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## Priory Church in Wales Primary School, Brecon

*Celebrating Creativity,  
Imagination and Belief.*

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### *About the Annual Report*

**The Annual Report to Parents is a document that Governors provide to parents each year outlining events and developments at the school over the past 12 months. There are a number of statutory elements that we have included; we add to this to illustrate a fuller picture of school life over the academic year September 2018-July 2019.**

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# Annual Report To Parents *Autumn 2019*

Dear School Community,

It gives me great pleasure to share with you the Governors Annual report for Priory Church in Wales School for the academic year 2018-2019. This report will give you an overview of our school and contains statutory information on pupil attainment; attendance; staffing; membership of the Governing Body as well as providing you with an overview of the life of the school in 2018-2019.

The last academic year proved to be another busy one with so much to celebrate. I am proud of the school's investment in supporting other teachers' professional development. Priory School staff have worked with many teachers, from Wales and the rest of the UK, in sharing their good practice within Mantle of the Expert. I was particularly impressed with the commitment of support staff who worked hard to gain the Quality Mark in Mantle of the Expert. However, what fills me with the most pride is the way our amazing children cope with visitors coming into school to observe them in their work. Right across the school all the pupils have proven to be outstanding role-models, with beautiful manners, displaying positive attitudes and enthusiasm in their work. Every visitor comments on the children's perseverance, motivation and independence, skills that will serve them well in this ever changing world we are living in.

Another exciting development this year was the start of developing the classrooms into more child-friendly, calming and enabling learning environments. I am truly excited by the vision of the management team in taking the learning environment further next academic year. The Governing Body are committed in their support of developing an enabling learning environment in-line with the Welsh Assembly's vision for a new curriculum for Wales – a curriculum for life. I am sure that over the coming academic year there will be lots of opportunities for you to find out more about the different approaches the school are taking in engaging our children further.

We as a school are blessed with some of the most inspiring, creative and nurturing teachers and the Governing Body thank them for their commitment to the children and the school as a whole.

As I did last year I would like to take this opportunity to say a special thank you to the parents, grandparents, friends and families of our wonderful students. Your support of our school is vital to its ongoing success.

On behalf of the Governing Body may I wish you all a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas.

Kindest Regards,

Helen Covington.

## School Governing Body

### *and their terms of office*

The clerk to the Governing Body Mrs Ruth Hobbs, can be contacted at the school office: (01874) 623549

*The Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013 (The Act) removed the requirement for school governing bodies to hold an annual meeting with parents. Instead new arrangements were introduced to enable parents to request up to three meetings in any school year with a governing body, on matters which are of concern to them.*

Mrs Helen Covington – Chair and Parent Governor until 31/03/21

Cllr. Matthew Dorrance – Vice-Chair and LA Governor until 01/05/20

The Rev. Mark Clavier – Foundation Governor ongoing

Cllr. Chris Walsh – Community Governor appointed by Town Council until 23/05/20

Mrs Gail Jones – Foundation Governor (Parent) until 21/02/21

Mrs Liz Jones – Foundation Governor until 01/07/23

Mrs Anne Sweeting – Foundation Governor until 02/02/2023

Mrs Diane Mulholland – Foundation Governor until 31/09/22

Mr Des Kennedy – Foundation Governor until 18/09/22

Mrs Lynsey McCrohon – Headteacher ongoing

Miss Janet Davies - Teacher Governor until 07/11/21

Mrs Mandi Orton - Staff Governor until 07/11/21

Clerk to the Governing Body – Mrs Ruth Hobbs

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During the academic year 2018-2019 the children were organised into six mainstream classes:

### **FOUNDATION PHASE**

**Reception :** Miss Janet Davies

**Year 1 / 2 :** Mrs Angela Howell

### **KEY STAGE TWO**

**Year 3:** Miss Jeanette Blain

**Year 4:** Mrs Shelley Hughes

**Year 5:** Miss Claire Pugh

**Year 6:** Mrs Lisa Preece

## Classroom Organisation

## School Vision and Mission Statement

**At Priory Church in Wales Primary School, we are dedicated to developing a learning environment that enables God's children to realise their true potential.**

*'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10*

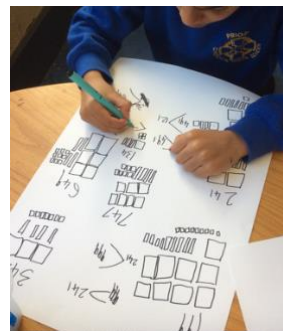
**Through the teaching of our Christian values we are committed to providing an education that enables independent, healthy, imaginative, resilient and respectful learners. Underpinned by our pedagogical approach to teaching and learning, 'Mantle of the Expert'.**

## Language of Education, Curriculum and School Organisation

The medium of education throughout the school is English as a first language with Welsh being taught as a second language. The school curriculum follows the National Curriculum for Foundation Phase (Reception to Year 2) and Key Stage Two (Years 3 to 6).

The School's pedagogical approach is Mantle of the Expert, a dramatic and inquiry based method of Teaching and Learning. Priory CiW Primary School is one of a small number Mantle of the Expert training School in the UK. In this role the school regularly holds training days and INSET sessions with other schools across Wales and England.

