Ysgol Gelli Aur

Golden Grove School

ANNUAL GOVERNORS' REPORT TO PARENTS

'Together we aspire, together we achieve'

Mission Statement

We aim for all members of the Golden Grove community to live with positive values and behaviours, and have the aspiration, confidence and skills to become informed and creative citizens of Wales and the World.

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As Chair, and on behalf of the Governing Body, I am pleased to present this report as part of the school's Annual Report to Parents.

This has been another positive and productive year for our school, characterised by continued improvement, high aspirations for our learners and a strong commitment to providing the very best educational experiences for all children.

We are particularly pleased to welcome several colleagues into key leadership positions. The recent appointment of Mrs Rhian Bruce as Deputy Headteacher, alongside Miss Rachel Adams as Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Lead and Mrs Nicole White as Numeracy Lead, has further strengthened our leadership capacity. Together, they are making a highly positive contribution to the school's leadership team and are helping to drive forward our shared vision for excellence, inclusion and continuous improvement.

As Governors, we remain fully supportive of the school and are extremely grateful to all staff for their dedication and commitment. We continue to celebrate the many achievements of our pupils, both within the classroom and through the extensive range of enrichment and extra-curricular opportunities available throughout the year.

We have a school of which we can all be proud. It is a place where every child is valued, supported and encouraged to achieve their potential. Pupils are provided with opportunities to develop their skills and talents, build confidence and resilience, embrace healthy lifestyles, and develop respect, tolerance and understanding of others and the wider world. We also recognise the exceptional support provided to children who require additional or specialist provision. This inclusive approach remains one of the school's greatest strengths and reflects a culture where all pupils are valued.

The leadership team continues to set high standards and maintain ambitious expectations for all. Their enthusiasm, professionalism and commitment, together with the expertise of the wider staff team, ensure that pupils benefit from a rich, engaging and stimulating curriculum.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to my fellow Governors for their continued commitment, support and constructive challenge throughout the year. Their dedication to the school and its community is greatly appreciated.

Finally, and most importantly, on behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank all parents and carers for their ongoing support, partnership and involvement in school life. Your encouragement, engagement and contributions help to make our school the successful and caring community that it is. We look forward to building on these successes together in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,
Darrell Willington

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Chair of Governors

Action taken by the Governing Body/School

There was no Annual Meeting last year nor any request from parents to hold one.

Your right to request a meeting with the school's governing body

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 3 meetings in any school year with a governing body, on matters which are of concern to them.

If parents wish to use their rights under the Act to hold a meeting, 4 conditions will need to be satisfied:
1. Parents will need to raise a petition in support of holding a meeting.
2. The meeting must be called to discuss matters which affect the school.
3. A maximum of 3 meetings can be held during the school year
4. There must be at least 25 school days left in the school year.

Any parent/ carer wishing to request a meeting with the Governing Body should do so in writing to the Chair of Governors, via the School Office. Requests will be considered in accordance with the school's agreed procedures and governance arrangements.

Summary of Changes to the School Prospectus
The School Prospectus has been updated to include current information about the school.
- Changes in Staff/ Governing Body
- Learning and Teaching at Golden Grove School - The Curriculum for Wales and PKC Cymru.

Election of Parent Governors
Arrangements are made for the election of parent governors one school term before a parent governor's term of office expires, or on receipt of a resignation. Information about the election is sent to parents via pupil post. Any parent of a pupil registered at the school is eligible to stand as a candidate, and all parents of children at the school have the opportunity to participate in an election, if one is deemed necessary. The election will take the form of a secret ballot.

Governor Type	Governor Name
Community	Mr Darrell Willington (Chair)
Community	Mr Neil Lewis (Vice Chair)
Head Teacher	Mr Andrew Williams
Deputy Head Teacher	Mrs Rhian Bruce
Local Authority	Mrs Daphne Bush
Local Authority	Mr Dennis Evans
Local Authority	Mrs Ann Mortenson
Local Authority	Cllr Jonathan Grimes
Parent	Mrs Hannah Jones
Parent	Mrs Catrin Mills
Parent	Mrs Charlotte Williams
Parent	Mrs Hollie Beddis
Parent	Mrs Kelsey Richards-O'Reilly
Staff	Mrs Adele Millican
Teacher	Mr Sion Jenkins

