

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



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Many of this year's First Holy Communion children have begun altar serving in Church- we are so proud of them!

Message from Mrs Taylor

This week has been full of a wide range of activities and opportunities for our pupils to learn, perform, and take part in new experiences. Year 6 joined other schools from across Cardiff and the Vale for the Cluster Leavers' Mass at St David's Cathedral. It was a beautiful occasion, marking the end of their primary school journey and looking ahead to the next chapter. Pupils in Years 5 and 6 performed their Summer Production across two evenings. They worked so hard in the lead-up to the performances and should be proud of what they achieved on stage. Cricket sessions were held for pupils in Years 2 to 6, giving them the chance to build their skills and enjoy active learning outdoors. Year 3 also took part in an educational visit to Techniquet, where they explored science and technology in a hands-on environment. Year 6 pupils presented to Big Fresh as part of the "Deforestation Free Schools" project. They spoke about their learning and shared ideas on how schools can make more environmentally friendly choices. To round off the week, pupils took part in "St Joseph's Got Talent"—an event just for pupils to share a range of performances and enjoy celebrating each other's creativity. Thank you to everyone who supported these activities throughout the week.

We are looking forward to our final week of term with the pupils. On Monday, we will celebrate the Year 6 Leavers' Mass, with Mgr. Boardman at 3.00pm and your child will bring home their end of year report. On Tuesday, from 4pm – 5.00pm, there is an optional opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher about their school report, if you would like to. This will be on a 'first come, first seen' basis. On Wednesday, we celebrate our annual Awards Ceremonies to which the parents of pupils who have won an award have been invited. Next Thursday, the pupils will take part in 'Moving Up Morning' where they will meet their new teacher for September and spend the morning in their new classroom finding out about all the wonderful things they will learn. In September, our first Domain across the school will be 'Save our Planet!', where classes will explore ways we can be stewards of the earth. We will end the topic with our Culture and Heritage Celebration which will take place on Friday 3rd October.

Friday, our final day of the summer term, will be a **home-clothes day** and all pupils will be able to choose an ice-cream or ice-lolly from the ice-cream van! Thank you to F&F and all of your support during the year for funding such as special end of year treat.

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.

Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we are 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	84.2%	3.9%
Year 1	91.8%	.6%
Year 2	87.8%	0.4%
Year 3	98.6%	0.0%
Year 4	90.9%	0.4%
Year 5	92.9%	0.3%
Year 6	91.0%	1.0%



Year 5 and 6 Summer Production



We would like to say a big well done to our Year 5 and 6 pupils for their performance of The Little Mermaid. The children have worked so hard over the past few weeks learning their lines, songs, and stage directions, and their efforts paid off with a lovely end-of-year production!

It was a real team effort, with pupils taking on a variety of roles both on and off the stage. The audience enjoyed the familiar songs and lively scenes, and it was clear how much time and care had gone into preparing for the show.

Thank you to all the staff who supported the production, and to the families who came along to watch and encourage the children.

We're so proud of everyone involved.. What a wonderful way to end the school year! It was 'Mermazing!'

Year 6 Cardiff and Vale Cluster Leavers' Mass

On Monday 7th July, Year 6 pupils from Catholic primary school across Cardiff and the Vale gathered together at St David's Metropolitan Cathedral in Cardiff for the annual Leavers' Mass. This special celebration marked the end of their primary school journey and looked ahead with hope to the new chapter of high school life. The Mass, themed "Journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, Guided by Love", was a joyful and prayerful occasion.

Pupils and staff came together to give thanks for the friendships, learning, and memories that have shaped their time in primary school. Through powerful

scripture readings, heartfelt hymns, and beautifully written prayers led by the pupils, the Mass reflected the gifts of faith, hope, and love that have guided them on their path so far. Fr. Bernard led the celebration, reminding everyone that even as our young people take their next steps, Christ will continue to walk alongside them. The readings, including Jeremiah's promise of "a future with hope" and St Paul's message that "the greatest of these is love," encouraged the children to carry these virtues into their new schools. Pupils from St Helen's, Barry and St Joseph's, Penarth played a special role in leading the liturgy and music. Moving hymns such as "Pilgrims of Hope", "In Christ Alone" and "Shout to the Lord" filled the Cathedral with energy and reverence, while the Prayers of the Faithful gave thanks for teachers, families, friends, and the wider school communities who have supported each child along the way.

The Mass concluded with a blessing over the pupils as they prepare for the transition to high school. As they move forward, they were encouraged to let their faith be their compass, their hope their wings, and their love the light that guides them. We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 leavers. May they continue to grow in confidence, kindness, and faith as they begin this exciting new chapter.



Class Structure – September 2025



Year	Teacher
Nursery	Mrs Batten
Reception	Mrs Austin
Year 1	Mrs Walsh
Year 2	Mrs Lawrence (M-W) Mrs Alday (T&F)
Year 3	Mr Penry Williams*
Year 4	Mr Channon (M-W)** Mrs O'Donoghue (T&F)
Year 5	Miss Ttophi (M-W) Mrs Innes (T&F)
Year 6	Mr Frost

*Mrs Clements returns from maternity leave in May 2026.

