



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

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Thank you, Year 2,  
for launching our  
Harvest Foodbank  
Appeal with a  
beautiful liturgy  
about God's  
creation.



**Message from Mrs Taylor**

This week, we took part in two very special faith events. On Tuesday, our school joined children across the world for the *National Event – One Million Children Praying the Rosary for Unity and Peace*. Together, we prayed the Rosary, asking Our Lady to bring peace and unity to our global family. On Thursday, our Year 3 class worship focused on *Creation and Our Special Role in the World as God's Children*. Pupils shared a story from the Bible, reflected on a psalm, and learned how Pope Francis calls us to care for our common home through his letter *Laudato Si'*. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our faith and reflect on how each of us can make a difference in caring for God's world.

Following our *Save the Planet!* topic, pupils have now begun their first Domain Unit of the year. Each Domain is designed to deepen curiosity, build knowledge, and develop key skills across the curriculum. The current Domains are:

- **Nursery & Reception:** *People Who Help Us*
- **Year 1:** *All About Me and My World*
- **Year 2:** *Living Things and Our World: How We Care for Life*
- **Year 3:** *Material World: How Matter Shapes Our Lives*
- **Year 4:** *Forces and Energy: Powering Our World*
- **Year 5:** *Life, Matter and Change*
- **Year 6:** *Forces, Energy and the Universe*

Next **Friday, 17th October**, we will mark **Show Racism the Red Card Day**, a national event promoting equality and respect for all. Pupils are invited to wear home clothes and something **red**. Throughout the day, classes will take part in activities focused on kindness, fairness, and standing up to racism. Children are also invited to enter our Diversity Prayer Competition, creating a prayer about respecting, valuing, and showing kindness to everyone. Entries will be judged by our *Diversity Government Group*.

Finally, please see the posters at the end of the newsletter from the *Friends & Family Team (F&F)*, advertising the **Autumn Disco, F&F AGM**, and the **Christmas Fair**.

Take care and God bless,  
Mrs Taylor

**Prayer of the Week**



During the month of October, we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Please pray this litany for Mary with your child this week:

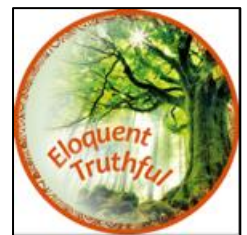
gweddia drosom ni/ pray for us

- Mary so happy: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary so patient: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary so hopeful: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary so wonderful: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary so courageous: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary, Queen of Heaven: gweddia drosom ni
- Mary, Mother of God: gweddia drosom ni

**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.

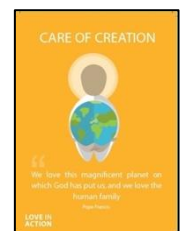


**Catholic Social Teaching**

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.



## Celebration and Exhibition of Learning – ‘Save the Planet!’- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025



We started the term with a whole school topic, ‘Save the Planet!’. As well as learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle ‘Stewardship’. Fairtrade and becoming a Deforestation Free School, each class completed a pupil-led enquiry. Nursery and Reception explored ‘How can we look after God’s wonderful world?’; Year 1, ‘Why is it our responsibility to take care of the planet?’; and Year 2 answered the question, ‘How can we be stewards of creation and stop litter in our community.’ In Year 3, the pupils explored ‘Are we using the earth’s resources responsibly?’; Year 4, ‘How can reducing plastic help God’s creation?’; Year 5, ‘How can we help to prevent deforestation?’; and Year 6 answered the question, ‘How can we live more sustainability on God’s earth?’

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, each class displayed their learning completed during our ‘Save the Planet’ topic in an exhibition in the hall. The event was a wonderful celebration of our diverse school community and the learning that had taken place since the start of term.

Here’s what some of the pupils thought about the topic:

- *‘I enjoyed looking after the world by going on a litter pick.’ (Nursery)*
- *‘Oscar enjoyed learning about recycling and making musical instruments with Nursery using recycled materials. We learnt the song ‘He’s got the whole world in his hands’ whilst we played our instruments.’ (Reception)*
- *‘We enjoyed learning about Fairtrade chocolate and why we should recycle. We want to look after God’s world!’ (Year 1)*
- *I enjoyed going down the lane to see how much rubbish there was. We thought about ways in which we can help our local community to recycle. We learnt about Fairtrade and made posters to persuade people to buy Fairtrade products.’ (Year 2)*
- *‘We loved working together in groups to find out about overfishing and create our own fish from craft materials. We are going to help protect the planet by not wasting water or dropping litter in the seas.’ (Year 3)*
- *‘I really enjoyed the artwork. I enjoyed learning about the ocean and that by looking after the ocean, we will have more clean oxygen. It was so important to learn about the save the plan domain as it teaches us how we can help our planet and not hurt it.’ (Year 4)*
- *‘We really enjoyed expressing our feelings about the effects of deforestation on God’s gift of creation, giving ideas for how we can help to prevent deforestation in the future through our collaborative PowerPoint and video. We also enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the work of other classes in the exhibition.’ (Year 5)*
- *‘I enjoyed filming the podcast, promoting sustainability and talking about deforestation. I thought it was cool to see what other classes were doing and what they had focused on.’ (Year 6)*