Chairperson:	**Clerk to the Governing Body:**
Mr Darrell Willington Golden Grove School Orange Way Pembroke SA71 4DP	Mr Steven Richards-Downes Director for Children and Schools County Hall Haverfordwest Pembrokeshire SA61 1TP

Organisation of Education and Teaching Methods

As a result of the new Welsh School, Ysgol Bro Penfro, opening in September 2024, Golden Grove School is now an English Stream School only. Welsh is taught as a Second Language for at least 60 minutes in the infants and 90 minutes in juniors, though the use of Incidental Welsh is promoted throughout the school day. The extra space that we now have in the school allowed us to start our very new Golden Grove Day Care, offering wraparound and breakfast provision for 2 to 4-year-olds, as well as after school provision for 3- to 11-year-olds. This has proved to be very popular and has grown in popularity over the first couple of years.

Our Year Groups are split into Learning Pods: Nursery & Reception are Puffin Pod; Year 1 & Year 2 are Dragon Pod; Year 3 and Year 4 are Castle Pod; Year 5 and Year 6 are Oak Pod. The classes within the Learning Pods work closely together to ensure consistency, continuity and progression for the children as they move through the school. Our website Home Page - Golden Grove School holds lots of information regarding the work within the Pods, including Planning Overviews, Expected Levels and some recent activities that they have undertaken.

The Curriculum for Wales and Our Curriculum

At Golden Grove School, our curriculum is firmly rooted in the Curriculum for Wales, providing all learners with engaging, ambitious and meaningful learning experiences that support them to become:

- Ambitious, capable learners
- Enterprising, creative contributors
- Ethical, informed citizens
- Healthy, confident individuals



Our curriculum is broad, balanced and inclusive, encompassing the six Areas of Learning and Experience and the three cross-curricular responsibilities of literacy, numeracy and digital competence. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to develop the knowledge, skills and experiences needed to reach their full potential and become lifelong learners.

To support the delivery of our Curriculum for Wales, we work in partnership with schools across Pembrokeshire through PKC Cymru (Primary Knowledge Curriculum Cymru). PKC Cymru is a knowledge-rich curriculum framework that has been developed collaboratively by schools to ensure that learning is carefully planned, sequenced and builds progressively year on year. It is fully aligned with the Curriculum for Wales and places the Four Purposes and the Statements of What Matters at the heart of curriculum design.

Through PKC Cymru, children develop a secure understanding of important knowledge, concepts and skills across the curriculum, enabling them to make connections in their learning, think critically and apply their knowledge in a range of meaningful contexts. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on developing pupils' understanding of their cynefin by helping them learn about their local area, Welsh heritage, culture and identity, while also exploring their place within the wider world.

Our curriculum combines high expectations, engaging learning experiences, outdoor learning, authentic enquiry and strong community links to ensure that every child is supported to succeed and flourish. Through this approach, we aim to inspire children to be curious, knowledgeable and confident learners who are fully prepared for their future lives in Wales and beyond.

Stakeholder Involvement (e.g. community links, staff & pupil successes, events etc.)

SPORT We continue to run a good number of sporting extra-curricular activities for the children, and we have really good engagement with these. We continue to have strong involvement in sporting activities with the school taking part in numerous competitions and festivals, including cricket, football, netball and rugby. These have included boys' teams, girls' teams, as well as mixed teams. The teams have always been competitive and have enjoyed good levels of success. The boys' football team were runners-up in the Pembrokeshire Swansea City FC Festival, which meant they went through to represent Pembrokeshire against other schools from across the Swansea City FC region at their training venue in Landore. The girls' netball team also has a successful season where they were runners-up in the Pembrokeshire Urdd final. The school have also played regular matches in football and netball against Monkton School. We continue to work with Swansea City Football Club, and we have Matthew Davies here every Tuesday morning working across the classes. We have also benefitted from the support of Cricket Wales and Sport Pembrokeshire who have been in numerous times over the year to lead sessions with the children. We continue to hold regular cross-country events throughout the school year here with the support of Martyn Dyde, who volunteers here at the school. Every autumn, we welcome children from across schools in South Pembrokeshire to compete in a cross-country event where we have at least 50 children competing in each race. The school's sports day continues to be a big event in our sporting calendar, and it's very well supported by families.
MUSIC The children have continued to have the opportunity to play an instrument in school. We have individual tuition for woodwind and strings from Mrs Rebecca Whitehurst, and Rebecca also leads our school orchestra. Mrs Whitehurst arranges termly musical assemblies where families can come into school to see the children perform. Mrs Olyott leads the school choir – 'Golden Vocals', and they also perform in the termly musical assemblies and in other events throughout the year. Our annual Harvest Service at St. Mary's Church and our Carol Service at Westgate Chapel both include musical items from the instrumentalists, orchestra and the choir. Our Year 4 children continue to benefit from the Welsh Government initiative of introducing an instrument to them in school. They really enjoyed the P-Buzz experience.

