

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

## YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF, CLYDACH

### June 26<sup>th</sup> 2026

### School Attendance: 90.1%

Reception: 85.3% Year 1: 95% Year 2: 95.7%  
 Year 3: 81.6% Year 4: 91% Year 5: 96.1% Year 6: 92.5%

### Winning Class for Attendance:

**Year 5: 96.1%**

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### Upcoming dates:

- 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 Comp, Port Talbot
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** 'Cricket School Programme' sessions Years 3 – 6
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** Class photos
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** Sunflower Day 1:15 pm Movies/Disney theme
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July** Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2 trip to Manor Wildlife Park, Tenby. Back at 4pm
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** Years 3- 6 trip to Heatherton, Tenby. Back at 4pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July** Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Benedict's 9:30 am

### 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.

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a special day to remember that Jesus loves everyone completely. His heart is often shown in pictures with flames, a crown of thorns, and a cross. The flames represent His burning love, the thorns show the suffering He endured for us, and the cross reminds us of His total sacrifice for humanity.



O Sacred Heart of Jesus  
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The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul in 2026 falls on Monday, June 29, 2026. In the UK, it is a designated Catholic [Holy Day of Obligation](#).

In England & Wales Mass Obligation is transferred to the preceding Sunday. Therefore, your obligation to attend Mass falls on Sunday, June 28, 2026.

# FEAST DAY OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL

## 29th JUNE

A special day in the Church celebrating two great apostles who helped spread the message of Jesus. ❤️

### SAINT PETER

- A fisherman and one of Jesus' closest friends.
- Known as the "Rock" of the Church.
- The first Pope.
- Symbol: KEYS

### SAINT PAUL

- Originally called Saul.
- Had a life-changing conversion.
- Travelled far to share the Good News.
- Symbol: SCROLL / BOOK

#### WHY ARE THEY IMPORTANT?

- ♥ They helped build the early Church.
- 👥 They taught others about Jesus.
- ★ They showed great faith and courage.

#### THE FEAST DAY

📅 **29** Celebrated every year on 29 June.

🏰 Remembers their lives and martyrdom in Rome.

🏆 Marked with special Masses and prayers.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

- ★ Peter was the leader of the apostles.
- ★ Paul wrote many letters in the New Testament.
- ★ Both were martyred in Rome for their faith.
- ★ This feast is one of the oldest celebrations in Christianity.

#### KEY MESSAGE

💜 God can use **ANYONE** to do amazing things.

🌱 Faith, courage and forgiveness are important.

👥 We are all called to **SHARE GOD'S LOVE** with others.

🌿 ★ PETER AND PAUL, PRAY FOR US! ★ 🌿

# 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-swanea.co.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-oeeqkad>

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  
  

School Reports will be given out to ALL classes on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, at the end of the day.

Time has been allocated with teachers after school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July if you wish to discuss your child's report. You will need to arrange a time, on that Monday, with the class teacher. Diolch.

We are starting a school Instagram account to share news. It will be a business account and followers will have to be approved.

If you DO NOT agree with photos of your child being put onto this account please inform the school office.

Thank you.



Our Insta profile is now live with our first post!



Huge thanks to Mr Maddock for all of his hard work to bring the Southern Games 2026 to us!

What an experience for us all. Videos will be shared of this fantastic day. Even though we are a small school we are making such a difference to our wider community!

Also a huge thank you to the 'Friends of St Joseph's' parents who bought, organised and manned stalls all day. They work so hard for our pupils we should all be very grateful to them.

We made £700 profit on the day. Some will be donated to the Sunflower appeal and the rest will go towards subsidising the cost of our summer trips.





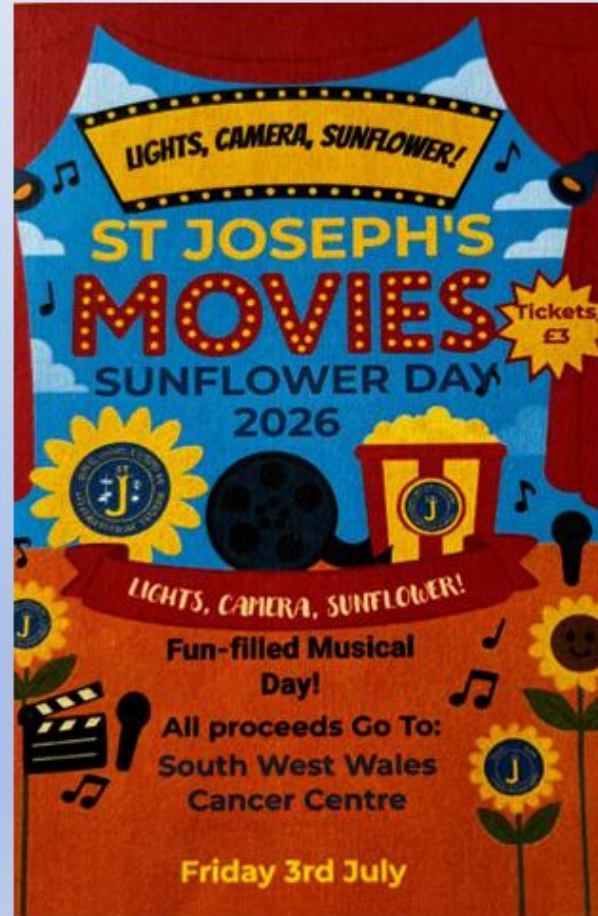
## Sunflower Day 2026



We are now selling tip tops every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for a £1 each and there will also be some Joe's ice-cream tubs available for £2.

