

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



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Thank you, F&F, for organising the circus and ice cream van for our final day of the year!

Message from Mrs Taylor

What a fantastic year it's been for the St Joseph's school community! This week, I asked the pupils in each class to share their 'Top Five Memories of 2025', and their responses were full of joy, excitement, and unforgettable moments. Nursery children loved their visit from Animal Zone, while Reception thoroughly enjoyed making pizzas at Pizza Express. Year 1 were captivated by their trip to Fonmon Castle, and Year 2 highlighted their cricket lessons as a real favourite. Year 3 particularly enjoyed their outdoor learning and visit to Technquest, and Year 4 remembered swimming lessons and their fascinating trip to the Roman Legionary Museum. Year 5 will never forget their residential stay at Llangrannog or the exciting XL Rock Detective workshops. Year 6 reflected fondly on their Manor Adventure residential, their role as Guardian Angels to younger pupils, and their powerful study of the novel Goodnight Mister Tom. This year has been filled with joy, learning, and special experiences that have created lasting memories for our pupils, staff, and families. What a year to remember!

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who plays a vital role in the life of our school. To our passionate and committed teachers, Learning Support Assistants, Governors, Mr. Philips our caretaker, Mrs. Perry and Mrs. Davies in the office, and all of our hardworking kitchen staff and Midday Supervisors – thank you for your dedication. It is because of your care and commitment that St. Joseph's continues to flourish as a warm and nurturing community. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our hardworking and dedicated Friends and Family Team, who do so much to support our school – your time, energy, and generosity make a real difference and are truly appreciated. We also bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Daniels and send our very best wishes and blessings for the future. I am also deeply grateful to Mgr. Boardman, our Parish Priest, and to all the parents, carers, grandparents, family members, and members of our parish for your constant encouragement and support. As we look ahead to the new school year, I am filled with hope and excitement for all that we will achieve together for the benefit of our children.

A reminder that Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are INSET days. The first day of term for all pupils is Wednesday 3rd September.

I wish you all a well-deserved summer break!
Stay Safe and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



We pray for our school community,
our family and friends.

We pray that they will continue to give us
their kindness, support and love.

We pray for the strength and understanding to show
everyone the respect they deserve.

We especially pray for all the year 6 pupils
in our school who will be leaving
us this week for High School.

We pray that they may be given the courage to continue
their journey through life, so that they will always share the
wisdom, friendship and love of Christ.

We pray to the Lord.

Amen

Dates for the Diary



September

Pupils return to school Wednesday 3rd September 2025

**Friday 3rd October – Celebration and Exhibition of Learning
'Save the Planet' from 2pm**

**Wb 6th October – Year 4 Intensive Swimming Course,
Penarth Leisure Centre**

Confirmed INSET days

Monday 1st September 2025

Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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	87.55%	4.02%
Year 1	88.24%	1.18%
Year 2	94.44%	0.74%
Year 3	91.03%	0.34%
Year 4	93.85%	0.32%
Year 5	90.00%	0.97%
Year 6	89.31%	1.38%



Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we have focused on the virtues of 'Faith-filled and Hopeful' as part of our ongoing work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile. On Tuesday, as part of our celebration, assembly, two pupils in each class were chosen as winners of the Faith filled and Hopeful Pupil Profile certificates.

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!

Congratulations to this half term's winners:



Goodbye Year 6!



Today we say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 Leavers, who have been a credit to our school throughout their time at St. Joseph's. The past couple of weeks have been filled with emotion and pride as we watched them shine in their performance of *The Little Mermaid* and come together for a beautiful Leavers' Mass.

Year 6, you will always hold a special place the heart of our school. Walk forward with confidence, take pride in all that you have accomplished, and always believe in yourself. In a world where you can be anything, strive to be your very best.

Thank you to our Government Groups!



As the school year ends, we want to say a big thank you to all our Government Groups for their incredible hard work, creativity, and commitment in 2024–2025. Here are just a few highlights of what they've achieved:

- Chaplaincy Group supported our local care home, led Harvest donations, and helped plan Refugee Week as part of our Schools of Sanctuary work.
- Criw Cymraeg created Welsh newsletters and ran weekly Welsh games in the infant yard.
- Curriculum Group raised awareness and funds for WaterAid and organised brilliant World Book Day activities.
- Digital Leaders trained tech monitors and ran a fantastic Scratch and Code Club.
- Eco Group earned us the prestigious Platinum Eco-Schools Award!
- Health and Wellbeing Group led Children's Mental Health Week and a brilliant Healthy and Confident Week filled with sport and wellbeing activities.
- Mission and Diversity Group delivered assemblies and events focused on inclusion, anti-racism, and supporting new pupils.

We are so proud of all you've achieved.

Thank you for making our school a better place for everyone!

Summer Reading Challenge 2025 – Story Garden



Vale Libraries invites families across Vale of Glamorgan to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge 2025 from the Reading Agency, encouraging children to explore the magical connection between storytelling and the natural world with this year's theme: Garden of Stories – Adventures in Nature and the Outdoors. 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 the #StoryGarden this summer? Call in to your [local library](#) or head to the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](#) to join!

Platinum Eco Award



Congratulations to our Eco Government Group and the entire St. Joseph's community!

We are incredibly proud to announce that St. Joseph's has been awarded the Platinum Eco-Schools Award this week – a remarkable achievement that reflects the ongoing commitment of our pupils, staff, and wider school community to caring for our common home.

A huge well done to our dedicated Eco Government Group for leading the way with such passion and purpose, and to all staff and pupils for playing their part in making our school a greener, more sustainable place.

A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Gardiner for her outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in guiding our Eco work – this achievement would not have been possible without her!

End of Year Awards Ceremony

In our Awards ceremony this week, we awarded prizes for progress and achievement in each class and for the Infants, the Lower Primary Endeavour Award and the Lower Primary Friendship Award. Congratulations to this year's winners!



Friendship Award: Lower Primary	Lette Quick
Endeavour Award: Lower Primary	Charlie Moreton

Year Group	Progress	Achievement
Reception	Emilio Aviles	Erin Spear
Year 1	William Hoover	Xavier Buinimasi
Year 2	David Robin-Abraham	Cora Spear

For the Juniors, we awarded prizes for progress and achievement in each class, the Year 5 and 6 Outdoor Adventure Achievement Award, the Junior Endeavour Award, the Maurice Flynn PE Award, the Junior Friendship Award, the Kathy Smith Art Award, the Cross-Country Award, the St Joseph's Award and the Sean Ballard Award. Congratulations to all our winners!

Friendship Award	Jasmine Crocker
Endeavour Award	Finley Mulchinock
Year 5 Outdoor Achievement Award - Llangrannog	Dylan Dos Santos De Jesus
Music Award	Ella Moreton
Maurice Flynn PE Award	Jacob Sexton
Cross Country	Izabella Edwards Finley Mulchinock
Kathy Smith Art Award	Bethan Addy
Year 6 Outdoor Achievement Award – Manor Adventure	Poppy Meyer
St Joseph's Award	Joseff Vella-Jones
Sean Ballard Award	Brooke Lewis



Year Group	Progress	Achievement
Year 3	Isaac Morgans	Amelia Barber
Year 4	Charlotte Cummings	Annabelle Hoover
Year 5	Elsie Jeffreys	Reuben Griffiths
Year 6	Ajay Chapman	Raine Ferrer