CHARITIES We have continued to support a range of charities, despite the circumstances: Children in Need - £215, Red Nose Day - £356 and a MacMillan Coffee Morning - £320.

ATTENDANCE Our attendance figure for 2024/25 was 92.5%, which was a slight improvement on the previous year. Our Friday attendance was a little lower at 89.5%, so our Attendance Target of 95% is a real focus for us moving forward, so your support with that would be greatly appreciated. We have made a very good start to the new academic year where with September's attendance figure being just over 95%.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

We have had a few changes in our FEOs over recent years, but I am pleased to have welcomed Ms. Sarah Roberts-Ogleby to the role at the start of the year. Through her dedicated work with families, she has strengthened relationships between home and school, ensuring that support is readily accessible for those who need it most.

While attendance remains an important focus, Sarah's role extends far beyond this. She works closely with families to help address wider challenges that may affect children's wellbeing, engagement, and readiness to learn.

Looking ahead, we are delighted to have secured funding for a dedicated family support pod on the school site. This exciting development will provide a welcoming and private space for meetings with families, targeted interventions and wider community engagement activities.

Ms. Roberts-Ogleby can be contacted via the website, or please feel free to pop into the office if you want to arrange a chat over a cup of tea/coffee with her.

FACEBOOK and ParentMail Keep up to date with the latest news and developments through ParentMail and our social media platforms. Our website contains lots of up-to-date information on the school, as well as having some useful links to the work that your child is covering in school.

SCHOOL VISITS Please see list below which highlights visitors to the school, visits that classes or groups of children have been involved in, as well as other successful events.

DRAMA Chloe Wheeler continues to offer drama provision for all our learners. Chloe visits every Wednesday and all classes, on rotation, have sessions with her in the school hall. Chloe also leads the Drama Club with Mrs Bruce. The summer performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' was fantastic. There's always plenty to look forward to with Drama in the school, and it's been wonderful to see how many children involved in the club. This year, we have started with nearly 50 children from Year 4 to Year 6 attending the sessions every Wednesday, with this year's focus being 'The Jungle Book'.

STAFF CHANGES We said a fond farewell to Mrs Katie Jones, our former Deputy Headteacher, as she embarked on an exciting new chapter in her career as Headteacher of Lamphey Primary School. Katie made a significant contribution to Golden Grove during her time with us, and we thank her for her dedication, leadership and commitment to our pupils, staff and wider school community. We wish her every success in her new role.

Following Mrs Jones' departure, we were delighted to appoint Mrs Rhian Bruce as Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Bruce is a highly experienced and valued member of our staff team who has already made an excellent start in her new position. Her strong leadership, extensive knowledge of the school and unwavering commitment to our pupils continue to make a significant contribution to the school's ongoing development and strategic direction.

We have also strengthened our leadership of Additional Learning Needs provision through the appointment of Miss Rachel Adams as ALNCo. Rachel has brought a considerable wealth of expertise, enthusiasm and commitment to the role. She has already begun to build strong relationships with pupils, families and external agencies, helping to ensure that learners receive the support they need to thrive.

In addition, Mrs Nicole White has taken on the role of Numeracy Lead. Nicole's passion for mathematics and commitment to improving outcomes for learners place her in an excellent

position to lead the continued development of numeracy across the school. We look forward to the positive impact her leadership will have on teaching, learning and pupil progress in this important area.
These appointments demonstrate our commitment to developing leadership capacity within the school and ensuring that we have a strong and experienced team in place to drive forward our priorities for improvement.

