

# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

## YSGOL GYNRADD GATHOLIG SAN JOSEFF, CLYDACH

### July 10<sup>th</sup> 2026

#### School Attendance: 89.7%

Reception: 86.7% Year 1: 96% Year 2: 92.6%  
Year 3: 81.3% Year 4: 91.9% Year 5: 93.2% Year 6: 89.4%

#### Winning Class for Attendance:

**Year 5: 96%**

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#### Upcoming dates:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Cricket sessions for Years 3-6, please wear gym kit

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Leavers Mass at St Benedict's 9:30 am

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July:** Last Day of School – term ends.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September:** Inset Day

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** Inset Day

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** Pupils back in school

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** Phonics Parents Workshops & School Nurser for Nursery & Reception parents 9am- 10:45 am, School Hall

#### 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**



#### 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.

# 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.

## St. Benedict of Nursia, Father of Western Monasticism



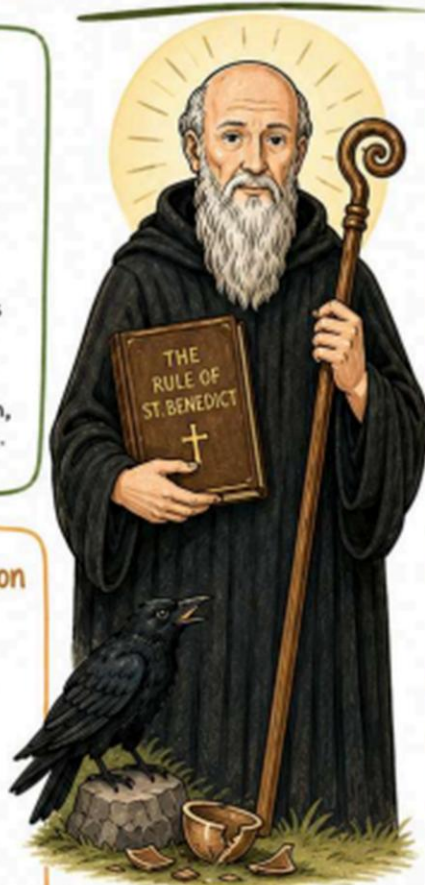
### Who Is He?

- St. Benedict was born around 480 in Nursia, Italy.
- He wanted to live for God and spent time in prayer and solitude.
- He founded monasteries and wrote a rule for monastic life.
- He is known for wisdom, humility, and obedience.



### Life and Mission

- Benedict left the world to seek God in prayer.
- He lived as a hermit in a cave near Subiaco.
- Many others came to him for guidance.
- He founded the monastery at Monte Cassino.
- He wrote the Rule of Saint Benedict to help monks live together in prayer, work, and love.



"Pray without ceasing."  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:17



### Quick Facts



Feast Day: July 11



Symbol: raven, book, broken cup, crozier



Patronage: Europe, monks, Benedictine monks, students, schoolchildren, farmers, cave explorers



Location: Nursia, Italy; Subiaco, Italy; Monte Cassino, Italy



Religious Order: Founder of the Benedictine Order



### Connection to the Church



Companion: His sister, St. Scholastica, also a saint.



Role: Founder of the Benedictine Order and father of Western monasticism.



Writings: The Rule of Saint Benedict—still followed by many monasteries today.

# Updates of the week:

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

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**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September:**

**Phonics Parents Workshops & School Nurser for Nursery & Reception parents 9am- 10:45 am, School Hall.**

**This is an opportunity for parents of pupils moving through the school to find out about helping their child learn to read- this session will be lead by a County specialist.**

**The School Nurse will also talk about help that can be given to younger pupils.**



# Wildlife Park Play Day!



Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had their first long trip away this week. They went on a summer adventure to Manor Wildlife Park near Tenby. They saw lots of animals and had great fun on the bus and in the park. A huge thank you to all the staff and helpers who made the day possible.





## Heatherton Summer Fun!



Years 3-6 had a great summer trip to Heatherton Adventure Park this week. It was very hot and very busy, but they made the most of all of their time and enjoyed being with their friends. Thanks to all the staff for organising the day and for keeping everyone safe.

# BV 60th Anniversary Extravaganza



We had a wonderful time we had at Bishop Vaughan's 60th Anniversary Concert this week. There were all kinds of acts there – singers, dancers, actors and all of them were past BV pupils. The stars of the show, however, were our Year 4 pupils who sang their hearts out for their 3 songs. The children made us adults cry with pride. We are so thankful to the parents who took their children to be part of this cluster celebration and a huge thank you to Mrs James, Mrs Weaver and Miss Julie for organising our contribution.



# Merit Award & 'Seren Yr Wythnos'



| Class            | Seren Yr Wythnos | Merit Award          |
|------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Nursery</b>   |                  | Noah and Mikhael     |
| <b>Reception</b> | Gwennllian       | George and Ezra      |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | Betsia           | Esther and Roman     |
| <b>Year 2</b>    | Rosie            | Daniel and Samyu     |
| <b>Year 3</b>    | Luca             | Christina and Rufaro |
| <b>Year 4</b>    | Tiana            | William and Mika     |
| <b>Year 5</b>    |                  | Oliver and Mollie    |
| <b>Year 6</b>    | Nolah            | Jaxon and Ellis      |



#### 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 are sending uniform information out to make sure it is known that, from September, letters will be sent out to pupils not wearing the correct uniform so please don't buy the wrong uniform and then have to buy again.

We have had a lot of pupils wearing trainers this year and from September we will be monitoring uniform more carefully. **Pupils are NOT allowed to wear trainers unless its gym day or they are in Nursery & Reception classes.**

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)