In 2018-2019 the school began developing their delivery of the maths curriculum using the pedagogical approach, 'Singapore Maths'. This Mastery for Learning approach, fits in with the Welsh Government's vision for the teaching of mathematics and numeracy in the new curriculum, which will be implemented throughout Wales by 2020.



## Assessment Data- Foundation Phase

% pupils achieving Outcome 5+	Language, Literacy and Communication (LLC)	Mathematical Development (MD)	Personal and Social Development (PSD)	Foundation Phase indicator (FPI)
<b>School 2018/2019</b>	83.3%	83.3%	100%	83.3%

*At the end of the Foundation Phase, we have a statutory obligation to make an assessment of the progress of the children compared to National Standards. These assessments are made on the basis of the teacher's overall assessment of a child's progress rather than as a result of a test. The table shows the percentage of children achieving at least Outcome 5 in LLC, MD and PSD.*

## Assessment Data- Key Stage Two

% pupils achieving Level 4+	English	Maths	Science	Core Subject Indicator (CSI)
<b>School 2018/2019</b>	76.2%	71.4%	76.2%	66.7%

*At the end of Key Stage 2 the children are assessed in Maths, English and Science. The statistics shown in the table indicate the number of children who achieve a level 4 or above in each of these subjects.*

## Key Stage Two Target Setting

The school is required to set targets for the number of children achieving Level 4 in each subject at the end of Key Stage 2 over a 3-year period. The Core Subject Indicator (CSI) provides a figure for the number of children who achieve a Level 4 at each of the Core subjects, English, Maths and Science.

Subject	Targets	Results
<b>English</b>	79.2%	76.2%
<b>Maths</b>	79.2%	71.4%
<b>Science</b>	79.2%	76.2%
<b>CSI</b>	75%	66.7%

## Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

Our Additional Learning Needs Co-Ordinator (ALNCo) is Mrs Shelley Hughes. The ALNCO evaluates provision for pupils with additional needs to ensure that resources are used effectively to support pupil's progress. The ALNCo works closely with all teachers and Teaching Assistants, professional colleagues within the Local Authority and support services to ensure children with ALN achieve their full potential.

## Attendance Data

Attendance information is gathered from the daily register. Authorised absences include being away due to illness, a medical appointment or special circumstances, such as a bereavement in the family. Unauthorised absences occur when, despite the School's efforts, an absence cannot be explained or the reason for being absent is not one that we are able to authorise.

	Percentage Attendance	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Total Absence
2018-2019	94.5%	5.3%	0.2%	5.5%

## School Improvement

Every academic year the school compiles a School Development Plan that provides the focus for school development over the year. Below is a summary of the areas that staff and Governors worked on during the academic year 2018-2019. These were based on recommendations from both our most recent Estyn report and our Core Visit reports. The priorities were built around the four core purposes of the new curriculum for Wales. They were displayed for the academic year in the school foyer.

**Priority 1** –To continue to develop the school as a learning organisation (SLO) to enable **Ambitious, Capable Learners**.

**Priority 2** – To value and monitor the health and well-being of all members of the school community to nurture **Healthy and Confident Individuals**.

**Priority 3**- To encourage all stakeholders to articulate a clear school vision promoting the core purpose of **Ethical, Informed Citizens**.

**Priority 4** –To further improve opportunities for creativity and independence within the school learning environment to empower **Creative and Enterprising Contributors**.





## Healthy Living



The school continues to prioritise the health and well-being of the school community. Everyday all classes take part in daily fitness from 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Pupil voice plays a key role in planning these sessions with the children choosing the disciplines / sports they would like to take part in each term. Respectful debates, on a whole range of subjects important to the well-being of our children, take place daily through Philosophy for Children (P4C) sessions. A healthy tuck shop providing fruit, cheese, crackers and low-fat yoghurts is made available to all children during the morning session. All classes have access to drinking water and water cups/bottles throughout the school day.



## Toilet Facilities and Cleaning of Toilets

Every two classes share one set of toilets (3+ setting & Rec.), (Yr 1/2 & Yr 3), (Yr 4&Yr6). Year 5 have use of the disabled toilet. All toilets are cleaned on a daily basis and cleanliness checks are made throughout the day by a member of staff.

## School Policies

Priory Church in Wales Primary School has extensive policies that cover all areas of its work. Written in consultation with staff and the Governing Body a number of policies are updated each year. During 2018-2019 the following policies were either adopted or updated:

Admissions Policy

Capability Procedures for Teachers and Headteachers

Child Protection and Safeguarding

Disciplinary policy and procedures

Discipline procedures for teachers

Equal Opportunity policy

Performance Management Policy

Grievance Procedure

ERW Model Teachers Pay Policy

Marking Policy

Asthma Policy

Mobile Phone Policy

## Community Links and School Events

The year was another incredibly busy one with our FACEBOOK page packed full of photographs of visits and visitors to the school. The year started with wet feet whilst river dipping in the Usk with the Wye and Usk Foundation. The School Council worked hard with Miss Pugh to organise a whole host of fund-raising events for some incredibly worthwhile causes. We wore jeans to school to raise funds for Jeans for Genes, classes cooked for and hosted coffee mornings for cancer charities. We collected food at Harvest time for Brecon Foodbank as well as donating gifts for Christmas boxes for children across the other side of the World. We held a non-uniform day for a parent who was running the London Marathon for Cancer Research and displayed our skills in a talent show for Children in Need. We had a lot of laughs during our Lolathon for Red Nose Day and brought all of our unwanted clothes into school to raise money for the gym equipment.