Organisation and Policies
During the academic year 2025/26 these policies were amended and agreed upon by the Governing Body: Business Continuity Plan, Fire RA, Learning & Teaching, Whole School RA, Prevent, Marking & Feedback, Safeguarding. Most policies can be found on the school website.

Term Dates – Please see attached calendar below.
Closure Days: 1/9/26, 2/9/26, 5/4/26, 19/7/27 and 20/7/27. Please note that there is one more date to confirm.

Opening and Closing Times

	Monday - Thursday	Friday	
Early Years & Reception	9:00 am – 3:15 pm	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	For those requiring afternoon provision on a Friday, school finishes at 3:00 pm.
Years 1 & 2	9:00 am – 3:15 pm	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	
Years 3 – 6 (KS2)	8:50 am – 3:20pm	8:50 am – 1:05 pm	
Breakfast Club 8.00 am – 8.35 am After School Club 3.20 pm – 5.30 pm (No After School Club on a Friday)			

Additional Learning Needs – (ALN)

Date	Total on Roll	LA IDP	School IDP
Oct 26	233	2	2

Supporting the wellbeing, progress and achievement of all learners remains a key priority for the school. Throughout the year, we have continued to work closely with pupils, families and external agencies to ensure that children with Additional Learning Needs receive the appropriate support, provision and opportunities to thrive.
Our staff are committed to fostering an inclusive learning environment where every child feels valued, supported and able to achieve their potential. Through targeted interventions, personalised support and strong partnerships with parents and carers, we strive to meet the individual needs of learners and remove barriers to learning wherever possible.
We are grateful to our dedicated staff, families and partner agencies for their ongoing collaboration in helping our pupils succeed and flourish both academically and personally. Together, we remain committed to ensuring that every child has the opportunity to participate fully in school life and experience success.

Pupils with Disabilities
At Golden Grove School we endeavour to ensure that all children have access to the full curriculum. Golden Grove School is an inclusive school, and all admissions are in line with the LEA admissions policy.

"The level of ability of a child or any special needs that s/he may have plays no part in the admissions policy of Golden Grove School."

After School Clubs (Extra-curricular Activities)
We continue to offer a great range of extra-curricular clubs to the children. These clubs include: Pupil Power, Football, Rugby, Netball, Cricket, Running, Athletics, Drama and Choir.

Safeguarding
The school is committed to ensuring the safety of all children. Child Protection is everybody's business and we have clear guidance for all staff and visitors. The school follows the guidance provided by the Local Authority and the Safeguarding Policy reviewed annually. The school reports every term to the Governing Body on all aspects of Safeguarding. All staff have completed the necessary training and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) checks are done every three years. The school completes a Safeguarding Audit annually.

Friends of Golden Grove School
The Friends of Golden Grove School continue to play a vital role in supporting the life of the school, and we are incredibly grateful for the dedication, enthusiasm and generosity of its members. Through fundraising events, community activities and practical support, FOGG has helped to enrich the experiences of our pupils and strengthen the partnership between school and home.
Their commitment has enabled us to provide additional resources and opportunities that directly benefit our learners, while also fostering a strong sense of community among families, staff and pupils. The success of many school events would not be possible without the time, effort and goodwill of our FOGG volunteers.
On behalf of the governors, staff and pupils, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has supported FOGG throughout the year. Your contribution makes a real difference and helps ensure that Golden Grove remains a vibrant, inclusive and inspiring place for children to learn and grow.

Golden Grove Day Care
Golden Grove Day Care opened in September 2024 and continues to provide high-quality, accessible childcare for children and families within the school community. The provision includes Welsh Government Funded Childcare, Wraparound and Full Day Care for pre-school children aged 2 to 4 years of age, alongside out-of-school childcare through our Breakfast and After School provision, for children aged 2 to 11 years of age.

Since opening, the provision has continued to develop and has become increasingly popular with families. The additional space available within the school has enabled us to provide a welcoming, safe and caring environment in which children can play, learn and develop.

We take a child-centred approach, supporting children's learning and development through play and providing a broad range of engaging experiences and activities. Our provision reflects the ethos of Golden Grove School and incorporates the principles and guidance of Pembrokeshire County Council's Early Years, Play and Childcare Service.

