



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

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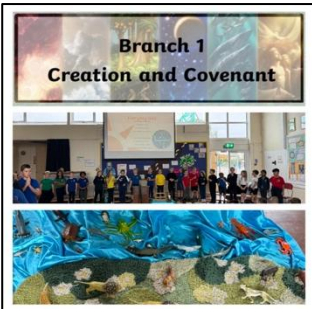
Thank you,
Year 4,
for your beautiful
worship,
reminding us
to put all our
faith, hope and
love in God.



Message from Mrs Taylor

Diolch yn fawr for your support as we celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae – Shwmae Day – on Wednesday. The pupils took part in a variety of activities and games to celebrate our Welsh language and culture. In Nursery and Reception, the pupils sang Welsh songs; took part in a Welsh disco and learnt the colours of the rainbow in Welsh; in Year 1, pupils sang Welsh songs learning the names of parts of the body; and in Years 2, 3 and 4, pupils created Shwmae Shwmae posters. In Year 5, pupils created Shwmae banners and videos; and in Year 6 pupils completed a Kahoot quiz testing their knowledge of Welsh conversation phrases. Da iawn Pawb!

Today, we took part in ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ day, led by our Diversity Government Group. The pupils wore red to school and took part in activities that helped them to explore their identity, belonging, diversity and anti-racism.



Thank you to our Year 3 class who led last week’s class-liturgy focusing on their RE topic, ‘Creation and Covenant’. They shared with us the creation story and how Pope Francis asks us to care for the world through his letter *Laudato Si*.

The final day to bring in tinned or dried food for our annual Harvest Foodbank Appeal is on Tuesday 21st October. Thank you to everyone who has donated something already. Members of the Vale Foodbank will lead an assembly and collect the items on Tuesday.

A reminder that next Thursday 23rd is an end of half term home-clothes day, after school that evening is the F&F Autumn disco (please see the poster below) and next Friday 24th is an INSET day.

Take care and God bless,

Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Today, on ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ day, we remember that it is OK to be different. It’s OK to look different. It’s OK to sound different. It’s OK to be good at different things. It’s OK to like different things. It’s OK to eat different foods. It’s OK to support different teams.

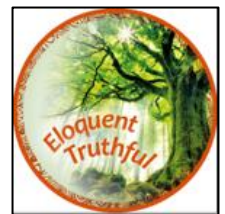
Say this prayer together:

Father God, we thank you that we are all different.
Life would be so boring if we were all the same.
Help us to embrace difference.
Help us to celebrate difference.
Help me to be a good friend.
Let us always remember that it’s OK to be different.
Amen

Pupil Profile Virtues

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.



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 Reception who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	99.47%	0.53%
Year 1	85.04%	0.85%
Year 2	98.24%	0.00%
Year 3	90.67%	0.00%
Year 4	98.28%	0.34%
Year 5	96%	0.00%
Year 6	97.42%	0.0%



Parent Teacher Consultations



This term's Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th November for Reception, Years 1, 2, 4 -6; on Wednesday 12th November for Nursery and on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th for Year 3. The purpose of the meeting is for your child's teacher to share a summary of their learning strengths and areas for development including in Maths, English, Religious Education and Domain learning. At the end of your consultation, your class teacher will provide you with the consultation notes they made for the meeting, which will include areas for development and targets. In addition, you will be able to see your child's learning books before or after your consultation.

Please book an appointment for the Parent Teacher Consultations on the SchoolApp.

Open Evening for next year's Nursery and Reception Class 2026



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!

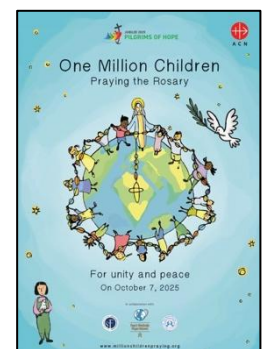
House Captains



Congratulations to this year's House Captains! Our House Captains will serve as role models and leaders within their respective houses, setting a positive example for other pupils. They will foster a sense of community, leadership and teamwork within their house and will collect and announce the house point totals each week. Throughout the year they lead their houses in whole-school events such as Sports Day and the school Eisteddfod and are a point of contact for children who may need guidance and support, for example, on the playground.

A Million Children Pray the Rosary

Last Tuesday, we joined 999,750 children around the world in praying the rosary. Each class prayed a decade and offered their prayer for peace, in response to Pope Leo's call.



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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Dates for the Diary



October

21st – XL Technology Workshops (Year 6, Rec to Year 2) -Funded by F&F

21st – Vale Foodbank Assembly and collection of donations

22nd – Reception and Year 6 to Mass

23rd – End of half term home-clothes day

23rd – F&F Autumn Disco (see poster below)

24th – INSET Day

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 – Reception and 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

November

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

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 – 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

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ethical and Informed Citizens!

Nursery	Delilah Carroll	Year 3	Sienna Wilkinson
Reception	Ada Best	Year 4	Dylan Carroll
Year 1	Emilio Aviles	Year 5	Ayaansh Prasad
Year 2	Stanley Hawkins	Year 6	Esme Jones



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who demonstrate respect for those of other faiths, religious or none and show respect and love for all pupils because we’re all God’s children.

(Show Racism the Red Card Day)



Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Ella McNamara Aleri Davies Jaxon Gulley Frankie Griffiths	Year 3	Kian Haitham John Murray Lette Quick Dylan Todd
Reception	Moli Newton-Walker Livvy Stolzenberg Zain El Hammond Roman Pugsley	Year 4	Amelia Barber Caleb Cummings Aika Ferrer Elisabeth Goma Camps Jaimes
Year 1	Roman Daly Sophia Burnett Alana Valvo Erin Spear	Year 5	Lucas Bartlett Nia Holt Sonny Flavin Marti Goma-Camps Jaimes
Year 2	Xavier Buinimasi Isla Mae Hilliard Doris Perkins Afan McAuley	Year 6	Manuel Jojan Yousif Haitham Alys Cirino Lucy Terry



YOUNG WRITERS CLUB

For children aged 10-12 who love storytelling!

Does your child enjoy writing stories, imagining new worlds, or creating characters? Let their creativity shine in our fun and supportive Young Writers Club!

What's in store:

-  Creative writing games & activities
-  Learn storytelling techniques
-  Share ideas and make new friends
-  Build confidence in writing

Led by: Glyn Scott, former Headteacher with a passion for nurturing young talent

 **Contact:** scottglyn@hotmail.com



ST JOSEPH'S F·F PRESENTS

it's time to
Disco



FEATURING

Dj Sparky Marky

KS1 4.10-5PM | KS2 5-6PM

(PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY FOR KS1 DISCO)

FREE ENTRY

PLEASE BRING CASH OR
CARD FOR TUCK SHOP

THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 @ SCHOOL HALL

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.

