

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

## YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF, CLYDACH

### June 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

**School Attendance: 87.4% - THAT'S VERY LOW!!!!**

Reception: 88.5% Year 1: 88.4% Year 2: 89.8%

Year 3: 85.3% Year 4: 88.8% Year 5: 88.7% Year 6: 81.6%

**Winning Class for Attendance:**

**Nursery: 94.3%**

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### Upcoming dates:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June Yr 3 Trip to Caerleon.**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June International Day of Play – all pupils to wear gym kit.**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June First Holy Communion 10 am St Benedict's, all welcome.**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June Yr 5 Sports Cup cluster day in Bishop Vaughan.**

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Years 3-6 Welsh Jambori at Cwrt Herbert**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June Class photos**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June Confirmation 6:00pm St Benedict's, all welcome.**

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June Yr 4 & 5 Sports Cup cluster day at St Joseph's Comprehensive, Port Talbot**

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June & July:



Pupils are **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

### What is discernment?

Discernment is a process and is an intentional way of discovering how God is leading you to be the person you were meant to be.



June is the month of the Sacred Heart. In Catholic churches and homes, one of the most popular images of Jesus is the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. The image of God's love is revealed in the pierced heart of His Son.



**O Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
I place all my trust  
in You.

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## The Feast of Corpus Christi

The Feast of Corpus Christi, which means "Body of Christ" in Latin, is also known as The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. This is a special Catholic feast day that celebrates Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist and allows us to thank Jesus for gift of Holy Communion..

Corpus Christi Sunday celebrates the real presence of Christ – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity – in the bread and wine.

Lots of parishes have their First Holy Communion on this day.



# 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-swanseaco.uk/>

The Year 4 pupils are taking part in the Bishop Vaughan School (BVS) Anniversary Concert  
On the evening of Tuesday July 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Tickets are now on sale for the via this link:

<https://www.ticketsource.com/bishop-vaughan-school/t-oeegkad>

If you use the code **PRIMARY30** you will get 30% the overall ticket price, an exclusive offer for the families of the cluster schools.

Pupils are asked to wear their school uniform and further details will be provided by Bishop Vaughan in the next week or so.

Bishop Vaughan School Events › BISHOP VAUGHAN 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT › Tuesday 7th July 2026 › 7:00PM

## BISHOP VAUGHAN 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CONCERT

Brangwyn Hall, Swansea, SA1 4PE  
Tuesday 7th July 2026 7:00PM

Join us for a spectacular evening of music, performance and celebration as we mark 60 years of Bishop Vaughan Catholic School. This special anniversary concert brings together the very best of our school community, featuring performances from our School Choir, Production Project, Instrumental Ensemble, bands, soloists and dance groups. The programme also proudly showcases the talents of pupils from our Catholic feeder schools – St Joseph's (Clydach), St Joseph's Cathedral School, St Illtyd's and St David's – highlighting the strength and unity of our wider community.

The celebration continues with contributions from past pupils and special guests, including Stagecoach Swansea and Swansea Amateur Operatic Society, reflecting the lasting impact of Bishop Vaughan beyond the classroom.

Bringing together past, present and future, this uplifting evening promises to showcase the incredible talent, creativity and spirit that has defined Bishop Vaughan for six decades

### Event Details

Doors Open at 6:30PM  
Starts at 7:00PM



**BOOK NOW**  
50+ tickets available

### Price

Ticket price  
£5.00 - £8.00

### Share this event



# Sunflower Day 2026



Next week we will be selling tip tops every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a £1 each and there will be some Joe's ice-cream tubs available for £2. If the Joe's ice-cream is popular we will order a lot more.

Tickets for Sunflower Day will be on sale from Monday at £3 each.

All money will go to South West Wales Cancer Charity at Singleton Hospital, Swansea.



## Year 6 Transition Day with Platform – Pupil Wellbeing Review

On Monday the first of June, the Year 6 pupils recently took part in a transition day led by Platform, with a strong focus on mindfulness and wellbeing in preparation for moving to secondary school (Year 7). The session aimed to support pupils in exploring their hopes and fears, building resilience, and developing strategies to manage change and anxiety.