Welsh Government Funded Childcare provides eligible children ages 2 to 3 years of age with access to funded early years childcare for 12.5 hours a week, for 39 weeks of the year. The provision supports children's development through high-quality play and learning opportunities within a nurturing and inclusive environment.

Our After School provision, provides accessible out-of-school childcare for children aged 2 to 11 years of age who attend Golden Grove School/Ysgol Gelli Aur. Children are offered a wide range of play opportunities and activities within a safe, welcoming and caring environment.

Further information about Golden Grove Day Care, including current opening hours, session times and contact details, can be found on the school website. Contact information for the Managers, Mrs Sally Brown and Miss Sam Regan, is also available on the website.

Opening Hours – (Term-time only)

Days		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Early Drop Off		8:00 – 9:00	8:00 – 9:00	8:00 – 9:00	8:00 – 9:00	8:00 – 9:00
Flying Start	AM	9:00 –11:30	9:00 – 11:30	9:00 – 11:30	9:00 – 11:30	9:00 – 11:30
	PM	12:30 - 3:00	12:30 -3:00	12:30 - 3:00	12:30 - 3:00	12:30 - 3:00
Golden Grove Day Care	AM	9:00 – 12:45	9:00 – 12:45	9:00 – 12:45	9:00 – 12:45	9:00 – 12:45
	Lunch	11:30– 12:30	11:30 – 12:30	11:30 – 12:30	11:30 – 12:30	11:30 – 12:30
	PM	11:15 – 3:20	11:15 – 3:20	11:15 – 3:20	11:15 – 3:20	11:15 – 3:20
After School Club		3:20 – 5:30	3:20 – 5:30	3:20 – 5:30	3:20 – 5:30	**Not currently running a session**

After School Club (Golden Grove Day Care)
Golden Grove Kids Club provides high quality, accessible out of school childcare. The Club offers a range of different play activities for children aged 3 – 11 years who are in attendance at Golden Grove School/ Ysgol Gelli Aur. Please see the school website (About Us page) for further details.

Breakfast Club
The school breakfast club operates in the School Hall and is free for all pupils. If you would like your child to attend breakfast club, please contact the school. It is also available to our very youngest children through our new Golden Grove Day Care.

Attendance

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27
Actual	92.5%	91.84%	
Target	95%	95%	95%

Visitors to the school have included:

Chloe Locke – Drama Sessions; Matthew Davies – Swansea City AFC;
Work Experience – YHT, Pembrokeshire College; Helen Luff – JRSOs;
Lee Symmonds – Fire Safety Talk – Yrs 2 & 5; Pembrokeshire College – Performing Arts – Yrs 5/6;
Assembly – Rob James, Revd Heidi-Maria de Gruchy & Will;
Pembroke & Pembroke Dock Lions – Planting of Oak Tree; Rebecca Whitehurst – Music Lessons;
Pete Arnold – Plant Dewi Sessions – Lego & Burgers; Lego & Pizza, 'Dads & Me';
Bike Bus; Bethan Roberts Welsh Parliament Education Engagement Session – Yrs 5 & 6
Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools – Dark Sky Event; Nickie Jones – Football First (Dance through Football)
Liz Williams – Flaming Tar Barrels Talk – Manorbier Class; PCC – Active Travel – Jack & the Beanstalk;
Chloe Locke – Christmas Drama Story Hunt – Puffin Pod; Father Christmas;
Ian Wilkinson – P Buzz – Manorbier and Carew Class; Hedydd Hughes – Clog Dancing;
Football & Netball – Monkton School; Andy Beynon & Ash Collins – Dino Mania – Yrs 1 & 2;
Robyn Welsby – Bible Explorer – Yrs 5/6; Bowen Cark – WRU Rugby Hub Officer – Year 6;
Nicola Davies – Author – Yrs 5/6; Sarah Williams – Cricket Wales;
Luke Watkins – WRU Rugby Coach; Wishee Washee Workshop – Vision Arts;
Leanne Panton – Pembroke CC – Cricket Sessions; Ceri Curson – Literacy Storyteller
Anna Hobbs, Bumblebee Conservation Trust – Pupil Power
PC Jess Lawrence – It's your Choice (Drugs) – Yrs 5/6, Who Hurt Huw – Year 6, I didn't Think – Year 5;
PC Jess Lawrence–Mills: Anti-Social Behaviour – Yrs 4/5/6; Kelly Williams (Dance) – Year 5
Ruth Watson (Bluestone) - Drowning Prevention Week; Work Experience – YHT;
Georgia Davies (Sport Pembrokeshire) – School Sports Ambassadors and reluctant girls;
Interfaith Week – Rob and Ann from our local churches, Mohsen from Milford Mosque, Lee Mills from the Spiritualist Community and Clare Campbell from Humanist Uk;
Walk Through the Bible sessions – Robin Welsby, Steph Palmer and Sam;
Chris Elliott, Bushcraft & Creative Outdoor Skills Instructor – Year 6

