

Dyddiad: Friday 4th September 2026

Ysgol Sant Ioan

St. John the Baptist School

Weekly School Newsletter



Welcome Back!

It has been wonderful to welcome our children back to St John's for the start of the new school year. We have been incredibly impressed by how quickly they have settled into their new classes and embraced the opportunities ahead with such enthusiasm and positivity.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing stories about their summer holidays and it has been lovely to hear about their adventures, special memories and time spent with family and friends. They have also been talking enthusiastically about their goals and aspirations for the term ahead, demonstrating a real commitment to learning and personal growth. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a happy, successful and exciting year together.

Mrs Stephens

DYDD LLUN 7TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL NURSERY GROUP A 9.15 – 11.25 AM

CLARINET, VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS

DYDD MAWRTH 8TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL NURSERY GROUP B 9.15 – 11.25 AM

NO FOREST SCHOOL

DYDD MERCHER 9TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL NURSERY GROUP A 8.55 – 11.25 AM

PE KITS - DOSBARTH 3 & 4

DYDD IAU 10TH SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL NURSERY GROUP B 8.55 – 11.25 AM

PE KITS - DOSBARTH 1 & 2

DYDD GWENER 11TH SEPTEMBER

NO SCHOOL NURSERY

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuesday 15th September:

Class 4 VR workshop

Friday 2nd October:

H.S.A. Makers Market

Wednesday 7th October:

St John's Open Evening

Thursday 22nd October:

Kittle Individual/Sibling

Photographs

Friday 23rd October:

School closes for half term.

Monday 2nd November:

School opens

Monday 23rd November:

Nasal flu vaccinations for reception to year 6.

Thursday 10th December:

10.30 am Class 1 Christmas

Sing-a-long

and

Save the Children Christmas

Jumper Day

Monday 14th December:

1.30 pm Christmas Carol Service

Tuesday 15th December:

9.30 am Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 16th December:

9.30am Christmas Carol Service

and

Junior Pantomime trip

to Theatr Clwyd.

Thursday 17th December:

Christmas Party day

Friday 18th December:

Last day of Autumn term.

INSET DATES 2026/27

4TH January

5TH April

19TH and 20TH July



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Thank You for a Fantastic Sports Equipment Donation

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Amir Khalifa, who contacted Davies Sports on behalf of our school and successfully secured a generous donation of sports equipment completely free of charge. Thanks to his efforts, the school has received: 12 hoops, 2 footballs, 1 netball, 1 basketball, 10 skipping ropes and 2 ball-catching sets.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Felicity's family, who have generously purchased additional playground equipment for the children to enjoy.

These wonderful contributions will provide our pupils with even more opportunities to be active, develop their physical skills and have fun during playtimes. The children are already enjoying the benefits of this new equipment and we are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity shown by members of our school community. Thank you to Amir, the donating sports company and Felicity's family for your valued support of our children and school.

Nut-Free School Reminder

To help keep all of our children safe, we would like to remind families that we are a nut-free school. Please do not send any foods containing nuts, including peanut butter, chocolate spreads containing nuts, nut bars or products with nuts listed in the ingredients. Some pupils have severe allergies and even small traces can cause a life-threatening reaction.

Healthy Drinks

We also encourage children to bring healthy drinks to school. Water is the best choice for keeping children hydrated and ready to learn throughout the day. If sending a drink for lunch, this too should be water.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and healthy environment for all our pupils.

Returning Asthma Cards

As part of our annual update of the school's Asthma Register, parents/carers of children who have been diagnosed with asthma are asked to ensure the school has an up-to-date Asthma Register Card and, where applicable, an

Asthma Care Plan provided by their GP. Please return documents electronically to jbmail@hwbcymru.net with ASTHMA CARD as the subject, or send a hard copy to school. We also kindly remind families to check that all inhalers held in school are in date and replace them promptly if required. Thank you for your support in helping us keep our pupils safe and healthy.

Weekly Attendance

Dosbarth 1

90.9%

Dosbarth 3

88.9%

Dosbarth 4

96.1%

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Dosbarth 2

96.6%



Summer Holiday Reading Challenge Assembly Celebration

Next **Wednesday 9th September**, we will be celebrating the children who took part in the Summer Holiday Reading Challenge at their local libraries.

The challenge was a fantastic way for children to continue reading throughout the summer holidays, discover new books and enjoy a wide range of stories. We are looking forward to hearing about the books our children have enjoyed and recognising their commitment to reading.

Children who completed the challenge will have received a certificate from the library service. If your child completed the challenge, we would love them to bring their certificate into school so that we can celebrate their achievement during this special assembly.



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