



ANNUAL REPORT TO PARENTS

It has been another vibrant and inspiring year at Ninian Park Primary School, filled with memorable experiences and meaningful learning. From the joy of our Year 6 pupils performing at The Talent Shack and the excitement of Sports Days, to the cultural richness of International Day of Play and our continued partnership with schools in Lesotho, our children have thrived in a nurturing and inclusive environment.

Highlights such as the end of term PS Concerts, Sherman Theatre performance, Summer Fair, the Grangetown Festival, and visits from inspirational speakers like Hamed Amiri have enriched our school community. We are especially proud of our staff and pupils' hard work that have gained the re-accreditation of the top Starter Iait, Eco and Rights Respecting School Awards.

On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to thank our dedicated staff, supportive families, and enthusiastic pupils for making this year such a success.

Our Annual Parents' Meeting

A meeting will be held to explain the Governors' report to parents, if there is appropriate interest. If you would like this meeting to take place, please contact Mrs Ekstrom-Gabb (clerk to the governors) via email on SEkstrom-Gabb@cardiff.gov.uk

Who's Who on the Governing Body?

Chair person = Ms L. Morris (Community Governor) Contact via email chairperson5@hwbcymru.net

Clerk = Mrs S Ekstrom-Gabb via email SEkstrom-Gabb@cardiff.gov.uk and please include Ninian Park in the email title.

Headteacher: Miss J. Scott

Parent Governors – These are elected by parental vote & serve for 4 years.

Mrs S. Budeanu – October 2025
Mrs L. Hirani – October 2025
Mrs A. Joti – March 2027
Mrs S. Kaur – June 2028

Local Authority Governors – These are appointed by the Local Authority.

Mr I. Gittens – February 2028
Ms A. Hussain – September 2026
Mr J. Edwards – November 2026
Ms W. Abdul-Sattar – June 2028

Staff Governors – These are elected from the staff by the staff.

Mrs R. Dyke – September 2025
Mrs C. Morris – October 2025
Mrs V. Hibbs – October 2027

Community Governors – These are approached by the school.

Mrs M. Ballett – October 2026
Ms J. Edwards – April 2028
Ms. S. Greenaway – April 2028

Sport

2024-2025 has been another amazing year for sport at Ninian Park Primary School.

Gymnastics continues to be a shining strength at Ninian Park, thanks to the dedication of Mrs Griffiths and the incredible talent of our pupils. This year, our gymnasts have competed in a range of events including the Tumble & Vault and the Welsh Schools' Milano and Floor & Vault competitions. Their



performances have been nothing short of outstanding, with 16 pupils representing the school, earning 9 silver medals and 4 golds, and two teams qualifying for the National Finals. Special congratulations go to our boys, who placed 3rd and will go on to represent the county in the Welsh finals. We were also proud to see three of our gymnasts awarded Welsh Feathers for their achievements last year. Throughout every competition, our pupils have shown teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship—true ambassadors for Ninian Park.

Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Riverside Challenge, showing off their cricketing skills at Sophia Gardens.



Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been given the chance to learn to ride a bike. Many of our Year 6 pupils have learnt how to ride on the road, in an attempt to keep them safe when they head to High School next year.

Pupils from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Grangetown Sports event alongside neighbouring schools. The event was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Sports Day was held in Sevenoaks Park with parent invited to attend.

A YEAR IN PICTURES

From Lesotho With Love

In March, we marked **Moshoeshoe Day** by supporting **Dolen Cymru's 40th anniversary**, raising funds through a swap shop and cake sale to help sustain our international link. In summer, we were delighted to welcome two teachers from Lesotho to Ninian Park Primary School as part of our ongoing partnership. Over the course of a month, they taught and learned alongside our staff and pupils, sharing Basotho culture while experiencing Welsh life. We celebrated our friendship with a joyful **Mokete**, where each year group performed a song or dance. Looking ahead, we're preparing for **re-accreditation with the British Council's International School Award** in July, continuing to celebrate global learning and connection.



Sharing Traditions, Creating Memories

We were thrilled to open our school hall once again for a truly special evening as we came together to share Iftar. It was heartening to see so many members of our school community—parents, pupils, staff, and friends—gathering to break fast in a spirit of unity and celebration. The atmosphere was filled with warmth, laughter, and a deep sense of togetherness. If you were able to join us, we hope it was a memorable experience—and if not, we look forward to welcoming you next year for what has become a cherished tradition at Ninian Park.



PARADE FOR THE PLANET



In November, Ninian Park Primary burst into colour and energy as pupils took to Sevenoaks Park for a vibrant World Children's Day

parade. With handmade banners proudly displaying the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, the children marched with purpose and pride, turning heads and sparking conversations. Leading the way was Rory the Dragon, joined by our enthusiastic Head Boy and Head Girl, the Rights Respecting School team, and our Headteacher—all helping to create a day that was as educational as it was exciting. It was a joyful celebration of children's rights, global citizenship, and the power of young voices to inspire change.