School Visits have included:

VC Gallery; Pwllcrochan; Crucial Crew – Year 6; Aberdovey Outward Bound Centre – Year 5/6;
Boys (Mixed) Cricket Festival – Pembroke Cricket Club and Neyland CC;
Library Visit; Rugby – North Beach, Tenby; Cleddau River Study – Year 3
Cluster Rounders Tournament – Lamphey CC; School Nurses – Child Measurement Programme: Rec;
Welcome Day – YHT – Year 6; Swansea City Football Tournament – YHT;
Football/Netball v Monkton; Harvest Festival – St Mary's Church; Crucial Crew – Year 6;
Girls only U11 Tournament – Swansea; Dafydd Vaughan – Silent Disco
Urdd Girls Netball – Yrs 5 & 6 – Haverfordwest Leisure Centre (2nd place)
TAG Rugby Festival – Yrs 5/6 – YHT; Choir singing – Opening of Christmas Market in Pembroke Castle;
Torch Theatre – Christmas Panto; Carol Service – Westgate Chapel;
Performing Arts & Drama Dept. – Pembrokeshire College – Yr 6; Urdd Mixed Netball – Yrs 5/6 – Tenby;
Tag Rugby Festival – Yrs 3/4 – YHT; Ysgol Bro Penfro – Colby & Stackpole;
Urdd Mixed & Girls Football – Yrs 5/6 – YHT; Castell Henllys – Year 1/2
Pobl Tir Môr clc – Sea Changes – Year 6 – Pembroke Tanyard
Cricket, Neyland – Yrs 3/4; Swimming Gala – Pembroke Leisure Centre; Library Visit – Year 6 – YHT
Boys (Mixed) Cricket – Pembrokeshire Finals – Haverfordwest Cricket Club; Paddle West – Yrs 5/6;
Zac Thompson Memorial Match – Pembroke Dock Cricket Club;
Paddle West – Yrs 5 & 6 (Water Safety Sessions, supported by the Forever 11 Charity)
Bluestone – School Ambassadors – Sustainability Project
Open Rugby (Contact) – Yrs 5/6 – Neyland; Urdd Tag Rugby Festival – Yrs 3 & 4 – Narberth
Celebration Performance P Buzz – Pembroke Dock School – Year 4;
Hollyland Lodge Residential Care Home; Walk around Pembroke – Art Project – Merlin
Pembrokeshire Schools FA Primary Fives Festival – YHT; Llangrannog – Yrs 5/6;
Milford Mosque – Owl Crew Competition winners;
Performing Arts & Drama Dept. – Pembrokeshire College – Yr 3
Urdd Tag Rugby Festival – Yrs 3 & 4 – Narberth; Dance Workshop/Performance – Year 5 at YHT
Creative Writing Project – Milford Haven Port Authority: Yrs 1 & 2 at Milford Marina;
Pembroke Castle – Skomer Class; Commons Park – Pembroke Class;
Can y Gymraeg – De Valence, Tenby; National Botanic Gardens – Yrs 1, 2 & 3;
Carew Control Tower – Colby, Carew, Stackpole Classes; Eisteddfod Cylch – Ysgol Bro Penfro
Pembrokeshire College – 'Gruffalo': Pembroke Class;

