

Dyddiad: Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

# Ysgol Sant Ioan

## St. John the Baptist School

### Weekly School Newsletter



The term is off to a flying start with lots of exciting activities taking place! Dosbarth 4's visit to Hawarden Records Office gave them a unique opportunity to explore local history and learn more about our school's heritage. Across the school, children are settling into routines and showing fantastic focus. Dosbarth 2 have been inspired by their super starter and are now drafting emails to Airbus, what an amazing way to bring learning to life!

by Mrs Stephens

#### DYDD LLUN - 19<sup>TH</sup> IONAWR 2026 NEWYDD WEEK 3

CLARINET, VIOLIN, AND PIANO LESSONS

#### DYDD MAWRTH - 20<sup>TH</sup> IONAWR 2026

DOSBARTH 1 A 2 - PE KITS

RECORDERS - DOSBARTH 3 - WHOLE CLASS

GUITAR LESSONS

AFTER-SCHOOL CLWB URDD UNTIL 4.15 PM  
(for Urdd members only)

#### DYDD MERCHER - 21<sup>ST</sup> IONAWR 2026

DOSBARTH 3 A 4 - PE KITS

#### DYDD IAU - 22<sup>ND</sup> IONAWR 2026

YEAR 1 - FOREST SCHOOL

DOSBARTH 3 - FOREST SCHOOL - PLEASE WEAR SUITABLE  
OUTDOOR CLOTHING.

#### DYDD GWENER - 23<sup>RD</sup> IONAWR 2026



**CAFFI CYMRAEG** DOORS OPEN AT 2.15 PM  
COME ALONG FOR COFFI, CACEN A CHAT.  
PLEASE BRING SOME CASH!



### Upcoming Dates

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY: PC STUART VISITING  
DOSBARTH 2, 3 AND 4

TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY: H.S.A. MEETING AT 6.45PM

FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR HALF  
TERM

MONDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY: SCHOOL REOPENS

THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: KITTLE CLASS  
PHOTOGRAPHS

TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: H.S.A. COMMITTEE MEETING

FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MARCH: SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER  
HOLIDAYS  
AND  
9.30 AM EASTER SERVICE  
(ALL WELCOME)



### Urdd Eisteddfod

Please save the date for two  
upcoming Saturday rounds of the  
Urdd Eisteddfod:

Round 1:

Saturday 28th February 2026

at

Ysgol Bryn Coch, Mold

Round 2:

Saturday 21st March 2026

at

Theatr Stiwt, Rhosllannerchrugog,  
Wrexham

Timings for both events are yet to  
be confirmed and will be shared  
once available.



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## TESCO Community Grants

### Exciting News ... Help Our School Win Tesco Funding!

We're thrilled to share that St John the Baptist VA School has been selected for the Tesco Stronger Starts customer vote! This is a fantastic opportunity for us to receive funding to support pupil wellbeing and resilience through activities that help children manage emotions, build positive relationships, and thrive.

How can you help?

From mid-January until the end of March 2026, customers can vote for our project in local Tesco stores. The more votes we receive, the greater the funding we'll secure – up to £1,500 for first place!

#### Our project:

Helping pupils thrive through wellbeing, resilience and mindfulness activities, giving them the tools to manage emotions and build positive relationships. Purchase additional resources for MyHappyMind across the school.

#### Where to vote:

You can support us by voting in the following Tesco stores:

Chester Superstore (CH1 3JS)  
Chester Broughton Extra (CH4 0DR)  
Chester Northgate Express (CH1 2HA)  
Chester Sealand Road Superstore (CH1 4NT)  
Delamere Street Chester Express (CH1 4DS)  
Chester Weston Grove Express (CH2 1QL)  
Chester Pepper Street Express (CH1 1DF)

Every vote counts, so please spread the word among family and friends. Together, we can make a real difference for our children's wellbeing!

## Weekly Attendance

Dosbarth 1  
**97.7%**

Dosbarth 3  
**97.2%**

Dosbarth 4  
**95.2%**

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**DOSBARTH 2**  
**99.2%**



## Dosbarth 4's Super Starter!

Dosbarth 4 kicked off the term with an exciting visit to Hawarden Records Office. The children explored fascinating archives to uncover the history of our school. They had the chance to handle real historical documents and gather first-hand evidence about how our school has changed over time.

This hands-on experience brought history to life and highlighted the importance of our Welsh heritage – cynefin – helping the children understand their sense of place and connection to the past.

What a brilliant way to start the term!



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