The community was also very generous towards our school. Wales and West Housing Association donated £420 towards the purchase of new equipment for our Breakfast Club, the local SPAR shop continues to be a great friend to our school with lots of donations of food and drinks. Parents, grandparents and neighbours helped us raise an amazing £1000 during our sponsored fun run towards our outdoor gym equipment. The Diocese of Swansea and Brecon awarded us grants to develop our outdoor provision and create our stunning art gallery. The Dogs Trust came to school and shared with us how to be respectful to our four-legged friends.

Music played a big part in school life with celebrations at Harvest, Christmas and Easter. Key Stage Two were invited to an impressive symphony orchestra concert in Builth Wells and the String Sisters impressed us with their superb fiddle playing at school. Year 4 sang in Bethel Square for Christian Aid week, our singing was also broadcast on BBC Radio Wales at Christmas time! Our Christmas Concert 'All Around the World' was a massive hit with packed-out concerts. A few tears were shed during the Reception children's nativity play and also for our school choir who sang in candlelight in the Cathedral's Christmas evening concert. We also created a stunning shepherd themed tree for the Cathedral Christmas Tree festival.

Father Mark visited school regularly and we visited the Cathedral for regular worship with members of the community. Families joined us during Harvest, Christmas, Easter and End of term services where an emotional goodbye was shared with our lovely Year 6 children. PC Skyrme continued to be a huge support as he worked with all the classes helping the children to keep safe and make good choices, including internet safety, stranger danger and delivering anti-bullying messages.

Family Days were organised where sibling groups came together to celebrate Advent and St David's Day – parents and grandparents joined us at the end of the day and shared the wonderful work the children had created together. A group of brilliant reciters shared their skills in Welsh recitation and represented the school on the local eisteddfod – Da iawn!!

We welcomed the Welsh Minister for Education Kirsty Williams for an informal visit to support Year 4 with their mantle work. We also welcomed over 60 visitors to school to share our Mantle of the Expert work with them and trained nearly 200 teachers, visiting their schools across Wales, to help them develop exciting learning opportunities for their pupils.

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## School Sport and Extra- Curricular Activities

Our large gym equipment was installed outside allowing children across the school to 'work-out' before, during and after school. Pupil voice has proven that the equipment has been a hit and will hopefully be a centrepiece for developing our fitness over the years to come. Children of all ages took part in tennis, athletics, rugby, hockey and football clubs and matches. In the Autumn term Key Stage Two children competed in cross-country events at Christ College, Year two upwards enjoyed swimming lessons at Brecon Leisure Centre and everybody took part in daily fitness.

The children met local athletes who came into school to share their success, including members of Brecon RFC sharing their National Plate triumph. We questioned Guinness World Record Holders who ran a marathon tied to 121 other people – we tried it with 10 people tied together and it was tough just running around the hall!!

The pupils also enjoyed a range of clubs including animation, Welsh, board games and art club.

## Budget Summary – April 2018 to March 2019

Delegated School Budget	
Delegated Budget	£414,871
Foundation Phase Funding	£52,251
Breakfast Club Funding	£4,159
ALN delegated Funding	£23,377
Additional ALN Funding	£23,324
<b>Total Delegated Funds</b>	<b>£517,982</b>

Expenditure	
Expenditure Salaries (teachers, support assistants, midday supervisors etc.)	£521,408
Premises (repairs, cleaning, electricity, water, rates, gas etc.)	£80,005
Supplies (paper, pencils, paint, photocopier)	£24,115
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£625,528</b>

<b>Other Income</b>	£79,793
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<b>Net Expenditure</b>	£545,735
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## Friends of Priory School

The Friends worked hard organising cinema nights, bingo events and a Valentine's Disco to help raise funds for the gym equipment. They also provided much support to the children who ran coffee mornings and table sales to raise funds. A huge thank you to them for all that they do! They raised an impressive £1922. Diolch yn Fawr!



# 2018/2019 Term Dates



## Gwasanaeth Ysgolion / Schools Service

### 2019 - 2020 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Autumn Term 2019	Non-Pupil Days	No of School Days
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	39
<b>Half Term – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>		
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	34

Spring Term 2020	Non-Pupil Days	No of School Days
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	29
<b>Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April		30

Summer Term 2020	Non-Pupil Days	No of School Days
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Directed Teacher Day</i>	23
<b>Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>		
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	35

<b>Good Friday:</b>	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Easter Monday:</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
<b>Early May Bank Holiday:</b>	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Spring Bank Holiday:</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
<b>Royal Welsh Show:</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2020