



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

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Well done to the school choir who performed in the YYD Summer Festival with Aber Valley Male Voice Choir this week!



Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you for your wonderful support of our **CAFOD Home Clothes Day** in aid of the **Venezuela Earthquake Appeal**. Your generosity will help CAFOD's partners provide vital emergency support to those affected by this devastating disaster. Thank you for helping our pupils to put their faith into action by supporting those most in need.

It has been another busy week of learning across the school:

- **Nursery** learned about **Diwali**, creating beautiful diva lamps and colourful rangoli patterns.
- **Reception** designed and made boats as part of their learning about the polar regions.
- **Years 1 and 2** explored the beliefs and traditions of **Judaism**.
- **Year 3** continued their work on their class novel, *The Great Paper Caper*.
- **Year 4** learned about the Viking gods and their significance in Norse culture.
- **Years 5 and 6** wowed audiences with their wonderful summer production, **'This is Us!'** We are incredibly proud of every pupil for their confidence, enthusiasm, and outstanding performances.

We are looking forward to a very special final week of term. On **Monday**, we will celebrate our **Year 6 Leavers' Mass** with **Mgr. Boardman** at **2.45pm**, and your child's end-of-year report will be emailed home. On **Tuesday**, from **4.00pm–5.00pm**, parents will have the opportunity to speak with their child's class teacher about their report on a **first-come, first-served basis** if they wish. On **Wednesday**, pupils will take part in **Moving Up Morning**, spending time with their new teacher and classmates as they begin preparing for September. We are also excited to share that our first whole-school **Domain** next year will be **'Together We Stand!'**, where pupils will explore our responsibility to support those who are vulnerable, marginalised, or experiencing injustice. The topic will culminate in our **Global Neighbours Festival** on **Monday 5th October**.

As we continue to develop nurturing and sensory spaces around the school, we would be very grateful for any donations of items you may no longer need at home, including **bean bags, large cushions, fairy lights, artificial plants, picture frames, puzzles, LEGO®, and board or card games such as Uno or Dobble**. If you are able to help, please contact the school office.

On **Friday**, our final day of the Summer Term, pupils are invited to wear **home clothes**. Thanks to the generosity of our wonderful **Friends and Family Team**, every child will also enjoy an **ice cream or ice lolly** as a special end-of-year treat. We will then gather on the **Junior Playground** at **3.20pm** to say a final farewell to our amazing **Year 6 pupils** as they prepare for the next stage of their journey. Families are warmly invited to join us for this special moment.

Take care and God bless, Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Say this prayer thanking God for his creation:

Loving Father, we praise you:
For the beautiful sun,
For the rain which makes things grow,
For the forests and the fields,
For the sea and the sky,
For the flowers and the birds,
And for your gifts to us.
Everything around us sings with joy.
With all you made we sing for joy too!

Amen.

Help us, Lord, to be good stewards of creation.

Class Structure – September 2026



Year	Teacher
Nursery	Miss Sharpe
Reception	Mrs Austin
Year 1	Mrs Walsh
Year 2	Mrs Heffey (M&T) Mrs Alday (W-F)
Year 3	Mrs Gardiner
Year 4	Mrs Noyes (née Whelan) (M -W) Miss Ttophi (W-F)
Year 5	Mrs Innes (M-W) Mrs Clements (W- F)
Year 6	Mr Frost

The pupils will meet with their new teachers during Moving Up Morning next Wednesday.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to year 4 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	87.73%	0.0%
Year 1	85%	0.83%
Year 2	96.32%	3.16%
Year 3	91.72%	0.34%
Year 4	99.31%	0.34%
Year 5	91.49%	1.52%
Year 6	95.48%	0.32%



Amazon Wish List – Thank you for your support!



Following the success of our Amazon Wish List in the Spring Term, we are delighted to launch our Summer Wish List.



If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR code to access the list. You may need to log in to Amazon and then simply choose an item and select "Laura Taylor, Penarth Vale of Glamorgan Gift Registry Address" for delivery.

If possible, please include a gift note so that we know who to thank. Thank you for your continued support, generosity and commitment to our school community. Every contribution, no matter how small, makes a real difference to the experiences and opportunities we can provide for our children.

