



Jesus: in our hearts, in our minds, in our living, in our learning.

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Thank you, Year 6 for leading a beautiful and moving worship about Remembrance this week.

Message from Mrs Taylor

On Monday, pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2, and Year 6 took part in exciting STEM workshops led by XL Wales. (STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.) These hands-on workshops gave pupils the opportunity to design, build, and explore in creative and practical ways: Year 6 designed and made windmills with sails that turn, using pulleys and cogs to complete different tasks; Year 2 designed and built castles with working drawbridges; Year 1 created homes for a family of bears, complete with doors and windows that opened and closed; and Reception discovered the magic of magnets, exploring how they work and what makes them so fascinating! A huge thank you to our **Friends and Family Team** and to all parents and carers who support our fundraising activities — your generosity has made this wonderful learning experience possible for our pupils.

This week we also remembered those who are with God in heaven. The pupils learnt that 11th November was Remembrance Day, which marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. On Tuesday, we held a 2-minute silence to remember the people who have died in wars and on Thursday Year 6 prepared a beautiful Remembrance Act of Worship which reminded us of how important it is to remember all those who died for our country and to also share our own memories with others.

Our preparations for the Advent Service which is being led by Years 3 and 4 and supported by the Years 5 and 6, are well under way as well as the Year 1 and 2 performance of 'Hey Ewe!'. We hope to see many of our families at the **Advent Service on Sunday 14th December at 3pm** in St Joseph's RC Church. The Years 1 and 2 concert will take place on Tuesday 9th December at 2pm and Wednesday 10th December at 10am and the Nursery and Reception Celebration will be on Thursday 11th December at 10am.

Next Friday, we are marking Universal Children's Day. During the afternoon, we will gather as a school community to celebrate and show how we embraced the Jubilee Year with creativity and enthusiasm, journeying with 'deep faith, lively hope and active charity'. Parents are invited to join their child(ren) at 3pm for our Stations of Hope.

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of our world,
For the sun, the trees, and all living things.
Help us to remember how precious they are,
And to take care of them every day.

During Switch Off Fortnight,
Help us to be thoughtful and wise,
To turn off lights, save energy, and protect our planet,
So that it stays beautiful for everyone.
Guide us to make small changes that make a big difference.
May we remember that caring for the Earth
Is a way to show our love for You and for each other.

Amen.

Pupil Profile Virtues



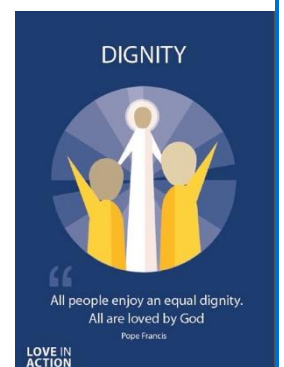
**Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School
are growing to be . . .**

learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.
To be educated is to be learned – to know about God's creation and about people who are part of it. But facts and skills are of little value unless we have wisdom also – the ability to see what is important and what is not.

Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, '**Human Dignity**'.

You are made in the image and likeness of God. You are special, unique and important to God. Treat everyone with the dignity and love they deserve. Care for each other, help those in need, and stand up for what is right, just like Jesus taught us.



Attendance

Well done to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	87.89%	0.00%
Year 1	90.43%	0.00%
Year 2	97.06%	1.18%
Year 3	91.94%	0.32%
Year 4	95.86%	0.34%
Year 5	95%	0.00%
Year 6	91.94%	0.00%

Parent and Carer Questionnaire – Autumn 2025

As part of our Parent Teacher Consultations, we would like to gather the views of parents and carers about St Joseph's school, so that we can consider our strengths and how we can continue to develop.



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Please select the most appropriate response for each question.

If you have more than one child in the school, you can complete the same form for all of your children, or separate forms, if you feel that is more appropriate.