### Attendance

This week’s attendance figures for each class are:  
Well done to Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	85.19%	0.53%
Year 1	87.39%	0.00%
Year 2	88.82%	0.00%
Year 3	94.67%	0.33%
Year 4	94.48%	0.00%
Year 5	94.31%	0.00%
Year 6	98.71%	0.65%



### Donations for the Vale Foodbank



Thank you for your wonderful support of last Friday’s home-clothes day and for your generous donations to the Vale Foodbank. By supporting the Foodbank, we help to ensure that people’s basic needs for food and nourishment are met, upholding their human dignity – one of the key principles our pupils learn about through Catholic Social Teaching.

A representative from the **Vale Foodbank** will collect our donations on **Tuesday 21st October**, so there is still time to send in any additional items if you wish.

Your kindness and generosity this week truly reflect the Pupil Profile virtues of being compassionate and loving. Thank you for helping your child to put *faith into action* by responding with love and compassion to those in need.

## Dates for the Diary



### October

13<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 intensive Swimming course continues  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Shwmae Welsh Language Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
**17<sup>th</sup> – Show Racism the Red Card Day – Pupils are invited to wear home clothes with something red.**

21<sup>st</sup> – XL Technology Workshops (Rec to Year 3) -Funded by F&F  
**21<sup>st</sup> – Vale Foodbank Assembly and collection of donations**  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception and Year 6 to Mass  
**23<sup>rd</sup> – End of half term home-clothes day**  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – F&F Autumn Disco (see poster below)  
**24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day**

### Half Term

**27th October – 31<sup>st</sup> October**

### November

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 2 Educational Visit to Cosmeston Lakes**  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3)  
 4pm – 6pm  
**5<sup>th</sup> – XL Technology Workshops (Years 4 – 6) – Funded by F&F**  
 5<sup>th</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3) 4pm – 6pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Reception and 6 to Mass  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Road Safety  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Intergenerational Poetry Workshop – Penarth Library  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Switch Off Fortnight  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Anti bullying Week

### November

11<sup>th</sup> – F&F AGM 4pm (see poster below)  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations 1.30pm – 6pm  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and Year 5 to Mass  
**13<sup>th</sup> – Nursery – Year 1 Visit from the Ambulance Service**  
 13<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm

### 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Educational Visit to Cosmeston

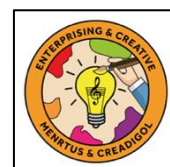
19<sup>th</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 20<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Jubilee Year of Hope Celebration  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Secondary School Applications for Year 7 2026 close  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for September 2026 - Nursery and Reception pupils  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class September 2026 Applications Open  
**28<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Educational Visit to St Fagan's**

### December

1<sup>st</sup> – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Week  
**5<sup>th</sup> – F&F Christmas Fair (see poster below)**  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine's Christmas Tree Festival  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 2pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 10am  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home  
**14<sup>th</sup> – Advent Service (Led by Years 3 and 4) – 2pm**  
 15<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Market 2.30pm

### Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

<b>Nursery</b>	Ryx Tan	<b>Year 3</b>	Jacob Wareham
<b>Reception</b>	Grace McDermid	<b>Year 4</b>	Dylan Carroll
<b>Year 1</b>	Harri Dibble	<b>Year 5</b>	Olivia Buinimasi
<b>Year 2</b>	Lenny Starling	<b>Year 6</b>	Manuel Jojan



### Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have shown improvement in writing skills e.g. mark making, pencil grip, forming letters, writing full sentences with accurate punctuation and uplevelling sentences with adventurous vocabulary and varied grammatical features.



### Congratulations to this week's winners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Ethan Adekunle Shen Kelly Theo Watson Lola Langley	<b>Year 3</b>	Aleia Goodall Gino Meletti-Herniman Nate Mercer Dylan Walsh
<b>Reception</b>	Joel Obanya Frankie Leach Zakariya Varma Mia Dos Santos De Jesus	<b>Year 4</b>	Luke Page Ella Roblin-Richards Eldaah Berly Flossie Abbot
<b>Year 1</b>	Erin Spear Osian Whittaker Maxi McAuley Sophia Burnett	<b>Year 5</b>	Ayaansh Prasad Iris Abbott Annabelle Hoover Finley Todd
<b>Year 2</b>	Benjamin Hooper Theo Davies Doris Perkins Isla - MaeHillard	<b>Year 6</b>	Orla Aviles Izzy Cheetham Jac Newton Walker Bradleigh Roodhouse

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  
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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.

