



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH
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May 1st 2026



School Attendance: 91.8%

Reception: 84.8% Year 1: 90.8% Year 2: 94.7%

Year 3: 93.1% Year 4: 95% Year 5: 90.3% Year 6: 93.5%

Winning Class for Attendance:

Year 4: 95%

Da iawn!

**Our Virtues for
April & May are:**



We are growing to know and be **grateful** for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and developing to the full so that we can be **generous** with our gifts, in the service of others.

Upcoming dates:

Thursday 7th May Image Theatre in school 'Dr Dolittle'

Friday 8th May Eco Day! David Attenborough's 100th Birthday & World Earth Day

Friday 15th May Friends of St Joseph's invite parents in to help around the school & yard with 'jobs'

Friday 22nd May World Day for Culture & Dialogue -wear national costume or flag colours

Friday 19th June Sports Day (a.m.) & Gaelic Football Festival all day (more info to come)

Friday 19th June Sunflower Day (theme to be decided by the pupils)

Updates of the week:

On our school website important dates are on the calendar and photos are on the 'News & Events' area.

<https://www.stjosephscatholicps-swansa.co.uk/>

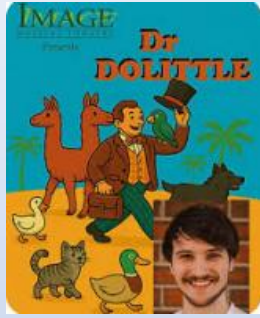


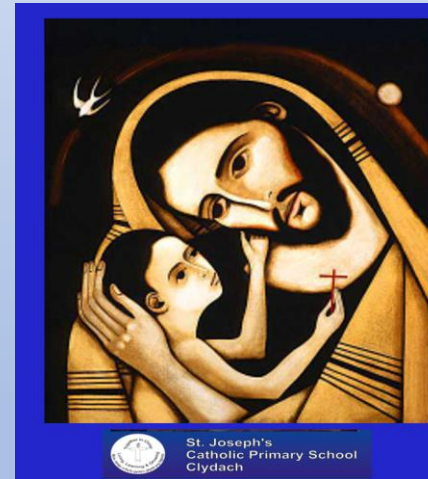
Image Theatre are visiting us on Thursday 7th May to put on their latest play, 'Dr Dolittle.' There will be a **£2 cost per child** to enable us to continue to give our pupils these wonderful experiences of the Arts.

Why do we celebrate St Joseph on May 1st?

On May 1st, the Church celebrates St Joseph the Worker, especially remembering St Joseph as a carpenter who worked hard to care for Mary and Jesus. He shows us that work is good, important, and can help us serve God and others. May 1st is also known around the world as Workers' Day (or May Day). In 1955, Pope Pius XII chose this day to remind people that work has dignity and meaning, and that workers should always be respected.

We encourage all of our pupils to work hard and always do their best.

All pupils have had a special prayer card to take home to day, for the feast of St. Joseph.



School Prayer

We are **together in Christ, Living Learning and growing.**

Sharing peace and love.
May God help us through Catholic Education and let us be guided by St. Joseph who protected Mary and their Son Jesus.

Amen

Gweddî'r Ysgol

Rydym yn un yng Nghrist, yn byw,
Yn dysgu ac yn tyfu.

Yn rhannu heddwch a chariad.

Boed I Dduw ein helpu drwy

Addysg Gatholig a boed i ni gael ein harwain

gan San Joseff a fu'n amddiffyn Mair a'u mab Iesu.

Amen

Our Vision



St. Joseph's
Catholic Primary School
Clydach

SUNFLOWER DAY 2026



£2

**SUNFLOWER
GROWING KITS
ON SALE IN SCHOOL**

This year's Sunflower Day is Friday July 3rd.

We have asked the pupils to put suggestions for the theme into a suggestion box.

Tickets will be on sale after half term £3 each.

All proceeds will be going to the South West Wales Cancer Centre at Singleton Hospital.

We are also selling sunflower kits for £2 each from this week to raise money.