Tickets for Sunflower Day are now on sale from the office at £3 each. All money will go to South West Wales Cancer Charity at Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

The children will be performing between 1:15 and 2:45 pm



Don't forget that you will need tickets for next week's Sunflower Concert to see your children perform - £3 each. All money is going to the South West Wales Cancer Charity at Singleton Hospital, Swansea.

*The weather is changing the weekend but it looking sunny again next Friday so, hopefully, we can all be in the yard together, as we do every other year. If the forecast changes we will have a Plan B and will let you know!*

Years 3, 4 ,5 & 6 had a great time in the Welsh Jambori, singing songs and having fun!





It was very hot in school on Wednesday! We had to find lots of ways to cool down!



## Nightfever comes to Cardiff.

On Friday 19th June, 7pm–10pm, the doors of St David's Metropolitan Cathedral in Cardiff Will be thrown open for Nightfever — an invitation for all who pass by to come inside, light a candle, and encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. Jesus in the Eucharist is at the centre of the evening, placed on the altar for adoration, with priests on hand throughout for Confession and pastoral conversations. Find out more at the link:

<https://rcadc.org/a-mission-for-the-whole-diocese-cco-comes-to-cardiff-menevia/>

## A Mission for the Whole Diocese – CCO Comes to Cardiff-Menevia

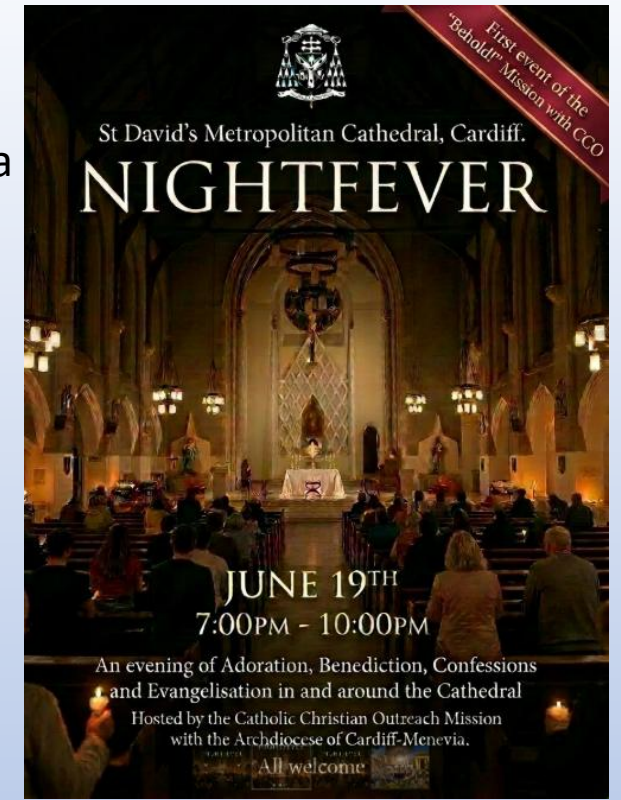
This summer, the Archdiocese is partnering with **CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach)** for a three-week Diocesan Mission across Cardiff-Menevia - running from **19 June to 5 July 2026**.

Twelve missionaries will be joining us to help us learn a practical approach to evangelisation called Intentional Accompaniment, equipping us to walk with others on their journey of faith. Events are open to all, including Nightfever at Cardiff Cathedral (19 June), a Day of Prayer across the whole Diocese (24 June), a Learn to Pray day at Belmont Abbey (27 June), and a Young Adults Day in Cardiff (5 July). For full details, visit: <https://rcadc.org/a-mission-for-the-whole-diocese-cco-comes-to-cardiff-menevia/>

As part of the CCO Mission an "Intentional Accompaniment" day will be held on the 20<sup>th</sup> June in Llanelli.

**Intentional Accompaniment Day, Saturday 20th June | 11am – 4pm | Our Lady of Peace, Llanelli**

Sharing our Faith with others is at the heart of being a missionary disciple - something Archbishop Mark has placed at the centre of his vision for the Diocese. CCO (Catholic Christian Outreach) missionaries will be on hand to guide you through Intentional Accompaniment - a practical way of walking alongside others on their journey of Faith, helping them towards conversion and supporting them as they grow into missionary disciples themselves.





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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.SCHOOL TRENDS.CO.UK](http://www.SCHOOL TRENDS.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 - Shàron  
 Y2 - Lucy/Nadine/Charles & Nicola Y3 - currently no rep  
 Y4 - Sam/Lucy/Nadine/Harriet/Claire/Shàron  
 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>.

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

## 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)