



St. Joseph's Primary School

January 9th 2026



School Attendance: 87.8%

Reception: 83.7% Year 1: 95.3% Year 2: 89.9%
Year 3: 87.9% Year 4: 82% Year 5: 92.7% Year 6: 81%

Winning Class
for Attendance:
Year 1- 95.3!

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Updates of the week:

❖ Welcome Back and Happy New Year! ❖

As we began this new year together, we celebrated the **Feast of the Epiphany**, a reminder of the light that guides us. Just as the Wise Men followed the star to find Jesus, we too are called to seek truth, hope, and love in all we do. May this year be filled with **joy, learning, and kindness**, and may we always shine as a light for others and to lead us to wonderful discoveries. Welcome back to a year of growth and blessings! ☀️
Good luck and a big welcome to our new Deputy Head and ALNCo Mrs. Rosie Crowney who has started her new role with us this week.

Clubs will begin the week of **Monday January 12th**. Letters have been sent out and places filled. Reception – Year 2 classes are now full. *There is a £10 fee per club per child to cover the cost until Easter, diolch.*

Club times are 3.20- 4.20PM Please be on time to collect your child.

MONDAY	TUESDAY
REC/Y1/2: LEGO CLUB	REC/Y1/2: GAMES & FUN
Y3/4: ART CLUB	Y3/4: COMPUTER SKILLS CLUB
Y5/6: CREATIVE WRITING	Y5/6: GAELIC FOOTBALL

Confirmation sessions start at St Benedict's Clydach Sunday 11th January. Mass 10 am then class after Mass.

Holy Communion classes start in school Wednesday 21st Jan, every week 3:20 – 4:00 pm and children must attend Mass weekly. First Mass together Sunday 25th January.

We would like to set up 'Meet the Head & Deputy' coffee meetings to discuss how things are going – what works well and any ideas moving forward. It won't be a platform to talk about individual staff or pupil issues but general hopes for the school. We will vary the times through the year to try to accommodate as many parents as we can. The first one will be Wednesday 28th January 5:00pm in the school hall. If you do bring children with you, they will have to sit with you in the hall.

Please see the important changes to our attendance/absence arrangements that have been text out and are on the website. Thank you for your cooperation – this is something that County have been chasing us to change for a while. <https://www.j2e.com/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school15/Mary/Absence+changes+letter.pdf/>

Important dates are on the calendar on our school website. The next Inset Day is Monday 23rd February. This is the Monday after Half Term (16th- 20th February)

Upcoming dates:

Monday 12th January
9:30 am St Benedict's
– First Mass back for
the Spring Term (put
in by Mrs. Jones)

Sunday 11th Jan –
Confirmation
sessions begin with
10 am Mass at St
Benedicts then class.

Wednesday 21st Jan –
First Holy
Communion classes
start 3:20-4:00pm

Thursday 22nd Jan
2:30 pm – Friends of
St Joseph's
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St Joseph's meeting.
All welcome.

Wednesday 28th Jan
5:00pm school hall
'Meet the Head &
Deputy' coffee
meeting.

*Half Term (16th- 20th
February.
Inset Day -Monday
23rd February.*

**Jesuit virtues for
January/
February:
Curious & Active**