



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

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Thank you for supporting this year's, Poppy Appeal. There are still items to available to buy next week. Please bring your donation into school.



Message from Mrs Taylor

It's been a great start to the half term! The pupils have settled back into school life brilliantly and are already engaging enthusiastically in a wide range of exciting opportunities, experiences, and learning activities.

This week, **Year 2** enjoyed an educational visit to **Cosmeston Lakes**, exploring the natural environment and discovering more about local wildlife. **Year 6** visited the **South Wales Air Museum**, where they learned about the history of aviation and the science behind flight. Pupils in **Years 3–5** took part in hands-on **STEM workshops** with **XL Wales**, kindly funded by our Friends and Families team – a huge thank you for making this fantastic learning experience possible! As part of our wider curriculum, **Year 2** took part in **road safety activities**, learning how to stay safe when out and about; **Year 5** enjoyed an **intergenerational poetry workshop** at Penarth Library, sharing ideas and creativity with members of the local community; and **Year 6** joined parishioners for **Mass**, celebrating faith together.

It was also wonderful to see so many parents attending our Parent-Teacher Consultations this week. These meetings are such a valuable opportunity to celebrate each child's progress and discuss their next steps in learning. We are looking forward to our Nursery and Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations next week.

In Maths this week, Nursery pupils explored numbers through play; Reception recognised one more of a given number; Year 1 pupils explored number families and Year 2 practised subtraction. In Year 3, pupils explored subtracting when crossing the 10; Year 4, completed addition and subtraction using 1s, 10s, 100s, and 1000s; Year 5 found common factors and Year 6 multiplied 4-digit numbers.

On Monday 24th November, we are holding an open evening from 4.00 – 5.30pm for all families whose child is starting Reception Class in September 2026 or for families of children who are already 3 or turn 3 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026 and would be interested in joining our Nursery Class. Please put the date in your diary if this applies to you and help us to spread the word about our Open Evening. Thank you!

Take care and God Bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week

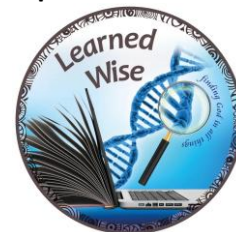


November is a time for remembering those who have died and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.

Say this prayer together:

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
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.

Attendance

Well done to Reception Class 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	97.89%	0.00%
Year 1	82.2%	0.00%
Year 2	90.00%	1.76%
Year 3	89.97%	0.32%
Year 4	89.66%	0.00%
Year 5	93.98%	0.67%
Year 6	94.84%	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.



Scan Me

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.

Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity

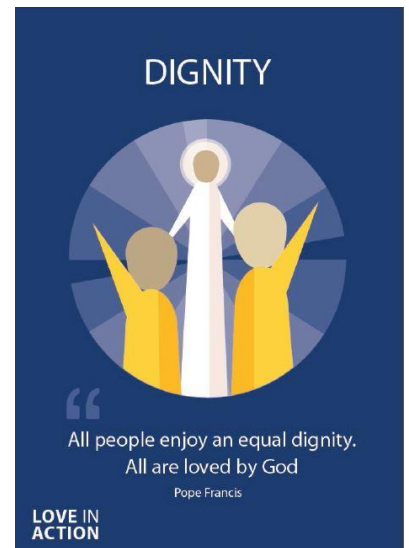
This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, 'Human Dignity'.

In our liturgy, the scripture reading taught us that God created humans in His own image and likeness, which means that we are special and valuable to God. We thought about how treating someone with dignity means treating them with love, kindness and respect and that everyone should be treated with dignity because we are made in the image and likeness of God. This means we should care for each other, help those in need, and stand up for what is right, just like Jesus taught us.

Pray together:

Loving God,

We come together to thank you for each other. You created each of us in Your image and likeness. Through Your Son, You taught us how to show everyone the love, respect and kindness they deserve. Encourage us to share the good things of the earth and to work for justice and equality for every human being. Help us to treat everyone with dignity and love. Amen



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.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term B 2025 - 2026



Please see below the timetable for Extra Curricular Clubs for this half term:

Autumn (b) – November/ December				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12.00 – 12.30		Y4/5/6 Rugby (DS)		
12.20 – 1.10			Y1/2 Spanish (EA/LA) Choir (Y5/6 VB/ HI)	Debating (Y – 6 KO)
4.00 – 4.45/5.00	Y4/5/6 Netball (CHI)	Y4/5/6 Dodgeball (DS)* Smarti's Club (R – Y6)*	Thread of Art Craft Club (Y5 and Y6)*	Y5/6 Code Club (RF)

Dates for the Diary



November

10th – Switch Off Fortnight
 10th – Anti bullying Week
10th – XL Workshops (Year 6, Reception – Year 2)
 11th – Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
 12th - Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
 12th – Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations 1.30pm – 6pm
 12th – Reception Educational Visit to Pizza Express
 12th – Year 1 and Year 5 to Mass
 13th – Nursery – Year 1 Visit from the Ambulance Service
 13th - Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
13th – F&F AGM 4pm (change of date - see poster below)
 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
 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

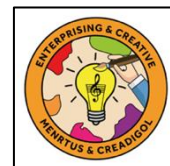
1st – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Week
 3rd – Year 4 Educational Visit to Techniquet
 4th – Year 3 Educational Visit to Techniquet
 5th – F&F Christmas Fair
 6th – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine's Christmas Tree Festival
 9th – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 2pm
 10th – Year 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

January

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

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Creative and Enterprising Contributors!

Nursery	Ella McNamara	Year 3	Mia Taylor
Reception	Demi Daly	Year 4	Amelia Williams
Year 1	Eli Ledsam	Year 5	Iris Abbott
Year 2	Carter Bartlett	Year 6	Ethan Daly



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who enjoy reading and choose their own book to read; practice their sounds and sound out words unfamiliar to them, answer questions about what they have read or read with improved fluency and expression.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Frankie Griffiths Hanson Wu Rowan Keenan Jacob Murray	Year 3	Sienna Wilkinson Jonah Hickman Jackson Ward Viktoriiia Yurova
Reception	Thea-Rose Baker Grace McDermid Oscar Murply-Newport Ana Choto	Year 4	Haydn Bullough Andrea Nithin Ella Roblin Elisabeth Goma-Camps Jaimes
Year 1	Evana Jaison Millie Haincock Maxi McAuley Alana Valvo	Year 5	Samuel Mba Christian Murray Esmal O'Grady Dylan Wareham
Year 2	Lenny Starling Mia Watts Alfie Langley Theo Davies	Year 6	Esme Jones Layla Knapper Joseph Walsh Dylan Dos Santos

Come to our
AGM

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13
4PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

EVERYONE WELCOME!

VACANCIES: CHAIR + SECRETARY

Please come along to:

- Hear more about F+F plans for 2025/26
- Get involved as a committee member, 'Helping Hands' member, Chair or Secretary
- Help shape the future of F+F

**Interested in the roles of Chair or Secretary?
Fancy an informal chat before the meeting?**

Please message Nicola on 07393 819619 or
Hannah on 07881 229771 or email
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**VALE FAMILY
COMPASS**
FINDING SOLUTIONS TOGETHER

What is the Vale Family Compass?

We provide information, advice, support and protection for children, young people, parents and carers in the Vale of Glamorgan.

Which services are involved?

- ▶ Family Information Service including the Childcare Offer for Wales and The Index.
- ▶ Early Help Services including the Families First Advice Line, Team Around the Family and Vale Parenting.
- ▶ Intake Team.

Why do we need change?

To provide a single point of access to help families get the right information, advice, support and protection at the right time.

One number, one email and one website.

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