

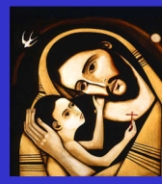
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, CLYDACH

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November 6th 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



School Attendance: 93.1%

Reception: 88.6% **Year 1**: 92.1% **Year 2:** 94.8%
Year 3: 95.3% **Year 4:** 90.3% **Year 5:** 95.6% **Year 6:** 96.3%

Winning Class for Attendance:

Year 5 99.6%

Da iawn!

Our Virtues for November & December



Upcoming dates:

Monday 9th November: Years 3 - 6 - Swansea Water Safety Team Assembly
Wednesday 11th November: Service of Remembrance school Hall 2.00pm. ALL WELCOME TO JOIN.
Wednesday 11th November: Yr 3 Trip – Copper Jack Boat & Swansea Museum
Thursday 12th November: Yr 5 Bishop Vaughan Visit Day)
Thursday 26th November: Road Safety Assemblies -Reception to Yr 2 and Years 3 - 6
Monday 7th December: 2:00pm Years 1 & 2 Christmas Play in the Hall
Wednesday 9th December: 9:30 am Nursery & Reception Christmas Play in the Hall.
Wednesday 9th December: 2:00pm Years 3- 6 Christmas Play in St Benedict's.
Thursday 10th December: Panto Years 3- 6
Friday 11th December: Parish & Community Coffee afternoon 1.30pm, school Hall
Monday 14th December: Reception to Yr 2 Christmas Llanelli Play Trip
Monday 14th December: BVS Carol Service with Year 4 at 7pm
Thursday 17th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner. Christmas Mass 9.30 St. Benedict's

Pupils in our school are growing to be…. Eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people & the world.
Our school helps our pupil grow…. By developing an eloquent language which pupils can use to understand & Articulate their emotions, beliefs & questions, encouraged by the example of their teachers to be truthful in the way they represent themselves and speak about the world.



Updates of the week:

On our school website important dates are on the calendar and photos are on the https://www.stjosephscatholicps-swansea.co.uk/

News & Events' area. You can also keep up to date with events on our school Instagram page.

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



BISHOP VAUGHAN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This year marks six decades of Catholic secondary school provision in Swansea! With Bishop Vaughan Catholic School having opened in 1966, 2026-27 represents its 60th Jubilee Year!

To mark this special milestone, a commemorative **Jubilee Magazine** and accompanying **online archive** are currently being produced, celebrating the rich history and enduring legacy of the school. We warmly invite current and former pupils, staff, governors, clergy, parents and friends of Bishop Vaughan to contribute photographs, documents, memorabilia, anecdotes and personal recollections that help tell the story of our school through the generations. These treasured memories will help create a lasting record of the people, events and achievements that have shaped Bishop Vaughan over the past sixty years.

Contributions can be sent to **BishopvaughanH@Hwbcymru.net**, or if you would like to discuss potential material for inclusion, please contact **Mrs E.J. Gwyther** on **01792 772006**.

Bishop Vaughan have recently commenced their year of Jubilee celebrations. The next event in this programme will be a **Sixtieth Jubilee Mass** celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Mark O'Toole. This will take place on **Friday 6th November at 6.30pm in Bishop Vaughan's Main Hall**.

Current and former pupils, parents, staff and governors, as well as our partner primary schools and parish communities, are warmly invited. We hope that this will bring together past and present members of the Bishop Vaughan family to honour our shared heritage and celebrate the future with hope and gratitude.

November is the month of the Holy Souls

November
The Month of All Souls

We remember ♥ We pray ♥ We show love

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

What is All Souls?

All Souls' Day is on **2nd November.**

It is a special day when we pray for all the people who have died, especially those who may still be on their journey to heaven.



"I am the resurrection and the life."
John 11:25

Why do we pray?

We remember you...

- We remember and say thank you for the people who have loved and cared for us.
- We pray for their souls.
- We ask God to welcome them into His loving arms.
- We show that love never ends – it continues in our prayers.



How can we remember?

- Pray for our family, friends and all who have died.
- Light a candle (at home or in church) as a sign of love and hope.
- Visit a church or cemetery to pray.
- Be kind and do good deeds in their memory.



We are part of a bigger family

The Church is like a family that includes:

- Those on earth (us)
- Those in heaven
- Those who are still being prepared to join God in heaven (the Holy Souls).



When people die they need our prayers more than ever to make sure that they get up into heaven.

We pray for all the people who have died, especially those we knew and loved.

You are all welcome to our Holy Souls and Remembrance Assembly on Wednesday 11th November at 2:oo pm in the school hall. The assembly will be led by Year 5

In November we remember all those who have died.

We can say this prayer:

Eternal rest give unto them O Lord

And let perpetual light shine upon them

May they rest in peace.

Amen











THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We wear poppies to remember the brave soldiers.
Big thank you to Mrs Walker, Mrs Morgan & their helpers for selling items for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.







Last term Yr 6 had a visit from a local veteran, Stephen Cook.

Mr Cook helped us arrange our wonderful VE Day celebrations last year and provides the poppies that we sell for the Royal British Legion.

Year 6 learnt a lot form listening to Mr Cook and asking him questions and Mr Maddock created this story board for him and Mr Cook was thrilled.

Community links are really important to help our pupils learn. Do you know of any other people/groups that we could invite in to speak with the children? Please let us know.

Bushcraft – Outdoor Learning with the Urdd.
Years 3 – 6 were very lucky this week to be working outside, including starting a fire.











Years 2 and 6 visited Swansea Market to start their Enterprise working.