Rhiannon Oliver Workshop – Poetry Together



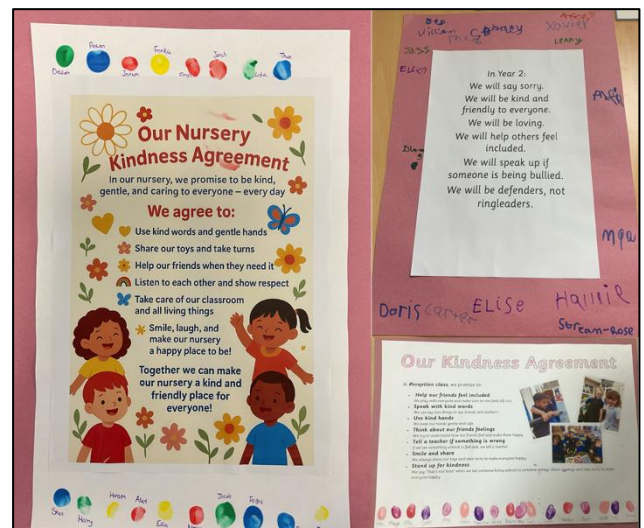
On Friday 7th November Rhiannon Oliver, a local poet, came to school. She shared her love and experience of performing on the stage and writing poetry. After a wonderfully inspiring assembly with Years 3-6, Rhiannon worked with Years 4 and 5 teaching them how to form ideas and phrases for writing their own poetry and practising techniques for performing. In the afternoon, Year 5 went to join Rhiannon in Penarth Library to perform and share the poems they had written and some traditional poems with the 'Feel Good Friday Group' of senior citizens as part of the Poetry Together project encouraging primary aged children to share poetry with senior citizens. In between poetry readings, Year 5 spent time talking with the adults about how poetry made them feel. Following the event, Rhiannon said, 'It was wonderful to see how many of the Year 5 pupils wanted to perform at the library get-together, and especially great to hear pupils share the poems they had written that day. The members of the Feel Good Friday group who attended really really enjoyed the experience.' Da iawn, pawb!

Anti Bullying Week – Power For Good!










This week, our school has joined thousands of others across the country in marking **Anti-Bullying Week (10th–14th November)** with the theme **'Power for Good'**. Across all classes, children have been learning how their words and actions have the power to make a real difference. In Nursery to Year 2, pupils explored what kindness looks like and how they can make everyone feel included. In Years 3 to 6, children discussed the different roles people play in bullying and how they can use their *power for good* to stand up for others.

Each class created a **'Kindness Agreement'**, now proudly displayed in classrooms, reminding us all that we can use our power to make our school a happier, kinder place for everyone.



**St Joseph's School Parliament
Government Group Action Plans**

Our School Parliament is an important focus and priority in St Joseph's and the work of Government Groups is essential for pupil voice, developing the four purposes and improving the school. For the academic year 2025 - 2026, all pupils from Years 3- 6 are a member of a Government Group. The groups have all written an action plan to work towards targets to improve the school (Cynefin), improve the local community (Community) and work towards the Global Goals (Citizenship). Here are 3 actions from each plan:

Government Group	Proposed Actions
IT and Digital Safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve pupils' IT skills through the use of Scratch/ AI Tournaments, Kahoot, Microbit and Minecraft Education. Become an Internet Safe School and lead activities for Internet Safety Day. Develop the use of Instagram and the new school website.
Curriculum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a "BIG Literacy Festival" full day celebration. Plan a learning week with one activity a day to help achieve the Global Goals. Invite parish members to celebrate with us on World Book Day, for example, by reading together.
Criw Cymraeg - Welsh language and culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To develop a YouTube Channel of useful Welsh words and phrases using animation in Adobe Spark. Create an annual Welsh magazine to include information for parents on learning Welsh at home. Look at the Starter Iaith Silver award target cards and prioritised actions for development over the year.
Diversity and Mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work towards the School of Sanctuary Award. Create a welcome video and booklet to spread our diversity journey and welcome new pupils to St Joseph's. <p>Diversify the curriculum through participating in Awareness days/ months, Refugee week and learning phrases from international languages that are represented within our school.</p>
Chaplaincy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To continue to develop and enhance the children's experience of encountering God and developing our mission. To continue to strengthen our link with our parish, cluster schools, families and the vulnerable. To work with Diversity Government Group on becoming a School of Sanctuary.
Health and Wellbeing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health and Wellbeing Group Members will participate in Playground Pal training and Playmakers training at the start of the year. Promote and participate in Children's Mental Health Week 9th – 15th February 2026 Participate in the Big Walk and Wheel Campaign (Spring 2026) and School Sport Survey (Summer 2026)
Eco and the outdoors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help our school care for God's creation and protect the environment through litter picks, fortnightly electricity check in classroom and the correct use of recycling bins. Take part in the RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch to help track and protect local bird species and create a bird friendly area in our outdoor area by adding feeders and bird baths. Plan and deliver activities on Earth Day and World Oceans Day.