Other successful events:
Meet the Teacher – Open Evening; Macmillan Coffee Morning; School Nurses – Nasal Spray Flu Vaccine; House Cross Country; Photographs – Bluestone Studios; Hello Yellow Day; Shwmae Day; Halloween 'Spooky Disco', South Pembrokeshire Cross-Country Event; Open Day – Golden Grove Day Care; Kerbcraft – Year 1; Children in Need Day; Stay & Play Sessions; Christmas Concerts; Singing Christmas Carols with Parents; Christmas in Iceland Assembly – Year 6; Oak Pod Enterprise Fayre; Parents' Teacher Meetings; Scholastic Book Fair; Musical Assembly; World Book Day; St David's Day Celebrations; Red Nose Day; Easter Bingo; Coffee Morning – ASD Family Help; Photography Exhibition – Oak Pod; Cycling Proficiency – Year 6; Choir Concert; Design to Smile – Fluoride Varnish, Design to Smile – Toothbrushing Observation; Photographs – Bluestone Studios; Walk/Scoot/Cycle to School; Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Drama Performance; Sports Day; Golden Grove's Got Talent; Growing Up DVD – Years 5/6; Musical Assembly; Prize Afternoon/Leavers' Party; Food & Fun Summer Camp; Hello Yellow Day; Shwmae Day; Golden Grove's Got Talent Learn to Ride & Cycle with Confidence – Year 3/4; Future You courses for parents/carers; Design to Smile – Fluoride Varnish; World Book Day; St David's Day Celebrations; School Eisteddfod;

School Improvement Plan 2026-27: A Summary for Parents

At Golden Grove School, we are committed to providing the very best education and support for every child. Our School Improvement Plan for 2026-27 focuses on helping children achieve their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.

Our Key Priorities

1. Improving Maths and Financial Literacy We will continue to develop children's confidence and fluency with numbers through our Winning With Numbers programme. We will also introduce more opportunities for children to learn about money management and financial education, including working with a local Credit Union and running pupil-led enterprise activities.

2. Strengthening Reading and Communication Skills A significant focus will be placed on improving reading fluency, comprehension and oracy skills, particularly for children who need additional support. We will continue to invest in high-quality reading approaches, targeted interventions and opportunities to foster a love of reading.

3. Developing Independent Learners Working alongside educational partners including Impact Wales and PKC Cymru, we will further develop our curriculum and teaching approaches to help children become more independent, resilient learners who can retain and apply their knowledge confidently across different subjects.

4. Improving Attendance and Family Engagement Good attendance is essential for success. This year we will launch initiatives to encourage regular attendance and strengthen support for families. We are also excited to develop a new Community Hub on our school site, providing a welcoming space for family support, meetings, community services and practical assistance where needed.