A key activity involved pupils identifying and sharing their *hopes and worries* about moving to comprehensive school. Many pupils expressed common feelings, including being nervous about getting lost, making new friends, and coping with increased expectations, while also feeling excited about new opportunities and independence. This helped pupils recognise that their feelings are shared, reducing anxiety and supporting emotional wellbeing.

The *friendship web* activity was particularly effective in demonstrating how much pupils have in common with one another. By physically connecting through shared experiences and interests, pupils developed a stronger sense of belonging and understanding. Lucianna reflected, **“It was really helpful about how people relate to each other when making new friends.”** This links directly to the wellbeing focus on positive relationships and social connection.

Another impactful activity explored *brain overload*, using a visual demonstration of water filling a cup to represent stress building up. Pupils learned how feelings can accumulate if not managed. This led into discussions on *dealing with anxiety*, where mindfulness techniques were introduced as tools to help pupils regulate their emotions. Nolah commented, **“Mindfulness techniques were helpful,”** showing the practical benefit of these strategies.

Pupils also reported feeling reassured after learning more about what to expect in secondary school. Haniel noted, **“It will help me because it told me about what to expect in comp.”** Similarly, Rellet shared, **“I was nervous about getting lost, but I am reassured now.”** These responses indicate a reduction in uncertainty, which is a key factor in supporting emotional wellbeing during transition.

An important takeaway for many pupils was understanding that they will not be alone in their experiences. Sarah said, **“Everyone will be new so that helped me calm down.”** This highlights the success of the session in normalising worries and building confidence.

Overall, feedback from the group was very positive. **10 out of 10** and the general consensus was that the day was very *useful, reassuring, and supportive*. Pupils stated they would recommend continuing this programme for future Year 6 cohorts.

### Wellbeing Impact Summary:

- Increased understanding of emotions and anxiety
- Development of mindfulness and coping strategies
- Strengthened sense of belonging and shared experience
- Reduced worries about transition to secondary school
- Improved confidence in making new friendships

### Recommendation:

The Platform transition programme clearly supports pupil wellbeing and aligns with school priorities around emotional health. It is recommended that this initiative continues annually to support future Year 6 pupils in managing transition positively.



# SOUTHERN GAMES 2026

## PROGAMME OF EVENTS

Zone 1	9.30 -10.30	Nursery/Reception	Games stations/relays
Zone 1	10.00 -11.30	Year 1 and 2	Games stations/relays
Pitch 6	9.30- 10.30	Year 3 and 4	Zoned Go Games
Pitch 6	10.30 - 11.30	Year 5 and 6	Zoned Go games
Pitches 1-4	10.30 -12.30	Primary Schools	Go Games
Pitch 5	10.30 -1.00	Comprehensive Schools	Gaelic Football
Zone1	1.15 -2.30	Whole school	Music and stalls
Presentation Zone	12.30	All Teams	Presentations/Photos



**School Sports Day – Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>.  
Coed Gwilym Park.**

Please see the timetable to the left.

We are looking forward to a fun filled day of sport and entertainment.

### **There will be lots of stalls:**

Refreshments – hot dogs, drinks, snacks  
Sweets  
Ice-cream & Lollies  
Tattoos  
Carnival Games  
Coloured Hair Spray & Glitter  
Pocket Money Bits

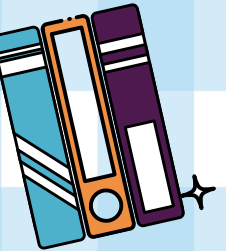
Please come along and support.

Please, if you can help on any of the stalls we would love you to say.



# Merit Award & 'Seren Yr Wythnos'

Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Merit Award
Nursery		
Reception	Ezra	Ethan and Matthew
Year 1	Elias	Josiah and Erish
Year 2	Aimee	Alzah and Samyu
Year 3	Grace	Gianni and Luca
Year 4	Elliot	Enoch and Eldhen
Year 5	Reggie	Beatrice and Elena
Year 6	Lucianna	Tahlia and Harry





## 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

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 6<sup>th</sup>.

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>
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



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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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:schooluniformgrant@swansea.gov.uk)