



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

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On Monday, we celebrated our Welcome Mass. The theme of our Mass was, 'Journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, Guided by Love'

### Message from Mrs Taylor

This week our Save the Planet! topic, focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Stewardship, came to a wonderful conclusion with our Exhibition and Celebration of Learning in the hall. A special thank you to the Dinas Powys Fairtrade Committee and to the families who kindly volunteered to provide food – your support made the event extra special.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Mgr. Boardman to celebrate our Welcome Mass. The theme of the Mass was "Journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, Guided by Love". Together, we welcomed our new Reception pupils and new pupils across the school. During the Mass, Mgr. Boardman also blessed our class candles, which now sit proudly on each classroom prayer table as a daily reminder for us all to shine as beacons of light for the world.

As we begin the month of October, we remember Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful way to reflect on the life of Jesus through Mary's eyes. At home, you might like to pray a single decade of the Rosary together as a family, perhaps before bedtime or at the dinner table. Even something as simple as saying one Hail Mary together each day in October can be a lovely way of honouring Mary and drawing closer to Jesus.

This month, our blue Prayer Bags, which help us to pray with Mary, will also begin coming home. Each bag contains items to support family prayer, along with a Journey with Jesus Class Prayer Book, where you are warmly invited to add your own prayers, reflections, or drawings. We hope the prayer bags will help families to grow together in faith and create a special record of prayer in your child's class.

Finally, thank you for supporting today's home-clothes day and for your generous donations to the Vale Foodbank. By helping to ensure that people's basic needs for food and nourishment are met, we uphold the principle of human dignity. Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we are one human family, responsible for one another. Thank you for helping your child to put faith into action by responding with love and generosity to the needs of others.

Take care and God bless,  
Mrs Taylor

### Prayer of the Week



Our Year 2 Act of worship this week was an opportunity for us all to give thanks to God for his wonderful creation and particularly for the fruit, grains and vegetables harvested at this time.

#### Say this prayer together:

For the sun, moon and stars:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

For mammals, birds, fish and insects:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

For trees, bushes, flowers and grasses:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

For mountains and hills:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

For valleys and rivers:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

For sunshine, wind and rain:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

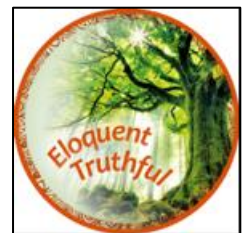
For the harvest of vegetables, fruit and grains:

**Diolch i ti O Dduw!**

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

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	85.26%	1.05%
Year 1	94.32%	1.75%
Year 2	98.69%	0.00%
Year 3	92.34%	1.15%
Year 4	98.62%	0.00%
Year 5	94.83%	0.00%
Year 6	96.77%	0.00%



## Penarth Town Mayor's Civic Service



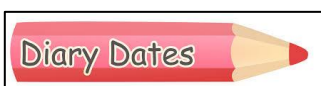
On Sunday 28th September, St. Joseph's RC Primary School was honoured to take part in the Penarth Mayor's Civic Service at St. Joseph's Church. The event was attended by the Town Mayor, Councillor Emma Richards, her Consort, Town Councillors, parishioners, and members of the local community.

Our Years 4–6 pupils played a special role in the service, contributing to the readings, leading the prayers, and joining together in the music. They represented the school with pride and reverence, and we are so proud of the way they shared their talents on such an important occasion.

A heartfelt thank you to our parents and carers for giving up their Sunday to ensure the children could be part of this event. Your support is always greatly appreciated.



## Dates for the Diary



### October

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course (Two Weeks)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Open Evening Stanwell
- 7<sup>th</sup> – **National Event: One Million Children Praying the Rosary**
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
- 9<sup>th</sup> – **Rec – Year 6 Flu Nasal Vaccine**
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Open Evening St Cyres
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
- 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**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – **XL Technology Workshops (Years 4 – 6) – Funded by F&F**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Reception and Year 6 to Mass
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – F&F Autumn Disco
- 24<sup>th</sup> – **INSET Day**

### Half Term

27th October – 31st October

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations (except Nursery and Year 3) 4pm – 6pm
- 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**

### November

- 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
- 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> – Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
- 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**

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Week
- 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