



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

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*This week, each class made a Jubilee Pledge to live out Catholic Social Teaching and make the world a better place to live.*



### Message from Mrs Taylor

This week in our *Save the Planet!* topic, which focuses on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Stewardship**, pupils across the school have been busy learning in different ways:

- **Nursery** explored *Greta and the Giants* by Zoë Tucker.
- **Reception** learned about Fairtrade.
- **Years 1 and 2** researched their class saints.
- **Year 3** found out about the work of CAFOD.
- **Year 4** asked and responded to thoughtful questions about plastics in the ocean.
- **Year 5** created factfiles about the harm caused in the rainforest.
- **Year 6** explored how Fairtrade makes a positive impact on caring for our planet.

We have also begun sending homework this week.

- **Reception and Year 1** will find their homework set on Seesaw.
- **Years 2–6** will bring home a homework book with spellings to learn and a QR code linking to a White Rose Maths quiz. Pupils may also be given an additional Domain or RE task.
- A **spelling test** will take place each Thursday.

Please remember to check the *Dates for the Diary* section each week. Any new dates will appear in **bold**. This week, we have added the Christmas production and celebration dates to give families as much notice as possible if time off work is needed.

Looking ahead:

- The **school photographer** from Colorfoto will be in on **Wednesday 17th September** to take individual and sibling photographs (Nursery – Year 6).
- We are delighted to welcome **Mgr. Boardman** to preside at our **Welcome Mass on Monday 29th September at 2.45pm**. Families of both new and existing pupils are warmly invited to join us.

Finally, don't forget you can follow our school journey on Instagram: [@stjpenarth](https://www.instagram.com/stjpenarth).

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:

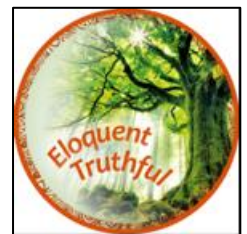
Let us say together:

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

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

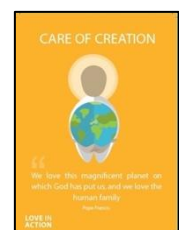
. . . **eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.



### 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.

### 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.

### Extra-Curricular Clubs – Autumn Term A 2025 - 2026



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

Autumn (a)				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
12.00 – 12.30		Rugby (Y4 – 6 DS)		
12.20 – 1.10			Choir (Y5/6 VB/ HI)	Debating (Y – 6 KO)
4.00 – 4.45/5.00	Netball (Y4-6 CHI)	Dodgeball (Y4 – 6 DS)* Thread of Art Craft Club (Y3 and Y4)* Smarti's Club (R – 6)*	Cookstars (Age 6+)* Thread of Art Craft Club (Y5 and Y6)*	Code Club (Y5/6 RF)

### 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	95.26%	0.53%
Year 1	79.13%	0.87%
Year 2	97.65%	1.18%
Year 3	98.28%	0.34%
Year 4	91.72%	0.34%
Year 5	97%	0.33%
Year 6	95.16%	0.53%



### Keeping Safe in the School Car Park



A reminder as we start the new school year that if you are driving into the school grounds, you must reduce your speed to 5 mph. The car park is busy and I ask adults to ensure their children exit their vehicle safely and do not allow them to run across the car park or road without adult supervision.

Finally, I ask that you only park in a disabled space if you are a blue-badge holder and under no circumstances that you park across a zebra crossing or on pavements.

We hope that, particularly on drier days, more pupils will bike, scoot or walk to school. The bike shelter and the scooter pods are available for all pupils to use.

## Dates for the Diary



### September

17<sup>th</sup> – Colorfoto – Individual/ Sibling photographs  
 26<sup>th</sup> – **Playground Pal Training (Health and Wellbeing Government Group)**  
 28<sup>th</sup> – Years 4 – 6 pupils to support the readings and music for the Penarth Mayor’s Civic Service  
 29<sup>th</sup> – **Welcome Mass 2.45pm – All are welcome.**

### October

1<sup>st</sup> - Reception and Year 6 to Mass  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Year 2 Road Safety**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year 2 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Open Evening St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – Harvest Vale Foodbank Appeal  
 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Celebration and Exhibition of Learning ‘Save the Planet’ from 2.30pm – All are welcome.**  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course (Two Weeks)  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Open Evening Stanwell  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 and 5 to Mass  
 9<sup>th</sup> - Years 5 and 6 Open Evening St Cyres  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 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  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – F&F Autumn Disco  
 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day

### Half term 27th October – 31<sup>st</sup> 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  
 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  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for September 2026  
 Nursery and Reception pupils

### December

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**  
 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 – Healthy and Confident Individuals!

<b>Nursery</b>	Lola Langley	<b>Year 3</b>	Mila-Blu Lewis
<b>Reception</b>	Zakariya Varma	<b>Year 4</b>	Daisy Davey
<b>Year 1</b>	Emilio Aviles	<b>Year 5</b>	Marti Goma-Camps Jaimes
<b>Year 2</b>	Benjamin Hooper	<b>Year 6</b>	Martha Graham



### Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who are curious about the world and their learning. They listen carefully, ask questions, explore, try new things, research and find out more.



**Congratulations to this week’s winners!**

<b>Nursery</b>	Freya Watson Jacob Murray Delilah Carroll Harry Wareham	<b>Year 3</b>	Seren Griffiths Mia Taylor Charlie Moreton David Abraham
<b>Reception</b>	Frankie Leach Livvy Stolzenberg Oscar Murphy-Newport Mia Dos Santos De Jesus	<b>Year 4</b>	Tomos Parker Caleb Cummings Oliver Jarvis Erin Griffiths
<b>Year 1</b>	Sophia Burnett Aneyah Stait Peru Edwards Alessio Bremner	<b>Year 5</b>	Fletcher Mulchinock Alphonsa Manayani Alice Deacon Iris Abbott
<b>Year 2</b>	Jasper Challis Elise Knapper Doris Perkins Lenny Starling	<b>Year 6</b>	Joseph Walsh Lexie Morgan Dylan Hooper Amelia Davies




# OPEN DAY



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## DATE & TIME:

-  Thursday 2nd October 2025
-  3:30pm to 6:30pm
-  Argae Lane, Barry, CF63 1BL

We would like to invite families of students in YR5 & 6 for a tour of our school.

If you can't make it in person, you can enjoy a virtual tour of the school and this will be available on our website and socials soon!

Click on the QR code below to view our prospectus!

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