Dates for the Diary



November

17TH – Switch Off Fortnight continues
 18th – Year 5 Educational Visit to Cosmeston
 19th – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass
 20TH - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
21ST – Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration – Parents invited at 3pm to join their child for Stations of Hope
 21st – Secondary School Applications for Year 7 2026 close
23rd – Youth Mass at St Mary’s, Dinas Powys 11.15am (Details sent by email)
 24th – Open Evening for September 2026 - Nursery and Reception pupils
 28th – Home Clothes Day – Donations of Bottles and Teddies for the F&F
 28th – Reception Class September 2026 Applications Open
 28th – Year 1 Educational Visit to St Fagan’s

December

5th – F&F Christmas Fair
 6th – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine’s Christmas Tree Festival
 9th – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 2pm
 10th – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 10am
 11th – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am
 12th – Christmas Choir to sing at Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home
14th – Advent Service (Led by Years 3 and 4) – 2pm
 15th – Termly St Joseph’s 100 Club Draw – See ParentPay for details
 15th – Christmas Market 2.30pm
 16th – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
 17th – Christingle Service
 19th – Final Day of the Autumn Term

December

1st – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Week
 3rd – Year 4 Educational Visit to Techniquet
 3rd – Advent Service at St Richard Gwyn High school, 4pm
 4th – Year 3 Educational Visit to Techniquet

January

5th - INSET Day
 6th – First Day back for Pupils

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ethical and Informed Citizens!

Nursery	Freya Watson	Year 3	Molly Dix
Reception	Zain El Hammoud	Year 4	Oliver Jarvis
Year 1	Alessio Bremner	Year 5	Alphonsa Manayani
Year 2	Doris Perkins	Year 6	Aoife Burge



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who use their voice to speak out, support others and build a words where kindness wins (Power For Good: Anti Bullying Week).



Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Aleri Davies Lola Langley Delilah Carroll Shen Kelly	Year 3	Kian Haitham Wyatt Thomas Seren Griffiths Mila-Blu Lewis
Reception	Demi Daly Jorgie Jarvis Irene Nithin Ada Best	Year 4	Haydn Bullough Daisy Davey Scarlett Chan Aika Ferrer
Year 1	Osian Whittaker Archie Barber Jonah Quick Milo Mulchinock	Year 5	Alice Deacon Oliver Hooper Emily Deacon Isobella Ward
Year 2	Xavier Buinimasi Stream Rose Kingsley Cooling Elise Knapper Ben Hooper	Year 6	Martha Graham Lina Jay Bobby Sawyer Cory Howard

Invitation for Families – Friday 21st November at 3.00pm



We warmly invite you to come and join us for 'The Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope Celebration Day', at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Penarth.

We would like to gather as a school community in celebration and journey together in 'deep faith, lively hope and active charity'.

Each class will be creating their own Pilgrims of Hope reflection stations to share with our school community. The children and teachers will be working together to make a representation of the theme of the Jubilee reflection station in a way that is meaningful to them.

On Friday 21st November at 3pm. our Chaplaincy Team will welcome you to the school and guide us in meditation and prayer as we journey together.

We look forward to seeing you.



Christmas Table Top Sale

St Pauls Community Centre
Arcot Street
Penarth

Sat. 29th November 2025
1pm-4pm



Lots to see....

Raffle-Teddy Tombola-Name the Bear
Preloved, Handmade, New Items
Refreshments-Sweets-Santa

*Raising money for
The Dog's Trust*



Photos with Santa
(your own camera)
£3
Includes
Gift & Letter

