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

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Reception and Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed meeting the Gruffalo for the author visit of the book 'Gruffalo Granny'.



Message from Mrs Taylor

We have had a great first full week back at St Joseph's. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new classes, routines and learning with such enthusiasm.

This week in Maths:

- **Nursery** – recognising numbers
- **Reception** – recognising numbers to 10 and exploring 2D shapes
- **Year 1** – counting to 20 and answering the question, *"How many?"*
- **Year 2** – exploring place value, focusing on tens and ones
- **Year 3** – exploring multiples of 2 and 5
- **Year 4** – adding 3-digit and 2-digit numbers
- **Year 5** – rounding numbers
- **Year 6** – developing their understanding of place value up to 10 million

Homework and Home Learning

We have also begun sending homework home this week.

- **Reception and Year 1** will find their homework set on Seesaw.
- **Years 2–6** will bring home a homework book containing spellings to learn and a QR code linking to a White Rose Maths quiz. Pupils may also receive an additional Domain or Religious Education task.
- **Spelling tests** will take place each Thursday.

In addition, we have sent home learning guidance linked to our Catholic Social Teaching unit, **'Together We Stand'**. This includes ideas and activities that families can complete together at home to continue exploring the themes discussed in school. The guidance for **Reception to Year 3** can also be found at the end of this week's newsletter.

Dates for the Diary

Please remember to check the *Dates for the Diary* section each week, as this is regularly updated. **Any new dates will appear in bold.**

This week, we have added our **Christmas production and celebration dates**. We appreciate that many families need plenty of notice to arrange time away from work, so we hope sharing these dates early will be helpful.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It has been a really positive first full week, and we are looking forward to all that the new school year will bring.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



During September, we are celebrating the **Season of Creation**. This is a time when Christians across the world thank God for the gift of creation.

Pope Francis reminds us that the earth is God's gift to us, full of beauty and wonder. We are asked to care for this gift, so that we sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Say together:
Father in heaven,
as we work together to care for the gift of your creation,
may we live together in peace and harmony as Jesus taught us,
guided in all we do by your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Pupil Profile Virtues – Faith-filled and Hopeful



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of 'faith-filled and hopeful' as part of our ongoing work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be . . .
.....faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

To be FAITH-FILLED is to have FAITH in myself, in others and in God.
To have faith that God has chosen me. He has given me talents and skills to do something great for Him.
To have faith that my friends, my family and the community I live in, will support me, help me and encourage me.
To have faith that God's way is my way. God's way is the way I should go. When I do His will, I will be happy and the person God wants me to be.

This leads me to be HOPEFUL and courageous for the future. God has promised to be with us always. He gave us His Son Jesus, to teach us and to show us the way. God wants us to be happy and to have life to the full.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	97.78%	0.0%
Year 1	96.67%	0.5%
Year 2	92.8%	0.8%
Year 3	99.05%	0.0%
Year 4	94.52%	0.0%
Year 5	95.0%	0.0%
Year 6	92.12%	0.3%

Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity and Peace



This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principles, **'Solidarity and Peace'.**

Solidarity means we believe in showing we care. In the Bible, St Paul writes a letter to the Galatians and says- 'All of you are one in Christ.' The Scripture tells us that God created us as one global family. It is important we show our brothers and sisters in need around the world that that we care.

We can show we care in many ways ….

- spending time with someone who is lonely
- offering to help someone in need
- praying for the needs of others
- and through fundraising to help charities like CAFOD.

Our School Vision

At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, our vision is to create a welcoming, loving, and transformative community where Christ is at the centre. Through excellent, rigorous, and inspirational teaching, we are dedicated to ensuring that each child develops in mind, body and spirit. At St Joseph's, pupils receive an ambitious curriculum, which is driven by the Four Purposes and designed to open minds, broaden horizons and develop literacy, numeracy and digital skills. This helps all learners realise their potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

We are committed to developing and encouraging our pupils and staff members to grow in the virtues outlined in the St. Joseph's Pupil Profile. We prioritise the mental and emotional wellbeing of our pupils, equipping them with the skills and attributes they need to form positive relationships with adults and their peers. We foster in each pupil a sense of Cynefin, Welsh heritage, culture, and the uniqueness and diversity of our community and environment. Our aim is to help pupils live by Jesus' example, becoming beacons of His love and light in the world, while also instilling in them good manners and kindness in their interactions with others.

We recognise the importance of building strong connections between the school, home, parish, and local community. Through active participation in school improvement, community action, and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, we promote informed citizenship and empower our pupils to make a positive impact on the world.

White Rose Maths

For Maths, we use the scheme '**White Rose Maths'**. The scheme is designed to support children in developing secure mathematical understanding through small, carefully sequenced steps.

To support learning at home, White Rose Maths provides free resources for parents and pupils. You can access:

- **Free workbooks** for each year group (Years 1–6), available term by term: https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/free-downloads
- **The full scheme of work and home learning resources** for each year group: https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-1-new

We encourage you to take a look at these resources, as they can help you to understand how we are teaching maths in school and provide useful activities to support your child's learning at home.

Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term 2026 - 2027

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

Autumn Term				
	Monday	**Tuesday**	**Wednesday**	**Thursday**
Lunch		**Y4-6 Rugby/ Football (DS)**	**Y4 – 6 Choir (HI)**	
4.00 – 5.00	**Y4-6 Netball (CHI)**	**Y4-6 Dodgeball (DS)*Paid**		**Y5/6 Code Club (RF)**

If you would be interested in offering your skills and talents to help deliver a lunchtime or after-school club, please contact the school office. We would be very grateful!

Dates for the Diary



September

16th – Individual and Sibling Photographs (Colorfoto)
17th - Years 3 – 6 Cardiff City Stars Programme (PE kit to be worn)
18th - Years 3 – 6 Cricket Chance to Shine (PE kit to be worn)
21st – Fairtrade Fortnight begins
24th – F&F AGM – School hall 4pm
30th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass

October

1st – Year 2 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
1st – St Richard Gwyn High School Open Evening
2nd – CAFOD Brighten Up For Harvest/ Vale Foodbank Donations/ Fairtrade Assembly and Coffee Event 2.30pm
5th – Global Neighbours Festival from 2.30pm
7th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
8th – Year 3 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
14th – Shwmae Welsh Language Day
15th – Year 4 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
16th – Show Racism the Red Card Day
21st – Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
21st – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass
26th – 30th - Half term

November

4th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
9th – Switch off Fortnight
11th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass
16th – Anti Bullying Week
18th – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass
12th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
19th – Year 5 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
20th – Universal Children's Day

December

9th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 2pm
10th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
11th – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10.00am
13th – Years 3 and 4 Advent Service, St Joseph's RC Church 2pm

Pupil Profile Virtues – Grateful and Generous!

Nursery	Henry Jenkins	**Year 3**	Stanley Hawkins
Reception	Delilah Carroll	**Year 4**	Molly Dix
Year 1	Ana Choto	**Year 5**	Scarlet Chan
Year 2	Regan Ruckley	**Year 6**	Leo Ledsam



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have given 100% effort to improving their handwriting, forming letters correctly, working towards a consistent size and style and joining letters, when appropriate.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Bear Kingsley-Cooling Esmae Flavin Bruno Apollonio-Moreau Jonah Morgans	**Year 3**	Elise Knapper Afan McAuley Elliot Morgans Isla-Mae Hilliard
Reception	Hanson Wu Jacob Murray Lola Langley Sophia Sulley	**Year 4**	Charlie Moreton David Robin Abraham Blossom Ajileye Lette Quick
Year 1	Margot Drake Otis Williams Malih Jones Irene Nithin	**Year 5**	Alfie Starling Amelia Barber Tomos Parker Luke Page
Year 2	Sophia Burnett John- Ernest Harlow Osian Whittaker Emilio Aviles	**Year 6**	Antonio Aviles Richardson Steve Robin Abraham Ava Morgan Charlotte Cummings

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Together We Stand!

Our whole-school topic
Autumn 2026

We are one human family ♡

Everyone belongs.
Everyone matters.
Together we can make a brighter world.

Kind hearts change the world ♡

A kinder world is possible when we stand together. ♡

Small actions make a BIG difference! ♡

1. Who is my neighbour?

Human Dignity and Solidarity



- We all belong.
- Everyone matters.
- We will learn about friendship, kindness and the Good Samaritan.
- We will explore people who help us and how we can help others too.

2. Why should I care about others?

Solidarity and the Common Good



- When one person suffers, we are all affected.
- We are called to care for one another.
- We will explore feelings, fairness, sharing and including everyone.
- We will learn to notice when somebody might need our help.

3. How can I make a difference?

Participation and Option for the Poor



- God calls each of us to use our gifts to build a better world.
- Even small acts of kindness, service and courage can make a big difference.
- We will think about how we can make our school, our community and our world a fairer and happier place.

Try it at home!

Here are some ideas for families to explore together... ♡

Kindness Challenge
Do one secret act of kindness for someone at home.

Helping Hands
Draw around your hand and write or draw five ways you can help other people.

Meet My Neighbour
Talk to someone in your family or community about how they help others.

Thank a Helper
Make a card or picture for someone who helps your family or community.

Everyone Belongs
Draw a picture of people standing together. How can we make sure nobody feels left out?

Family Foodbank Challenge
Choose an item together that you could donate to someone who needs it.

Our Global Family
Find a country on a map or globe and discover something about the children who live there.

Kindness Jar
Each time someone in your family does something kind, add a note or picture to the jar.

Family Prayer
Pray together for someone who needs help, friendship or kindness.

Make a Difference
As a family, choose one small thing you can do to make your community a better place.

"Love one another, as I have loved you." John 15:12 ♡

Together We Stand! ♡