus pass can be made via the Pembrokeshire County Council 'My Account'

<https://myaccount.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/>

School Transport

650 (Sarah Bell Minibuses - 07828 940955)	
Carau Bach	07:52
Treffynnon	07:56
Hendre Cross	08:03
Tremaenhir Cross	08:12
Birtwick	08:14
Kingheriot	08:16
Llanungar Fawr	08:21
Arrive at Dewi Campus	08:25
Arrive at Aidan Campus	08:35

659 (Richards Bros - 01239 820751)	
Pelcomb Cross	07:50
Keeston	07:55
Simpson Cross	07:58
Roch (connects with 664 and 673 AM)	08:05
Penycwm (connects with 673 PM)	PM
Pointz Castle/Brawdy Turn	08:20
Mount Farm	08:22
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:30

659R (Richards Bros - 01239 820751)	
Upper Solva	08:25
Ninewells	08:27
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:30

660 (Richards Bros - 01239 820751)	
Camrose (Folly Cross)	07:47
Fairlawn	07:50
Hayscastle Cross	07:54
Newton Cross	07:58
The Paddock (Junction)	08:02
Croesgoch	08:10
Llanrhian	08:13
Berea	08:17
Tretio Turn	08:20
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:30

SHUTTLE BUS FROM DEWI CAMPUS TO NON CAMPUS	08:40
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661 (Pembrokeshire County Council - 01437 764551)	
Letterston (Min y Llan) (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:45
Letterston (Square) (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:47
Castlemorris (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:54
Blaenllyn Chapel	08:00
Llandeloy Cross Roads	08:06
Llandeloy	08:07
Treffgarne Owen	08:12
Penycwm	08:18
Lower Solva	08:25
Middle Solva	08:26
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:30

T11 (Richards Bros - 01239 820751) - PUBLIC SERVICE	
Fishguard (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:45
Goodwick (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:49
Dyffryn (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:54
Panteg (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:57
St. Nicholas Turn (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:59
Mathry (<i>fares applicable</i>)	08:02
Square and Compass	08:03
Penparc (Ael-Y-Felin)	08:05
Trefin	08:09
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:30

T11 (Richards Bros - 01239 820751) - PUBLIC SERVICE	
Haverfordwest Bus Station (<i>fares applicable</i>)	07:50
Arrival at Dewi Campus	08:27

FEEDER BUSES

664 (Sarah Bell Minibuses - 07828 940955)	
Robleston	07:50
Cuffern	07:56
Arrive at Roch (Connects with 659)	08:00

673 (Edwards Bros - 01437 890230)	
Homelands Farm	07:32
Upper Honey Hook Farm	07:35
Nolton	07:40
Nolton Haven	07:45
Hilton Court	07:55
Arrive at Roch (Connects with 659)	08:00

Uniform



Uniform item	Nursery to Year 4	Years 5 & 6	Years 7 to 11
White polo shirt (option available for polo shirt with logo)	✓		
School sweatshirt/sweatshirt style cardigan with badge	✓		
Black skirt or trousers	✓	✓	✓
Black shoes (no trainers)	✓	✓	✓
White Shirt		✓	✓
Yellow Summer Dress (Summer Term)	✓	✓	
Black Tailored Shorts with black socks (Summer Term)	✓	✓	✓
School Tie		✓	✓
Black school jumper with badge		✓	✓
Blazer with school badge		Optional	✓
Black coat	Optional	Optional	Optional
Sports kit	https://www.grays-int.co.uk/Schools/Shop/YsgolPenrhynDewi/CSmain.aspx		

Clothing Grants

Parents/Carers who are in receipt of Income Support and Family Credit are eligible to receive Essential School Uniform Grant and are advised to contact the Education Office, County Hall, Haverfordwest (01437 764551).

There is an expectation that all children will wear full school uniform in keeping with the school ethos and identity.

Uniform

Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi—School Shoes Policy

School shoes for all year groups must be formal black school shoes in keeping with the smartness of the uniform as a whole. Black shoes with any logos will not be permitted.



What do we mean by “black leather shoes?”



Examples of **acceptable** black leather shoes



Examples of **unacceptable** black leather shoes



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi—School Trousers/Skirt/Shorts Policy



• Only black tailored shorts will be permitted



• All skirts must be knee length only



- No Jeans
- No Denim
- No Leggings
- No Joggers
- No Jeggings



• Skirts above the knee will not be permitted

Nut Free School



To help keep our pupils safe, please be aware that we are a Nut Free school. We also have very severe dairy allergies at both Aidan and Non Campuses. We have procedures in place to manage this safely at lunchtime, but kindly ask that no dairy products are sent in for snack times.

We need to keep our pupils with life-threatening food allergies safe, but equally try our best not to make it difficult for parents/carers to find snacks which children enjoy. We appreciate that this in itself can be challenging.

To clarify, we cannot allow products that contain any nut as an ingredient in lunchboxes. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.



All children across the Foundation phase are also encouraged to bring a healthy snack of fruit and/or vegetables to having during morning snack time and a bottle of water to access throughout the day.

School Meals



Application for Free School Meals

In Pembrokeshire, all Primary school pupils (full time nursery through to year 6) will receive free school meals from September 2023. The Universal Primary Free School Meals policy is part of the Co-operation Agreement between the Welsh Government and Plaid Cymru.