Take a bow Year 3!



Once again, our talented Year 3 pupils took to the stage at the Sherman Theatre, showcasing their creativity and confidence in a captivating drama performance. The children explored storytelling through drama, culminating in a magical day of backstage tours, rehearsals, and a performance on the main stage. As the lights dimmed and the music began, any nerves quickly gave way to pride and joy. Performing in front of a live audience—including a local high school and unfamiliar faces—our pupils shone with enthusiasm, imagination, and courage. It was a truly memorable experience and a proud moment for everyone involved.

Canoes, Climbing & Courage

Year 6 set off on an unforgettable adventure this October as they headed to Abernant Lake Hotel with Manor Adventure for their residential trip!

Spirits were high as they travelled by minibuses, stopping for a picnic along the way in Bannau Brycheiniog. Over two action-packed nights, pupils threw themselves into a whirlwind of activities—from canoeing and kayaking on the lake to archery, fencing, climbing, abseiling, and even a thrilling blind trail. The Mini Olympics brought out their team spirit, and the delicious food kept everyone fuelled for fun.

Whether they were scaling heights or paddling through challenges, every child faced fears, made memories, and came home a winner. It was a trip full of laughter, courage, and adventure!



The Beat Goes On



Music has been buzzing through the corridors of Ninian Park thanks to our fantastic ongoing collaboration with Upbeat Music! Pupils from every year group have had a blast drumming, dancing, and discovering new rhythms, all while learning from some seriously talented musical guests. During Wythnos Cymru Am Byth (Welsh Week), some classes took things a step further with a special Cynefin project—using music to explore what it really means to be Welsh. From toe-tapping beats to thoughtful reflections, it's been a joyful, noisy, and unforgettable musical journey!

CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE

This year, our brilliant Year 4 pupils have once again taken the lead in designing our school's Sports Day, guided by their powerful enquiry question: "Can All Sport Be Fair?" Their journey has been one of discovery, creativity, and collaboration—culminating in a joyful celebration of sport, inclusion, and equality.

Throughout the project, pupils explored what fairness in sport really means. They investigated themes such as the Paralympics, learning how sport can be adapted to include everyone. They also examined representation and inclusion, asking important questions about who gets to play, who gets seen, and how we can make sport welcoming for all. In addition, they explored the power of photography, discovering how images can capture the emotion, effort, and fairness in sporting moments.

Their learning didn't stop at theory. Pupils got active and hands-on by trying out a variety of sports, gaining first-hand experience and understanding different abilities and preferences. They also researched inspiring Welsh athletes, celebrating local heroes and their journeys to success.

With insights from expert visitors and their own thoughtful reflections, Year 4 designed a Sports Day that is inclusive, exciting, and accessible to everyone. Every child had the chance to take part, earn a sticker, and be cheered on—because at Ninian Park, sport is for all.



- Inclusivity at Ninian Park -

Our school building is accessible to pupils with disabilities. The staff and governors constantly review the accessibility of the building and the curriculum to ensure everyone has access to high quality, inclusive education. This includes Personal and Social Education sessions, staff training, assemblies, visitors, inclusive projects and liaising with parents and specialists. The school has two sensory rooms; ramps at all main entrances; appropriate toilet and changing facilities, as well as three showers.

Further information

We would love to get your feedback on this report; and if you have any questions please email us on ninianparkprm@cardiff.gov.uk, phone us on **029 20 388 991** or speak to a member of staff.

Information on the school can also be found on our website – www.ninianparkprm.cardiff.sch.uk; and on Twitter following [@nppschoo](https://twitter.com/nppschoo).

Community Links

This year we have had community links with -

- Our first Winter Fair for many years, raising over £700
- Newsletter sent to all parents half termly.
- JS/CM high profile at beginning and end of day either on yard or streets next to school gates.
- Parents' classes to be re-established in the Spring term.
- Meet the Teacher meetings held from Nursery to Year 6.
- Stay and Play Sessions held for Orchard.
- Class assemblies for Year 6
- School Nurse and team have been in for the flu vaccinations and hearing tests
- Cardiff and Vale College and Cardiff Council have run courses for parents on safeguarding, child care, money matters and learning support assistant training.
- Ceri from the local library has been in to read books at Breakfast Club.
- The Marketplace at Parents Evening was well attended by Cardiff Council and Cardiff and Vale College offering advice and support to parents.
- The educational consultants Cath Delve and Nick Jones have been invited in to support the school.
- Grangetown Baptist Church have shared some stories in assembly.
- Visitors from other schools have come along to learn more about how we do things at Ninian Park – including Romilly Primary School, Ysgol Groes Wen, Ysgol Pwll Coch
- Year 3 have performed at the Sherman Theatre in a piece they created inspired by Aesop's Fables.
- We are running a bookshop every month to encourage reading.