GET INVOLVED IN THE GAMES

We are delighted to announce the launch of Gloucestershire GAA's Southern Games / Gameua Deheuol, a large regional festival of Gaelic Games taking place on:

Friday 19th June 2026
Coed Gwilym Parc, Clydach, Swansea

This major event will bring together over 300 children from schools across Wales and Southern England for a full day of Gaelic sports, culture, music, games, food, stalls, and community celebration.

THE OBJECTIVES OF SOUTHERN GAMES?

- Benefit Children's Physical and Mental Wellbeing
- Provide inclusive access to Gaelic Games for pupils of all backgrounds and abilities
- Promote a healthy, active lifestyle in a safe, enjoyable environment
- Develop Leadership & Community Skills
- Pupils will help plan, organise, and run key aspects of the festival
- Build Cultural Connections
- Celebrate sporting heritage and strengthen Welsh-Irish-English-Cornish cultural links

We would love every child taking part in the Southern Games / Gameua De 2026 to go home with their very own Gaelic football. With over 300 young players

attending, we are seeking sponsors to help make this possible. To recognise and thank our supporters, we are producing a full event digital programme that will be shared across Britain and Ireland, giving businesses and families a fantastic platform to show their support for youth sport and community wellbeing.

SPONSORSHIP RATECARD

GOLD - £100	Full-page advert in the official event programme
SILVER - £50	Half-page advert
BRONZE - £20	Name and message featured in the programme

If you would prefer to make a small donation online please use [this link](#) or scan the qr code below.

Your support will help us provide equipment, grow Gaelic Games across the region, and give each child a lasting memory of the day. If you would like to sponsor or learn more, we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Páraic Maddock maddockp@hwbcymru.net



FEATURED, NEWS

An exciting new Youth Festival of Gaelic Games will launch in Swansea on June, 19th 2026. The Southern Games will see children from the ages of 5-17 participate in Gaelic Games from surrounding clubs and schools in the South Wales and South England region.

The Inaugural Southern Games will be held at Coed Gwilym Parc in Swansea and will be hosted by the St Josephs GAA Club in Swansea working in partnership with their local school – St Josephs, Clydach and Gloucestershire GAA. Support is also being provided by the Consulate General of Ireland in Cardiff.

The exciting new initiative will include Gaelic Games, music and concession stalls as well as some special guests.

To enter your club or school team, or for more information, please contact Matt Hutchinson – childrensofficer.gloucestershire@gaa.ie.

An entry level Gaelic Games Coaching Course (Introduction to Coaching Gaelic Games) will also take place on the lead up to the games on the 18th of April at St Josephs Primary School in Clydach, 10am-4pm. No previous playing experience is necessary. 16+ to attend. To Register your place, please contact – childrensofficer.gloucestershire@gaa.ie.

SOUTHERN GAMES













FRIDAY 19TH JUNE, COED GWILYM PARC, SWANSEA, 10AM - 2PM









GLoucestershire GAA YOUTH GAMES FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 - 17 FROM SCHOOLS AND CLUBS ACROSS SOUTH WALES AND SOUTH ENGLAND

A FESTIVAL OF GAELIC GAMES, MUSIC STALLS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

TO ENTER YOUR CLUB OR SCHOOL TEAM, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MATT HUTCHINSON CHILDRENSOFFICER.GLOUCESTERSHIRE@GAA.IE.

Our School Sports Day this year will be linked to this huge event. More information to follow. Congratulations to Mr Maddock!

	SAMBA MATCH FOOTBALL GOAL 1.52 X 1.22M £150.00 Option: 1 PAIR	<input type="text" value="X2"/>
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	SAFABALL SOFT TOUCH FOOTBALL £74.00 Size: SIZE 4 Option: BAG OF 10	<input type="text" value="20"/>
	WILKS PLAYGROUND SOCCERBALL £82.00 Size: SIZE 4 Option: SET OF 10	<input type="text" value="10"/>

Purchase Order Number or Note

	20 FIRST TOUCH FOOTBALLS (Field) FP
	20 Smart TOUCH FOOTBALLS (Field) UP

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Thanks again for your 'Great Athlete's' sponsorship money earlier in the year. From the voucher we received we have put the Sports Council have ordered all of these resources. They worked hard clearing the shed in readiness.





