

Dyddiad: Friday 11th September 2026

Ysgol Sant Ioan

St. John the Baptist School

Weekly School Newsletter



Christian Value: Perseverance

This half term, we are focusing on the Christian value of perseverance: keeping going even when things are difficult.

At home, children can show perseverance by practising their reading, learning a new skill, completing a puzzle, helping with chores or trying again when something doesn't go to plan. Every small step helps children build confidence, resilience and a positive attitude to learning.

In school, our staff look for and celebrate perseverance every day. You might hear teachers say, "I can see you kept trying even when you found that tricky," or "Well done for not giving up and working through the challenge." By praising effort, determination and resilience, we help children understand that learning often happens when we keep going through difficulties.

Mrs Stephens

DYDD LLUN 14TH SEPTEMBER

ALL NURSERY PUPILS IN SCHOOL 8.55 TO 11.25AM

CLARINET, VIOLIN AND PIANO LESSONS

DYDD MAWRTH 15TH SEPTEMBER

ALL NURSERY PUPILS IN SCHOOL 8.55 TO 11.25AM

GUITAR LESSONS

VR WORKSHOP - DOSBARTH 4

FOREST SCHOOL - YEAR 1

DYDD MERCHER 16TH SEPTEMBER

ALL NURSERY PUPILS IN SCHOOL 8.55 TO 11.25AM

SINGING LESSONS

PE KITS - DOSBARTH 3 & 4

DYDD IAU 17TH SEPTEMBER

ALL NURSERY PUPILS IN SCHOOL 8.55 TO 11.25AM

PE KITS - DOSBARTH 1 & 2

DYDD GWENER 18TH SEPTEMBER

ALL NURSERY PUPILS IN SCHOOL 8.55 TO 11.25AM

NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

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:

Harvest Service 9.30 am in St John's
Church (Rec - Year 6 pupils)
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

1.30pm 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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Summer Reading Challenge Success!

A huge well done to all the children who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

We were delighted to celebrate the children's fantastic achievements during our Celebration Service on Wednesday. Taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge is a wonderful way for children to maintain and strengthen their reading skills during the extended break and we are extremely proud of everyone who completed the challenge.

Thank you to our many families for supporting the children and encouraging them to read over the summer. We hope that the challenge has inspired many more reading adventures in the months ahead.



Keep reading and enjoying books!



Weekly Attendance

Dosbarth 1

81.4%

Dosbarth 3

92.0%

Dosbarth 4

93.0%

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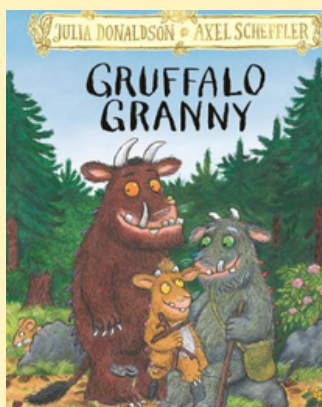
Dosbarth 2

97.1%

Gentle reminder:

School starts at 8.55am
Our school doors open at 8.45am
and the school day begins promptly at 8.55am.

Arriving on time helps children settle quickly and ensures they do not miss valuable learning time at the start of the day. If your child arrives after 8.55am, please accompany them to the main office and sign them in before they go to class. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain excellent punctuality across the school.



Dosbarth 1 & 2 Meet Julia Donaldson

As part of our commitment to Reading for Pleasure and the Curriculum for Wales, pupils in Dosbarth 1 and 2 enjoyed a truly memorable experience when they virtually attended the book launch of Julia Donaldson's new story, **The Gruffalo Granny**. The children were delighted to meet the renowned author and listen to her share insights about her books and the joy of storytelling.



This exciting opportunity has also linked perfectly with Dosbarth 1's Super Starter, providing a magical beginning to their learning journey and creating lasting memories for all involved.

Cymraeg y Wythnos

Dal ati !
Keep at it !

Ambitious Alex



"Be committed to keep going and not giving up."
Perserverance



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