Year 5 and 6 Summer Production

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for their spectacular performance of **The Greatest Showman**. Over the past few weeks, the children have worked incredibly hard learning their lines, songs, choreography and stage directions, and all of their dedication shone through in a truly unforgettable end-of-year production.

It was a fantastic team effort, with pupils taking on a wide range of roles both on and behind the stage. From the colourful costumes and energetic dance routines to the powerful singing and confident acting, every performance was full of enthusiasm, talent and teamwork. The audience thoroughly enjoyed every moment and it was wonderful to see the children's confidence and personalities shine. A heartfelt thank you to Mr Frost, Mrs Innes and all the staff who gave their time, creativity and support to make the production such a success.

We are incredibly proud of every single pupil who took part. What a spectacular way to celebrate the end of the school year—it truly was **'The Greatest Show'!**



Dates for the Diary



July

- 13th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw
- 13th – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.45pm
- 13th – Reports to Parents
- 14th - Opportunity for parents to speak to class teacher about their child's report if required (First come, first seen)
- 14th – St Joseph's Got Talent (For pupils only)
- 15th – Moving Up Morning
- 15th – Reception Class Act of Worship 3.20pm
- 16th – iRock end of year concert 10am
- 16th – Cardiff City Primary Stars Programme (Years 3 -6)
- 17th – Final Day of the Summer Term for pupils – Home clothes/ Ice Cream Van (F&F) **3.20pm Year 6 Farewell on the junior playground (All welcome)**

INSET Day - Monday 20th July

Wednesday 2nd September – First Day back for Pupils

Summer Reading Challenge 2026 – Read to the Beat



Vale Libraries invites families across Vale of Glamorgan to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2026 from the Reading Agency. This year's theme is Read to the Beat! The theme celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire and connect people – all through the magic of reading. The Summer Reading Challenge invites children aged 4–11 to visit their local library, discover new books, and enjoy a summer full of fun, imagination, and outdoor inspiration.

Are you excited to join Read to the Beat this summer? Call in to your local library or head to the official Summer Reading Challenge website to join!

Pupil Profile Virtues – Attentive and Discerning

The St Joseph's School Pupil Profile is made up of pairs of virtues or qualities we aspire to grow in, to be the person God wants us to be. Each half term we will explore a different pair of virtues.

This half term we have focused on the virtues of **attentive** and **discerning**.



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

attentive to their experience and to their vocation;
and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

To be **ATTENTIVE** means that we take the time to NOTICE the big and small things in our lives, each day. We NOTICE how others respond to what we do and say. We PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to God and others when they are speaking to us.
To be **DISCERNING** means that we are able to choose better what is good for us and for others. It helps us to choose God's will for us. It helps us to become the person God has called us to be.



Congratulations to the winners of our **attentive** and **discerning** Pupil profile certificates this half term!



Pupil Profile Virtues – Faith filled and Hopeful!

Nursery	Jacob Murray	Year 3	Lette Quick
Reception	Zain El Hammoud	Year 4	Daisy Davey
Year 1	Evana Jaison	Year 5	Bethel Ajileye
Year 2	Ben Hooper	Year 6	Lexie Morgan



Weekly Good News Awards

This week's Good News stickers are for pupils who have had a fantastic year and have made us so proud through their hard work, kindness and compassion.



Nursery	Delilah Carroll Frankie Griffiths Hanson Wu Theo Watson	Year 3	Gino Meletti Herniman Jackson Ward Molly Dix Olivia Bounds
Reception	Demi Daly Mia Dos Santos De Jesus Frankie Leach Best Ajileye	Year 4	Erin Griffiths Lana Stolzenberg Aika Ferrer Amelia Williams
Year 1	Archie Barber Milo Mulchinock Osian Whittaker Ellen Jones	Year 5	Melvyn D'Silva Mirabelle Challis Oliver Hooper Ava Morgan
Year 2	Elliot Morgans Elise Knapper William Hoover Doris Perkins	Year 6	Amelia Davies Dylan Hooper Archie Jones Martha Graham