All special dietary requirements can be catered for upon request. Please complete a [special diet request form](#) via the School Meals website [Special Diets - Pembrokeshire County Council](#) and return it to: Catering Services, Pembrokeshire County

[Take a look at the menus](#) on offer on the Pembrokeshire County Council website and why not give free lunches a go!

School Meal accounts for years 7 to 11 can be credited in the following ways:

- ◆ Via the PCC website www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk. You will need to register on the '**My Account**' facility and create a password. Select 'My Services', cashless catering balance. Enter your child's date of birth and Account reference number, click **check balance**. You are then able to check the balance on the account and top up if necessary by following the instructions on screen.
- ◆ By using the Pembrokeshire Automatic Telephone Payment Service on 01437- 775164
- ◆ By telephoning the County Council's Contact Centre on 01437-764551(9am- 5pm Mon-Fri)
- ◆ By visiting the County Council's Customer Service Centres in various locations

Please note that payments will not credit the School Meal Account until the following morning

If your child has lost his/her card or you need to be reminded of your child's Account number, please contact the Catering Section via cashless.catering@pembrokeshire.gov.uk or telephone 01437 775912/775922.

School Meals



School Meal Discount

Have you got three or more children in school? If so, a 'Family' discount of 50p per child, per meal is available. Saving you at least £1.50 per day! You must have three or more children who attend a secondary school within Pembrokeshire. For a copy of the cafeteria price list and further information in relation to the Family discount scheme, please see www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/school-meals

Free School Meals (FSM)

The cashless system makes it totally anonymous to claim your free school meal allowance of £2.70 per day.

[Free school meals - Secondary - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)

Application for School Essentials Grant

If you are the parent/carer of a child in school, you may be eligible for a grant to help to pay for essential school items. The official name of this grant is School Essentials Grant. This is also known as the Pupil development grant, PDG access or Uniform grant.

The grant amount is:

1. £200 for children in year 7, and
2. £125 for children in all other years.

You can apply from July 2023 to June 2024.

If you received the School Essentials Grant last year and continue to be eligible, we expect your automated payment to be made mid-July. If you do not receive this payment there may be an issue with your eligibility.

[Pembrokeshire Education Support Grant - Pembrokeshire County Council](#)

THE SCHOOL DAY



Nursery, Reception and Year 1 - Aidan Campus

8:00 am	Breakfast Club Starts
8:30 am	School Opens
8:50 am	Bell for the Start of the Day and registration
9:00 am	Class Time
10:00 am	Snack and Break
10: 30 am	Class Time
12:00 noon	Lunch
12:45 pm	Registration
12:55 pm	Class Time
3:00 pm	End of Day

THE SCHOOL DAY



Year 2 to Year 6 - Non Campus

(Year 6 will be based on the Non Campus on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday)

8:00 am	Breakfast Club Starts
8:30 am	School Opens
8:50 am	Bell for start of day /Class Time
9:40 am	Class Time
10.40am	Break
10.55 am	Form Time / Assembly
11:15 am	Class Time
12.15 pm	Lunch
1:05 pm	Class Time
2.05 pm	Class Time
3:00 pm	End of Day
3:15pm - 4:00 pm	After school club

THE SCHOOL DAY



Year 6 to Year 11 - Dewi Campus

(Year 6 will be based on the Dewi Campus on a Tuesday and Thursday)

8:40 am	Registration and morning form
8:50 am	Lesson 1
9:50 am	Lesson 2
10.50 am	Break
11:10 am	Lesson 3
12:10 pm	Lesson 4
1:05 pm	Lunch
1:55 pm	Lesson 5
2:50 pm	Form / Assembly
3:10 pm	End of Day

THE SCHOOL SENEDD



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi VA are very proud of the dedication and commitment of the School Senedd who meet weekly at the Dewi and Non Campus to discuss various school issues and project ideas and come up with practical solutions for improvement of pupils' education and opportunities. Each member is nominated by their peers to represent their forms and communicate their discussions back to their class.

To date, the committee have had an active role in creating policies including the school uniform policy, behaviour policy and teaching and learning policy. They have encouraged and supported additional recycling within the school and met with PCC Head of Service to learn on waste disposal in Pembrokeshire. They have also met with the Senior Public Health Officer for Healthy Schools to address the criteria for food and fitness and reviewed the food and drink provision within the school.

In addition to the weekly Senedd Meetings, there are also sub-committees including a Charity Committee, Safeguarding Committee, Lesotho Link Committee, City Council Committee, Eco Committee and Teaching & Learning Committee.; enabling the committee members to not only have a voice in school, but also within the community.



Community links



The school is proud of its strong links with St Davids Cathedral, which is at the very heart of the community of St Davids, with many of our pupils being choristers in the Cathedral Choir.

Canon Leigh Richardson, Sub-Dean and school pastor and Canon Sheridan are great friends of the school and regularly visit all campuses to conduct assemblies and participate in pupil voice and school activities.



We are also extremely grateful for the support and hard work from the Cyfeillion who constantly fundraise for the school as well as the support by local organisations such as the City Council. Should you wish to join the 'Cyfeillion' (Friends of the school), please email admin.penrhyn dewi@pembrokeshire.gov.uk and we would be delighted to forward your details to them.

Please see link below to our most recent Estyn report.

[Inspection report Ysgol yr Eglwys yng Nghymru Penrhyn Dewi 2022 \(gov.wales\)](#)

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