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School Uniform Requirements at St Joseph's

Dear Parents/Carers,

we are writing to you to remind everyone of the uniform expectations at St. Joseph's Catholic Primary School. As you know, wearing a uniform has many benefits, including promoting a sense of pride in our school and creating a level playing field for all children. It also helps to ensure that children are dressed appropriately for a day of learning, and saves families time in choosing what to wear each day. At St Joseph's we have a clear uniform policy that all children are expected to adhere to.

We are giving plenty of notice of the expected uniform before you start buying new. **NO TRAINERS allowed except gym days. FROM SEPTEMBER letters will be sent out to pupils not following the correct uniform code.**

WINTER UNIFORM – September to Easter Break

- o Blue shirt - short or long-sleeved,
- o Navy jumper or cardigan with school logo (if possible)
- o Navy trousers/navy pinafore/ navy knee length skirt (NOT SHORT SKIRTS please)
- o Completely flat, plain, black shoes (NO TRAINERS)
- o School tie (Available from School Reception Office) £7.50

SUMMER UNIFORM – Easter Break to September

- o Blue polo shirts
- o Navy shorts or trousers
- o Blue gingham Summer Dress
- o Completely flat, plain, black shoes (NO TRAINERS)

PE KIT - Reception to Year 6

- o Blue polo shirts
- o Navy shorts
- o Trainers
- o School track suit- navy joggers and navy sweatshirt with logo (if possible)

NO HOODIES ARE ALLOWED except when the leavers' hoodies are given out.

From September we are allowing Nursery and Reception pupils to wear school gym kit every day. In Early Years, children learn best through **active, play-based experiences**, which involve lots of movement, exploration and outdoor learning, and wearing the school **gym kit** supports this approach by allowing children to move freely, comfortably and safely. Practical clothing encourages independence with dressing and toileting, helps children feel confident to join in physical and messy play, and is better suited to outdoor learning in all weathers.

School uniform is optional for Nursery Class.

Articles of clothing should be marked or labelled so that in the event of an article being mislaid, it can be traced.

School uniform and games wear can be purchased from **Bergoni Embroidery & Printing** (St David's Road, Swansea Enterprise Park) www.bergonicorporate.co.uk,
J&S Embroidery, <https://www.js-products.co.uk/> (East End Garage Tycoch Road Clydach) and online at www.SCHOOLTRENDS.CO.UK or any other supermarket retailers. purchasing items of school uniform. Uniform is not required for Nursery children.

Please read the uniform requirements carefully and follow the school uniform policy when you are buying **ready for September.**

We have had a lot of pupils wearing trainers this year and from September we will be monitoring uniform more carefully.

Its an easy uniform to follow and one that you can buy from most shops and supermarkets. School logos are not mandatory.



Friends of St. Joseph's – FOSJ



We are a parent, family & friend group - similar to a PTA - working together to support the school community.

We are keen to have new families to join us. A great way to meet others, support the school & make a positive difference for our children

Getting involved doesn't mean giving hours of time. By getting involved in any way, you can help to raise funds for resources, activities & experiences that benefit all children.

How?

- Helping organise events
- Share ideas in/ out of meetings
- Lend a hand during events.
- Help with fundraising.

If you think you could support FOSJ and the children of the school please reach out to your class rep

Nursery - Harriet Reception - Charles & Nicola Y1 - Shâron
Y2 - Lucy/Nadine/Charles & Nicola Y3 - currently no rep
Y4 - Sam/Lucy/Nadine/Harriet/Claire/Shâron
Y5 - currently no rep Y6 - Harriet

Please think about joining and helping to ensure that our pupils have lots of experiences and opportunities.

All are welcome!