As a school we plan to enrich the learning opportunities for our children as much as possible. Experiences this term have included:

- Walks around our local community
- Glamorgan Cricket – Cricket – 'Riverside' Cup challenge.
- Cycling lesson for key children in Years 4 and 5
- Residential visit to Abernant for 17 pupils in year 6.
- Korffball sessions for year 6 pupils.
- Music sessions with Upbeat Music for pupils in Year 3 and Year 5.
- Year 3 visit to St Fagans
- Avon Dance experience for Year 1 pupils
- Cycling proficiency for Year 6
- Year 6 visit to Techniquet
- Orchard visit to Park Play and Cardiff Bus Depot
- Immersion class trip to Ikea and Pizza Express
- Year 2 visit to local church
- Santa's reindeer came to visit pupils from Year 2-6
- Orchard and Year 1 watched a production of 'Santa's Elf'
- Year 3 curated a 'class museum' to show their work to parents.
- Orchard have held two successful Stay and Play Sessions.

Policies reviewed 2024-2025

The following policies were reviewed by the full governing body.

- Child Protection Policy
- Attendance
- Fraud Strategy
- Central South Consortium Summary Report for Governing Body
- School Security Policy
- Marking Policy

Additional information

There was no Governor AGM this year as there was no parental interest.

The Governor Annual General Meeting (AGM) is a chance for non-governors to hear what the Governing Body has been working on over the previous year, including financial matters, key events and a chance to ask questions. This is your chance to find out more about the school and has an open invitation to anyone who is interested to attend. Please contact Ekstrom-Gabb (via the school office) to express your interest.

Changes to prospectus

Our prospectus is now an electronic one and can be found on our website. This year we have included more information about the Orchard.

Action plan

1 – Teaching and feedback impact on skills

2 – Equity & consistency of provision.

3 – Reading & phonics

4 – Digital Competency Framework across the curriculum, including computation

5 - Attendance

Additional Learning Needs (ALN)

We continue to implement and embed the ALNET Act (2018) to ensure that we are providing quality Ordinarily available provision. We have created an Ordinarily available graduated response to ensure that we are responding to a child's needs in a targeted and strategic way. Level 1 includes what we offer on a day-to-day basis for all children, Level 2 includes targeted interventions, Level 3 is where we may seek support from Specialist Teachers or the Educational Psychologist and Level 4 being where children receive an Individual Development Plan or potentially look at applications for Specialist Provision.

We continue to offer a package of Wellbeing interventions such as our Health and Wellbeing Mentor, Forest Schools and some Thrive sessions.

Very strong relationships continue with specialist teams from education and health who work with school to ensure the needs of all children are met to the best of our ability. Specialist training has been and continues to be provided to all staff to ensure staff receive the most up to date information and are aware of current procedures and practice.

Our relationships with the cluster schools continues to be a strength of the school and ensures we are consistent with IDPs and targeted provision. Strong links continue with the High Schools to allow for enhanced transition in the Summer term.

An inclusive environment and ethos is pivotal to our children's success and continues to be promoted throughout the school. With the introduction of Zones of regulation, visual prompts, calm corners, visual targets to highlight individual achievements, highly differentiated learning, good quality continuous and enhanced provision and use of Rights, Thrive and Trauma Informed language.

We continue to build strong relationships with parents through PCP meetings and also through the launch of our new ALN coffee mornings and cluster lead event 'Pathways to support'. This enables us to discuss the child as a team and ensures that information and views can be shared easily, with the support of a translator if necessary.

Financial report

This is a summary of the financial expenditure at Ninian Park Primary over the last two years.

Financial Outturn

	2023/24	2024/25
	£	£
Total Staffing Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Staff	2,820,790	2,877,856
Total Premises Related Costs/Cyfanswm Costau Eiddo	192,364	177,187
Total Supplies and Services/Cyfanswm Cyflenwadau a Gwasanaethau	100,237	97,609
Total for Central Services/Cyfanswm ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Canolog	18,651	20,558
Total Expenditure/Cyfanswm Gwariant	3,132,042	3,173,210
Total Income/Cyfanswm Incwm	945,966	964,117
Total Net Expenditure/Cyfanswm Gwariant Net	2,186,076	2,209,093

Source - Cardiff Council's Outturn Statement - should be uploaded to the Education Portal

When you have finished with this report please recycle it in an appropriate place.
Thank you for taking the time to read this and engage with our school.