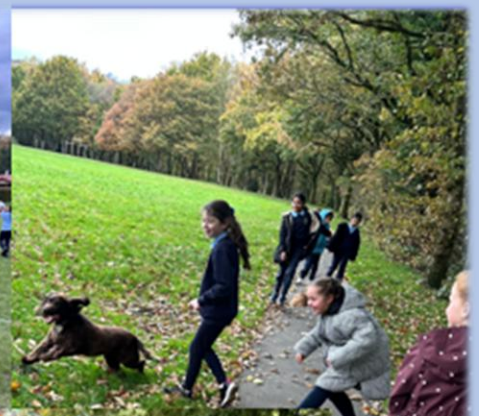




Wellbeing Walk with Moose!















Pupil Action Groups!

Sports Council are asking everyone to look after and respect our sports equipment. They created a poster and Beatrice eloquently explained all their findings to us in Merit Award Assembly.



In Merit Award Assembly Ilana, from the School Council, told us about what we are to do for Children in Need Day next Friday, 13th November.

Wear our own clothes but:
Mismatched
Inside out
Back to front.

Please send in a £1 donation toward Children in Need funds. All donations will be gratefully received.



Merit Award & 'Seren Yr Wythnos'

Class	Seren Yr Wythnos	Merit Award
Nursery		Gia and Josie
Reception	Florence	Derick and Primrose
Year 1	Ezra	Gwenllian and Nia
Year 2	Ignacy	Isra and Diya
Year 3	Leo	Aleah and King
Year 4	Rosie	Aiden S and Amelia
Year 5	Theo	Brielle and William
Year 6	Macsen	Eli and Erin

Half Term Artist

Autumn 2

John Upton



Mrs Ryan has arranged for the local artist John Upton to come in to the school next week to kick off our Expressive Arts work this half term. He will meet with the Upper classes.
A huge thanks to Mrs Ryan for her work this year on extending and improving our Expressive Arts provision.

SWANSEA PARENT CARER FORUM COFFEE MORNINGS

NOVEMBER 11 Wednesday

10am - 12

Evolve Early Help Hub
Gorseinon
Pontarddulais Road
SA4 4FE

DECEMBER 16 Wednesday

10am - 12

Scout & Guide HQ
Bryn Road
SA2 0AU

JANUARY 13 Wednesday

10am - 12

Evolve Early Help Hub
Gorseinon
Pontarddulais Road
SA4 4FE

FEBRUARY 16

10am - 12

Manselton Community Centre
Elgin Street
SA5 8QE

JOIN OUR PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP
"Swansea Parent Carer Forum"

and
JOIN OUR MAILING LIST
swanseapcf.org/join-us

"IT'S NOT CALLED CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR"

Wednesday 3rd February
Scout & Guide HQ, Brynmill
Anytime from 0900 for a prompt 0930 start
Finishes 1230

Just for parent carers, this informative workshop is back!

The 'what' the 'why' and the 'how can we help' when children communicate their needs via their behaviour.
Dr Judith Storey is a clinical psychologist working in community paediatrics in Swansea Bay University Health Board. Judith will use a Positive Behaviour Support Framework to try and answer the 'what' the 'why' and the 'how can we help' when children communicate their needs via their behaviour.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/its-not-called-challenging-behaviour-tickets-1976611339726?aff=oddtdtcreator&mc_cid=6fa35ead3e&mc_eid=896ebe17b8

Growing Independent Learners for Life

Our Vision



At St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, we believe education is about much more than reading, writing and maths. Our role is to help children develop the skills, confidence and resilience they need to thrive, both now and in the future.

One of the most important things we can teach children is how to become independent. Independence is not simply about doing things on your own. It is about learning how to make decisions, solve problems, persevere when things are challenging and take responsibility for your own learning.

Parents may have noticed that we are increasingly encouraging children to take ownership of many aspects of their day. In our younger classes, rolling snack encourages children to make choices, manage their time and develop self-help skills. Through continuous provision, children are given opportunities to explore, create, investigate and engage in meaningful learning experiences independently. Across the school, enquiry-based learning encourages pupils to ask questions, investigate ideas and find solutions for themselves rather than always relying on adults to provide the answers. We want children to become curious learners who are confident in thinking for themselves.



Another important part of developing independence is our outdoor learning provision. When learning outdoors, children are often faced with real-life challenges that require teamwork, creativity and resilience. They learn to assess risks, solve problems, adapt their thinking and persevere when things do not go to plan. These experiences build confidence in a way that is difficult to replicate within the classroom. Children are also encouraged to take on leadership roles within our school community. Whether serving as School Councillors, Digital Leaders, Eco Committee members, Mini Vinnies, Criw Cymraeg representatives or taking responsibility for classroom jobs, pupils learn that they can make a positive contribution to school life. These opportunities help children develop responsibility, confidence and pride in their achievements.

Developing independence can sometimes mean allowing children to struggle a little before stepping in to help. While it may feel quicker for adults to do things for them, children gain confidence when they realise they are capable of completing tasks themselves. Every small success contributes to building self-belief and resilience.

How Parents Can Help at Home



You can support your child's independence by:

- Giving them simple responsibilities around the home.
- Allowing them to solve small problems before offering help and learn from making mistakes.

These small opportunities help children develop confidence and a sense of responsibility that will benefit them throughout their lives. At St Joseph's, we are proud to be developing children who are becoming increasingly independent, resilient and confident learners. By working together, home and school can help ensure that every child develops the skills they need to flourish, both now and in the future.

"Teach me and I may forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn."

We are making lots of exiting changes to our Teaching & Learning and to our school's curriculum.

All our staff are working really hard to encourage pupils to become more independent, take responsibility for their own learning and to contribute their ideas to what they are learning and why.



Every class from Reception upwards are now working on 'Essential Questions' within an Enquiry Cycle which promotes inclusion, curiosity, resilience and scaffolds thinking.