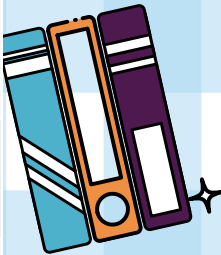
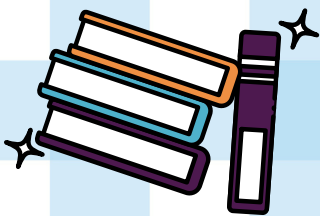
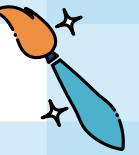
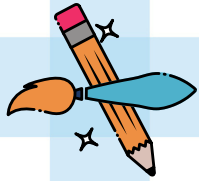
Please see the important changes to our attendance/absence arrangements that have been text out and are on the website. Thank you for your cooperation. <https://www.j2e.com/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school15/Mary/Absence+changes+letter.pdf/>

Information for Year 6 pupils – please read. <https://www.j2e.com/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school15/Mary/Wales+Vinnie+Camp+August+2026.pdf/> Yr 6 Wales' Vinnie Camp



Merit Award & 'Seren Yr Wythnos'

Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Merit Award
Nursery		Florence and Arabella
Reception	Paulo	Luca and Mariam
Year 1	Evan	Jaxon and Janviga
Year 2	Giorgio	Jennifer and Jack
Year 3	Demetrius	Amelia and Warren
Year 4	George	Mika and Osian
Year 5	Aine	Daniel and Darcy
Year 6	Reuben	Haniel and William



Swansea Council: Schools Essentials Grant (previously known as the School Uniform Grant)

Please be reminded that the closing date for applying for the Schools Essentials Grant (previously known as the School Uniform Grant) is 31 May 2026 for the 2025-2026 Academic Year. We recognise that there may be confusion in applying for this grant as it is for those learners that are **eligible** for free school meals. Being eligible for free school meals is different to the 'Universal Free School Meal' offer (this provides a free meal to all primary aged pupils). Children whose parents/carers receive the following support payments are eligible for free school meals. Universal Credit if your annualised net earnings are £7400 or less

- Income support
- Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI or the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit where total annual income is less than £16,190 a year
- Working Tax Credit 'run on'

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals we would urge you to apply (even if your child is in receipt of a free meal in primary school), the application form is quick and easy to complete, and eligibility allows you to apply for the Schools Essentials Grant. This will also help your school as part of the funding schools receive is based on the number of eligible free school meal learners. You can apply using the following link: [Apply for free school meals - Swansea](#)

If you have any queries relating to Free School Meals please contact: FreeSchoolMeals@swansea.gov.uk

Once eligibility status has been confirmed for free school meals, you will then be able to apply for the Schools Essentials Grant. This grant is available for those learners:

Eligible for free school meals

- Children Looked After (CLA) (must attend a Swansea school)
- Who are classed as No Resource to Public Funds (NPRF)
- In year groups Reception – Year 11 (as of September 2025)

The grant is £125 per eligible learner except for those in Year 7, who will be entitled to £200.

The grant can be spent on (but is not limited to):

School uniform including coats and shoes;

- School sports kits including footwear;
- IT equipment;
- Uniform for enrichment activities (for example scouts, guides, cadets, dance etc.); and
- Equipment (for example school bags and stationery).

You can apply for the Schools Essentials Grant using the link below: [School Essentials Grant \(formerly school uniform grant - PDG access\) - Swansea](#)

If you have any queries relating to the Schools Essentials Grant please contact: schooluniformgrant@swansea.gov.uk

New clubs lists have started for the summer term. You need to send in the form and payment for your child to access clubs.

Club times are 3.20- 4.20PM Please **be on time** to collect your child from the main gate, diolch.

There are no clubs during HALF TERM – May 25th – 29th Last week of clubs will is July 6th.

MONDAY	TUESDAY
REC/Y1/2: LEGO CLUB	REC/Y1/2: BIBLE STORIES
Y3/4: ART CLUB	Y3/4: INDOOR & OUTDOOR GAMES
GY5/6: CREATIVITY & FITNESS	Y5/6: GAELIC FOOTBALL