**Miss Whelan returns from maternity leave in November 2025.

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

Term Dates 2025 – 2026

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2025	Mon 1 Sept 2025	Monday 27 Oct 2025	Friday 31 Oct 2025	Friday 19 Dec 2025	75
Spring 2026	Monday 5 Jan 2026	Monday 16 Feb 2026	Friday 20 Feb 2026	Friday 27 Mar 2026	55
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April 2026	Monday 25 May 2026	Friday 29 May 2026	*Monday 20 July 2026	65
TOTAL					195

September INSET days –

Monday 1st September and Tuesday 2nd September

Pupils return to school Wednesday 3rd September

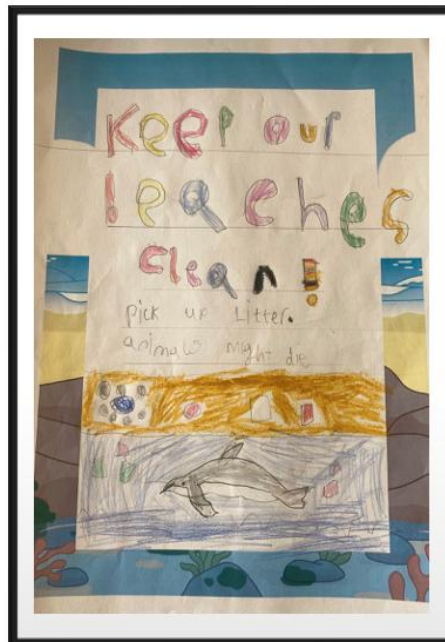
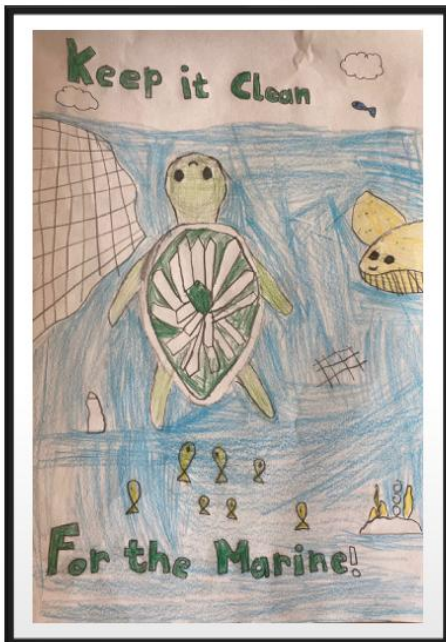
A message from Eco Government Group



A few weeks ago, our Eco Ministry led a fantastic celebration of World Ocean Day, raising awareness about the importance of protecting our oceans and the impact of marine litter. As part of the event, pupils were invited to take part in a poster competition to share powerful messages about how we can all care for our seas.

The Eco Ministry has now selected the winning entries—creative and informative posters that inspire us to take action and protect marine life.

Congratulations to Annabelle (Year 4), Alphonsa (Year 4), and Cora (Year 2) on their winning designs!



Dates for the Diary



July

14th – Termly 100 Club Draw
 14th – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 3pm
 14^h – End of Year Reports to Parents
 15th – Eco School Platinum Award Assessment
15th - Year 2 – 6 Cricket Sessions (extra session)
 15th – Opportunity for parents to speak to class teacher about child's report (first come, first seen basis) 4pm – 5pm
 16th – Award Ceremony (Invitation Only)
 17th – Moving Up Morning
 17th – Year 2 – 6 Cricket Sessions
18th – Final Day of school for pupils – Home Clothes Day
 18th – Circus Workshops/ Ice cream Van (F&F)
 21st – INSET day

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

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

Nursery	Zain El Hammond	Year 3	Aika Ferrer
Reception	Camilla Haincock	Year 4	Alphonsa Manayani
Year 1	Carter Barlett	Year 5	Lina Jay
Year 2	Molly Dix	Year 6	Ronan Nuttall Morton



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who are excellent role models to others and disciples of Jesus. They live out the mission statement in their learning, praying and playing and have grown in virtue this year.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Hanson Wu Zakariya Varma Aleri Davies Lily Davey	Year 3	Ollie Jarvis Luke Page Caleb Cummings Tomos Parker
Reception	Cara Pegg Emilio Aviles Athreya Akarsh Roman Daly	Year 4	Sonny Flavin Mirabelle Challis Fletcher Mulchinock Eva Shrubsole
Year 1	Elise Knapper William Hoover Lenny Starling Afan McAuley	Year 5	Leilani Goodall Martha Graham Esme Jones Cory Howard
Year 2	Charlie Moreton Sienna Wilkinson Lette Quick Aleia Goodall	Year 6	Raine Ferrer Poppy Meyer Ajay Chapman Jacob Sexton