

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

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July 17th 2026

School Attendance: 90.2%

Reception: 91% Year 1: 94.8% Year 2: 89.7%
Year 3: 84.5% Year 4: 88.1% Year 5: 90.3% Year 6: 95.5%

Winning Class for Attendance:

Year 6: 95.5%

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Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 1st September: Inset Day

Wednesday 2nd September: Inset Day

Thursday 3rd September: Pupils back in school

Tuesday 8th 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:



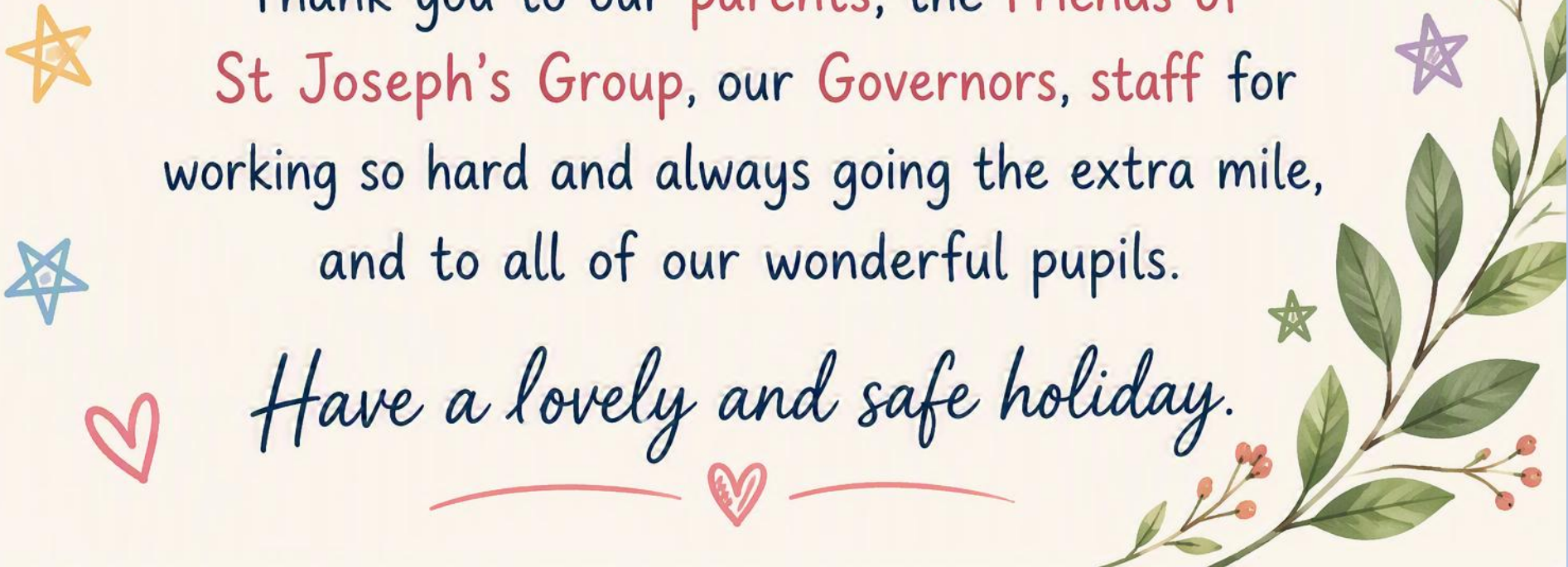
Pupils are **attentive** to their experience and to their vocation; and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

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.



Thank you for a great year!



Thank you to our parents, the Friends of
St Joseph's Group, our Governors, staff for
working so hard and always going the extra mile,
and to all of our wonderful pupils.



Have a lovely and safe holiday.

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. Mary Magdalene,

Apostle to the Apostles



WHO IS SHE?

- A disciple of Jesus.
- Healed by Jesus and became one of his closest followers.
- Present at the Crucifixion.
- The first person to see the risen Jesus.
- The first to announce the Resurrection to the apostles.



QUICK FACTS



Feast Day: July 22



Symbol: Alabaster jar; red egg; skull; long hair; cross



Patron of: Women; converts; people seeking forgiveness; hairdressers; perfumers



Time Period: 1st century AD



Location: Magdala; Galilee; Jerusalem



Title: Disciple of Jesus; Apostle to the Apostles



LIFE AND MISSION

- Mary Magdalene was from Magdala, a town on the Sea of Galilee.
- Jesus healed her and she chose to follow him.
- She traveled with Jesus and the other women disciples.
- She stood at the foot of the Cross.
- On Easter morning, she found the tomb empty.
- Jesus appeared to her first and sent her to tell the disciples the good news.



"She went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord!'"

John 20:18



SCRIPTURE

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher).

John 20:16

CONNECTION TO THE CHURCH



- Mary Magdalene is honored as the first witness of the Resurrection.
- She is called "Apostle to the Apostles" because she was sent by Jesus to the disciples.
- Her witness shows the important role of women in the life of Jesus and the Church.
- The Church celebrates her feast as a model of faith, love, and bold witness to Christ.



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/>



Tuesday 8th September:

Phonics Parents Workshops & School Nurse Visit for September 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.

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



https://www.instagram.com/reel/DZ9_t7dotBV/?igsh=OGdpOXNsbHdsb3F4

Llyfrgell Clydach • Clydach Library

Summer Events

Musical Instrument Craft

Wednesday, July 22

🕒 10:30-11:30, 2:30-3:30

Make a Board Game

Wednesday, July 29

🕒 10:30-11:30, 2:30-3:30

Comic Art Masterclass

Monday, August 3

🕒 10:30-12:30 (Age 7+)

MAD Science

Wednesday, August 5

🕒 10:30-11:30 (Age 5-11)

MelodiCare Cymru Workshop

Friday, August 7

🕒 9:45-10:30 (age 4-6), 11-12 (age 7-9)

Super Mario Crafts

Wednesday, August 12

🕒 10:30-11:30, 2:30-3:30

K-Pop Craft and Silent Disco

Wednesday, August 19

🕒 10:30-11:30, 2:30-3:30

Just Dance Tournament

Wednesday, August 26

🕒 10:30-11:30, 2:30-3:30

Booking Required - call 01792 843300



<https://www.j2e.com/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school15/Mary/image1.png/>

Information about Summer fun at Coed Gwilym

We will miss you Mrs Brannigan.

We wish you all the best as you retire from St Joseph's
and give a huge thank you for all of your years of
dedicated service, love and care.



Good luck to our Year 6 as they move on to their new Comprehensive schools.





Years 3 – 6 had cricket sessions this week from Cricket Wales Engagement days. They really enjoyed and learned lots.





Big thank you to Councillor Matthew Bailey who arranged for free ice creams for every pupil, as a end of year treat.





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 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

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