

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF, CLYDACH

May 22nd 2026

School Attendance: 89.3% - THAT'S VERY LOW!!!!

Reception: 85.5% Year 1: 90.8% Year 2: 92.6%

Year 3: 90.9% Year 4: 93.4% Year 5: 92.9% Year 6: 78.7%

Winning Class for Attendance:

Nursery: 97.8%

Da iawn!

Upcoming dates:

HALF TERM Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Thursday 4th June Puberty Talk Year 6 Period Talk Years 5 & 6

Friday 12th June International Day of Play – all pupils to wear gym kit.

Sunday 14th June First Holy Communion 10 am St Benedict's, all welcome.

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

Thursday 25th June Class photos

Saturday 27th June Confirmation 6:00pm St Benedict's, all welcome.

Friday 3rd July Sunflower Day (Movies/Disney theme – songs to be decided by the pupils)

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 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.

THE ROOT OF JOY IS GRATEFULNESS.
It is not joy that makes us grateful;
it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

-David Steindl-Rast

This is the list of clubs for the second half term – spaces have been paid for and confirmed last term but at least one has changed

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

Last week of clubs will be July 6th.

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

The Pentecost – Sunday 24th May

Pentecost is a major Christian festival celebrated 50 days after Easter Sunday. Often called the "birthday of the Church", it commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus, empowering them to spread the Christian message.



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/>

Very Revd Canon Jason Jones,
Sacred Heart, Morriston



Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.

Amen

We send our love and prayers to the
parishioners of Sacred Heart, Morriston
and to Canon Jason's family.

On Sunday two of our pupils made the Sacrament of
Reconciliation, their First Confession, at St Benedict's.
Congratulations to Amelia & Alissa and to the other
children from the parish

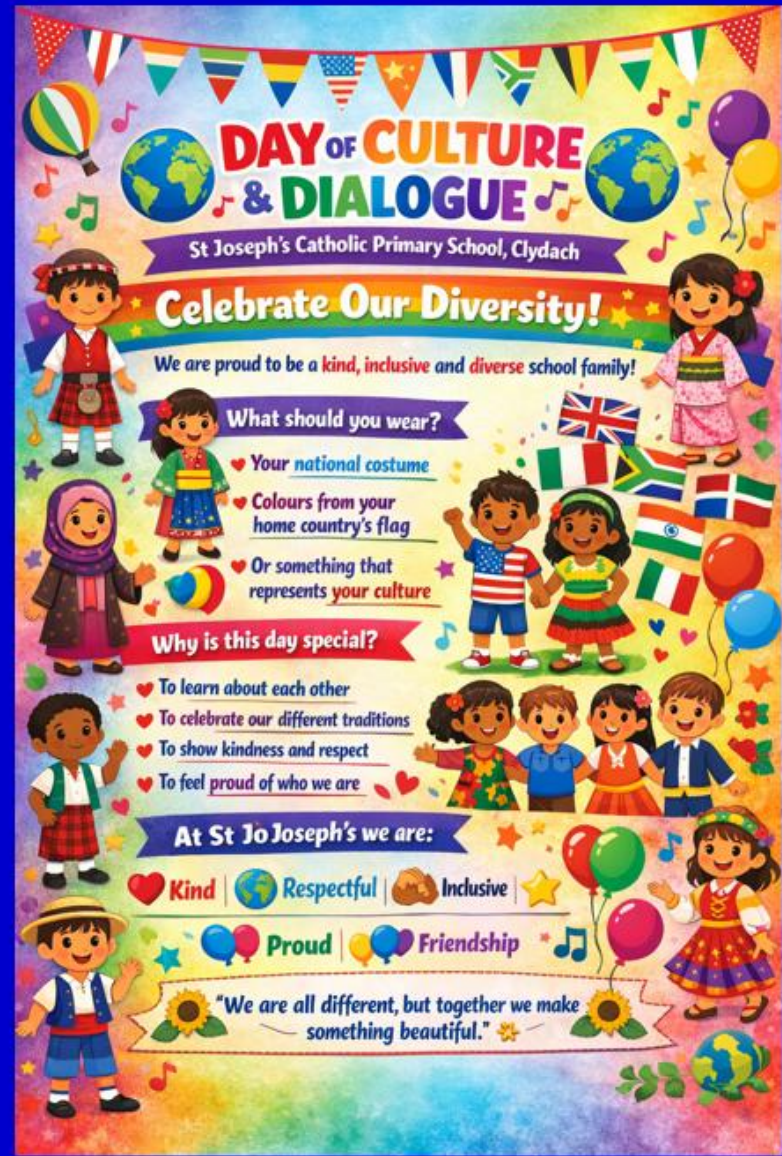


Wednesday was National Bee Day and we all learnt about how important it is to improve the conditions for bee survival so that bees and other pollinators may thrive. Without bees we couldn't grow crops and flowers.



Criw Cymraeg's message prepared us well for our 'Day of Culture & Dialogue' where we celebrated that we are all different but all made equal in the eyes of God.

Pupils wore their national costumes or colours from their home flags. Everyone was very colourful and looked beautiful. We are all very proud of our home nations.



A huge thank you to the Criw Cymraeg and Mrs Weaver for their PAG assembly on Thursday for telling us about the Urdd's 105th year of Peace & Goodwill message, declaring that "peace speaks every language."





Wellbeing Walks with Moose!

A huge thanks to Mrs Morgan for organising wellbeing lunchtime walks.

This week it was the turn of Years 1 and 2 and then Moose joined Reception to play.



Yr 6 had their residential last week at Borfa House, Port Eynon. The weather wasn't great but they had a great time together surfing, learning Bush crafts etc. A huge thank you to Mr Maddock, Miss Fran & Miss Sharon for giving up their time to enable the pupils to go.





Mr Maddock & Sport Council showed us all of the sports equipment we have. We promised to look after it all and use it properly.



Thank you for making a home for all of our old books!

SUNFLOWER DAY 2026



£2

**SUNFLOWER
GROWING KITS**

ON SALE IN SCHOOL

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

We had some suggestions in and each class voted on the top suggestions.

It was 3 votes to 'Disney' and 3 votes to 'Movies' so we compromised and said 'Movies' - but they could be Disney ones if they wanted.

Each class will chose a song after half term and we will let you know about costumes.

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 and tip tops and ice cream just before half term.



Friends of St. Joseph's – FOSJ



**A huge thank you to all of the parents/cares/
family of our pupils who came and helped
around the school & yard. We are very grateful
for all of your hard work and support!**

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.

Please think about joining our wonderful Friends of St Joseph's (FOSJ) Group and helping to ensure that our pupils have lots of experiences and opportunities. All are welcome!

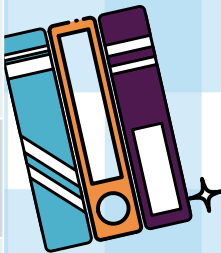
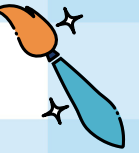
If you think you could support FOSJ and the children of the school please reach out to your class rep

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



Merit Award & 'Seren Yr Wythnos'

Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Merit Award
Nursery		Zephaniah and Penny
Reception	George	Jasmin and Arthur
Year 1	Louis	Betsia and Esther
Year 2	Aimy	Elliot and Tania
Year 3	Hunniq	Emerin and Janina
Year 4	Willow	Tori and Daksha
Year 5	Darcy	Ellis and Niia
Year 6		





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!



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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.

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