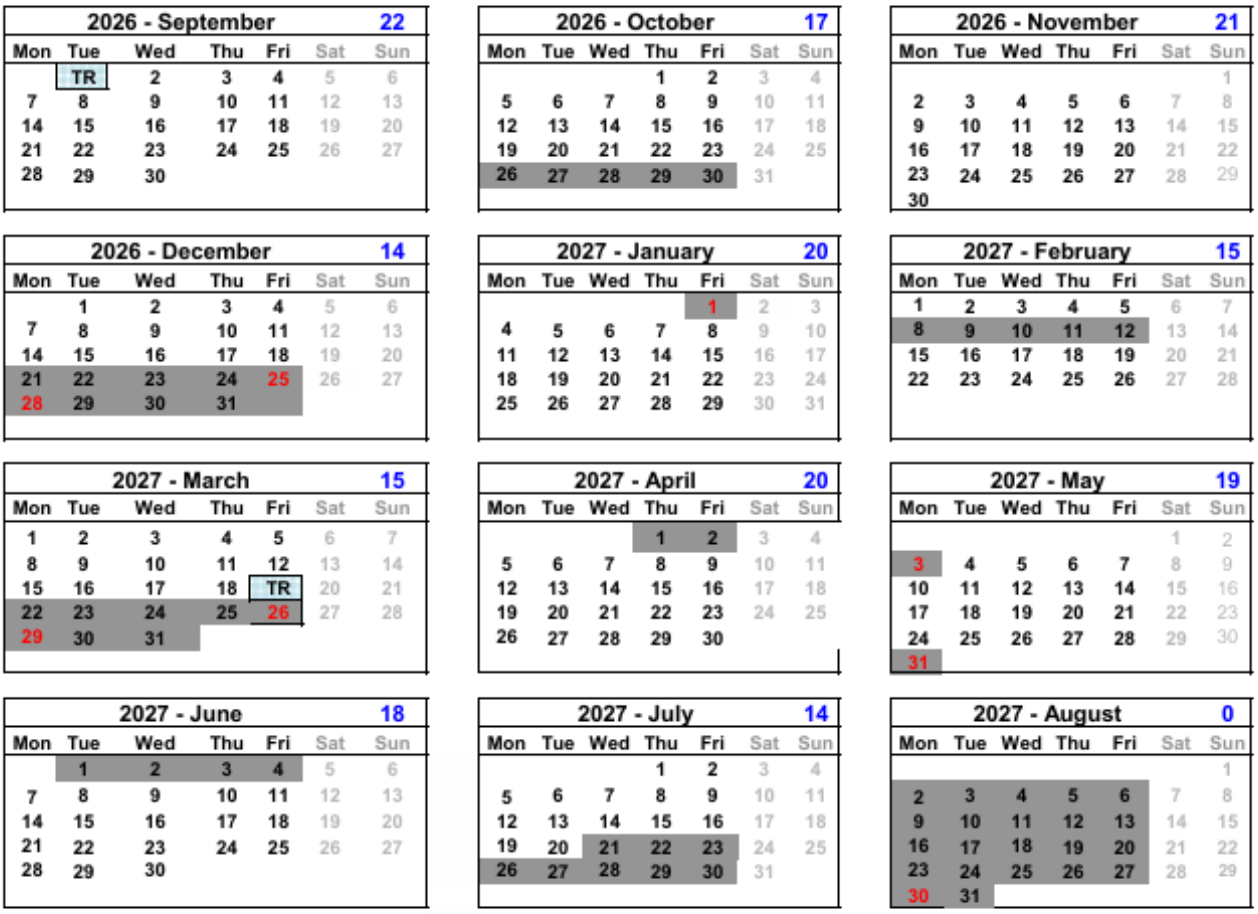
Continuing Priorities

Alongside these improvement areas, we will continue to focus on:

- Promoting positive wellbeing for all pupils and staff.
- Strengthening partnerships between home and school.
- Maintaining the highest standards of safeguarding.
- Developing positive behaviour and restorative approaches, including the use of Class Charts.

We look forward to working closely with our families and wider community throughout the year as we continue to help every child thrive, succeed and enjoy their learning at Golden Grove School.

PEMBROKESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
SCHOOL TERM DATES 2026-27



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2027 - May 19

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2027 - June 18

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2027 - July 14

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2027 - August 0

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DESIGNATED STAFF TRAINING CLOSURE DAYS TR

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Bank holidays

Christmas	25-Dec-26	Good Friday	26-Mch-27	Early May Holiday	3-May-27
Boxing Day Bank Holiday	28-Dec-26	Easter Monday	29-Mch-27	Spring Bank Holiday	31-May-27
				Summer Bank Holiday	30-Aug-27
New Year	01-Jan-27				

Term	Begin	End	Mid-term break		Begin	End	School days
			Begin	End			
Autumn 2026	Tues 1 Sep 2026	Fri 23 Oct 2026	Mon 26 Oct 2026	Fri 30 Oct 2026	Mon 2 Nov 2026	Fri 18 Dec 2026	74
Spring 2027	Mon 4 Jan 2027	Fri 5 Feb 2027	Mon 8 Feb 2027	Fri 12 Feb 2027	Mon 15 Feb 2027	Fri 19 Mch 2027	50
Summer 2027	Mon 5 Apr 2027	Fri 28 May 2027	Mon 31 May 2027	Fri 4 June 2027	Mon 7 June 2027	Tues 20 Jly 2027	71
Including 2 designated staff training closure days - Tues 1 Sept 2026 & Fri 19th March 2027							195
A further 4 staff training days are to be confirmed by the schools						**TOTAL**	195

Please note that this calendar is subject to any changes which may arise as a result of government policy decisions. Pembrokeshire County Council does not accept liability for any losses incurred in respect of altered holiday arrangements following such changes.