



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

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Show Racism the Red Card Day – 17th October 2025

Message from Mrs Taylor

Last Friday, we took part in 'Show Racism the Red Card' Day, led by our **Diversity Government Group**. Pupils wore red to school and took part in a range of thoughtful activities exploring **identity, belonging, diversity, and anti-racism**.

- **Nursery** played the game 'Similar and Unique' and read *My Hair*, discussing how we are all special.
- **Reception** talked about respecting everyone, read *My Hair*, and used playdough and maths resources to create different hairstyles, celebrating how we are both similar and different.
- **Year 1** explored what racism means and how we can all stand up against it.
- **Year 2** reflected on how we are all unique and created in God's image, designed posters in different languages, and practised saying *welcome* in a variety of languages.
- **Year 3** learned about diversity and created posters celebrating uniqueness.
- **Year 4** discussed the impact of racism in our communities and how we can promote inclusion.
- **Year 5** studied the life of Rosa Parks and her role in challenging segregation, creating collaborative PowerPoint presentations.
- **Year 6** reflected on what can sometimes hold people back from speaking up against racism and how we can use our voices for good.

In **Maths** this week:

- **Nursery** explored numbers through counting songs.
- **Reception** recognised and subitised numbers to 10.
- **Year 1** worked on number bonds to 10.
- **Year 2** used strategies to add across 10.
- **Year 3** practised addition with regrouping in ones and tens.
- **Year 4** learned about Roman numerals.
- **Year 5** identified multiples.
- **Year 6** explored square and cube numbers.

A reminder that tomorrow is an **INSET day**.

I wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



We continue to remember our blessed Mother Mary during October. At home, say this special prayer to Mary together – the Hail Holy Queen:

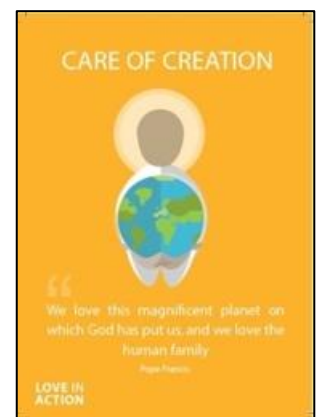
Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made
worthy of the promises of Christ.

Catholic Social Teaching

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

As Christians, we are called to be **good stewards of creation**.

That means we are meant to look after the world that God created for us. We must all work to leave our world in a better condition for the people who come after us.



Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	88.16%	0.66%
Year 1	86.98%	0.52%
Year 2	100%	0.74%
Year 3	92.92%	0.42%
Year 4	99.57%	0.00%
Year 5	92.08%	0.42%
Year 6	97.18%	0.4%



Year 2 Class Saint Celebration – Feast of St Francis of Assisi



Last Tuesday, Year 2 joyfully celebrated the feast day of their class saint, St Francis of Assisi. The children led a thoughtful and inspiring assembly for the whole school, sharing stories about St Francis's deep love for God, his kindness to others, and his care for all of creation. Their reflections reminded us that we are called to live simply, show compassion, and take care of the world around us.

After the assembly, the children continued their celebration with a class party and enjoyed spending time together in honour of their special saint. Each pupil took home a prayer card to help them remember St Francis' message of peace and to inspire them to follow his example in their daily lives.

Congratulations to Our New Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister!

A huge congratulations to Dylan and Amelia, who have been elected as our new Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister. We are very proud of them both and know they will represent the voices of our pupils with great enthusiasm, kindness, and responsibility.

A special well done also to all of the Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for these important roles. Each candidate prepared and delivered an inspiring speech, sharing thoughtful ideas about how to make our school an even better place for everyone. Your confidence, passion, and creativity were wonderful to see, and you should all feel very proud of your achievements.

I look forward to working with Dylan, Amelia, and the whole School Cabinet as we put some of your brilliant pledges into action over the coming year.



Vale Foodbank - Thank you!



This week, Becky from the Vale Foodbank came to collect all the donations from our Harvest Appeal. She was really thankful for everything we gave.

Becky told us the Vale Foodbank started in 2011 with just one centre — now there are eight centres and over 100 volunteers helping people in our community.

We learned that we can help by bringing donations to school, putting food in supermarket collection trolleys, or raising money. The Foodbank is open all year round, giving food to those in need and making sure everyone's voice is heard.

Did you know the most common items donated are baked beans and pasta?

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chaplaincy Government Group appeal — you've helped to make a big difference!

Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term, we focused on the virtues of **eloquent** and **truthful** as part of our on-going work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

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

. . . **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

As part of our Pupil Profile virtues celebration, the children took part in a range of thoughtful reflection activities based on being Eloquent and Truthful. Reception children created artwork to express who they are and made puppets to role-play the Annunciation, helping them explore how Mary and the Angel Gabriel showed these virtues. Years 1 and 2 choreographed their own dances to show what it means to be eloquent and truthful in action, while Year 3 wrote heartfelt letters to King Charles, sharing ideas to improve their community, country, and world through eloquent and truthful words. Year 4 composed a beautiful class prayer, and Year 5 expressed their creativity through a class rap and scripture-inspired artwork. Meanwhile, Year 6 wrote their own prayers and demonstrated eloquence and truthfulness in their persuasive speeches for class prime minister.



Congratulations to this half term's Pupil Profile certificate winners!



Dates for the Diary



Half Term
27th October – 31st October

November

3rd – Year 2 Educational Visit to Cosmeston Lakes
 4th – Year 6 Educational Visit to South Wales Air Museum
 4th – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3)
 4pm – 6pm
 4th – XL Technology Workshops (Years 3 - 5) – Funded by F&F
 5th - Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3)
 4pm – 6pm
 5th – Year 6 to Mass
 6th – Year 2 Road Safety
 7th – Year 5 Intergenerational Poetry Workshop – Penarth Library
 10TH – Switch Off Fortnight
 10TH – Anti bullying Week
 11th – F&F AGM 4pm (see poster below)
 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
 18th – Year 5 Educational Visit to Cosmeston
 19th – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass

November

20TH - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
 21ST – Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration
 21ST – Secondary School Applications for Year 7 2026 close
 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 (see poster below)
 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 - Christmas Market 2.30pm



Does your child turn 3 between September 2025 and July 2027?

Are you looking for a Catholic education in an excellent school with fantastic outdoor grounds?

If so, your child will be eligible for a part-time place, 5 mornings a week, from their 3rd birthday.

Parents/ Carers can apply directly to the School, at their earliest convenience.

If you would like to visit St Joseph’s, we are holding an Open Evening for interested families on **Monday 24th November 4pm – 5.30pm.**

Application forms for our wonderful purpose-built nursery are available on our school website: stjosephsrc.com, or from our school office.

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Is your child starting Reception Class in September 2026?

Are you looking for a Catholic education in an excellent school with fantastic outdoor grounds?

If so, we would like to welcome you to our Open Evening for interested families on **Monday 24th November 4pm – 5.30pm**

Applications for our wonderful school can be made through the Vale of Glamorgan Admission website:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Opening date: 28th November 2025

Closing date: 23rd January 2026

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Come to our
AGM

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
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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CHRISTMAS FAIR 2025



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR FESTIVE FUN AND GAMES
(AND HELP US RAISE IMPORTANT FUNDS!)**

**FRIDAY
DEC 5
4 -6PM**

FREE ENTRY!

ALL WELCOME! TOKENS NEEDED - AVAILABLE ON
THE DAY AND IN ADVANCE, CASH OR CARD.

