

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF, CLYDACH

July 3rd 2026

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
Gweddi'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



Upcoming dates:

Monday 6th July Reception, Yr 1, Yr 2 trip to Manor Wildlife Park, Tenby. Back at 4pm

Wednesday 8th July Years 3- 6 trip to Heatherton, Tenby. Back at 4pm

Thursday 16th July Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Benedict's 9:30 am

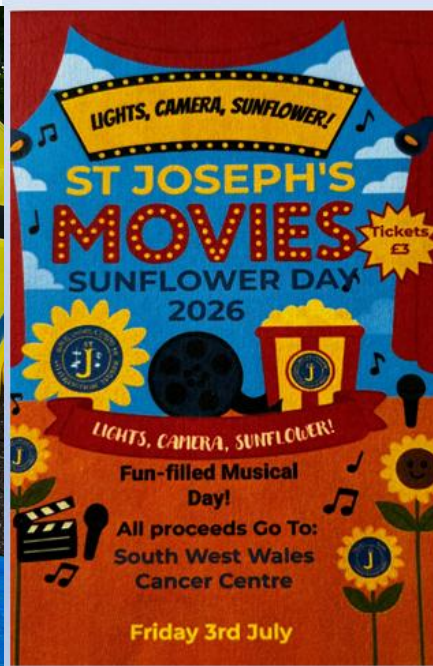
Our Virtues for June & July:



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.



A huge thank you for your support with our Sunflower Appeal again this year. The final amount will be shared on Monday but it is around £2,000 for the South West Wales Cancer Charity at Singleton Hospital. Swansea. Photos will be uploaded next week. All classes were fantastic in their costumes with their singing and dance routines and we all had a fun day. Thanks to all of the staff who prepared the pupils for today. Please look to see if you have won a prize! I don't normally share photos of myself but I thought this one summed up the mood of today!!!!!!









MONTH OF JULY

IS DEDICATED TO THE
MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS



THE BEAUTY OF MY CATHOLIC FAITH



We know that Jesus suffered and for us in hope that we might go to heaven one day. Every day, we must try to be pleasing to God. This includes our thoughts, words, and actions.

When we recognize our sins, we are joined with the Precious Blood of Jesus as we promise to God that we will try to live a better life.

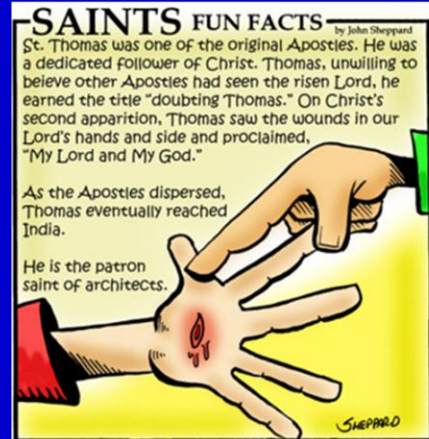
The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle is celebrated on July 3. Christians. "Doubting Thomas" famously professed "My Lord and My God" after touching Jesus's wounds. He is recognized as the patron saint of architects, builders, and India. He is the patron saint of India due to his legacy of preaching and establishing Christian communities there in the first century.

St Thomas the Apostle's Feast Day is 3rd July

Happy Feast of St. Thomas



The Apostle of India



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/>

After school clubs have now finished for the academic year.

Next week we have two trips arriving back late and Year 4 and staff have the Bishop Vaughan concert.

A huge thank you to staff who work on extra hours to provide these clubs for your children.

Clubs will start back in September. Letters will be given out in September for you to sign up again for the Autumn Term.

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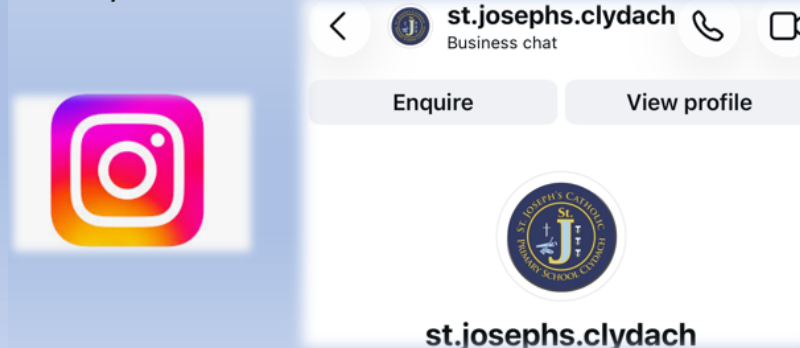
School Reports will be given out to ALL classes on Monday 6th July, at the end of the day.

Time has been allocated with teachers after school on Monday 13th 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.



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The Year 4 pupils are taking part in the Bishop Vaughan School (BVS) Anniversary Concert
On the evening of Tuesday July 7th, 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



Please support this night with our feeder Catholic school.

<https://safeandsound.wales/>

This is a new Swansea website for **Parents and Carers.**

Safe & Sound Wales has been created to meet that need.

A preventative, relational approach

At the heart of [Safe & Sound Wales](https://safeandsound.wales/) is a simple idea: that preventing harm isn't just about reacting to crises, it's about building the conditions for safety, trust and open communication.

That means helping families to reflect, relate, respect and repair and supporting parents to feel more confident having the conversations that really matter.



Congratulations to our pupils who joined others from St. Benedict's parish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. We are very proud of them.





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 Tychoch 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

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

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