

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



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Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fair last Friday. What a great event!

This week has been filled with joyful learning, meaningful encounters, and wonderful opportunities for our pupils to grow in faith, knowledge, and friendship.

As well as our Cluster Children's Rights Conference and the Cardiff and Vale Cluster Jubilee Pilgrim Walk Mass at the Cathedral, both of which you can read about below, our Year 6 pupils showcased fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship at the Rugby Festival hosted by Cardiff Met—what a brilliant opportunity to represent our school and enjoy healthy competition.



Years 3 and 4 were inspired by a visit from author Emma Swan—an experience that truly ignited their creativity and love for storytelling.

Year 3 also had the exciting chance to take part in a Tag Rugby Festival afternoon at Old Penarthians RFC where pupils were provided with a positive introduction to rugby in a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment.



In class this week, Nursery and Reception pupils have been learning about pirates with lots of art and craft activities; Year 1 pupils took part in an archaeological dig finding items from the past; and Year 2 pupils developed their team-building skills by building a pyramid using marshmallows and spaghetti. In Year 3, pupils enjoyed their rugby experience at Old Pen's; Year 4 pupils identified and used superlatives in their writing; Year 5 pupils used 'er' and 'est' to write comparatives; and Year 6 pupils have had a busy week of transition activities!

Thank you to all staff, pupils, and families for making this week so special.

Take care and God Bless. Mrs Taylor.

Prayer of the Week



This half term, we are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle 'Subsidiarity'. Subsidiarity is making sure that decisions are made at the most appropriate level, so all who are affected can contribute and have a voice. We believe everyone must have a say and that we should listen more deeply to those around us.

Let us pray together:

Loving Father,

You created us to live in community and make decisions together.

Help us to listen with open hearts,

To include those whose voices are often unheard, And to treat every person with dignity and respect.

Help us to be people who work together, who speak up for others,

And who always ask: "What do you need?"

Amen.

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	92.69%	3.85%
Year 1	92.94%	0.00%
Year 2	91.85%	0.00%
Year 3	97.93%	0.00%
Year 4	89.35%	0.65%
Year 5	94.52%	0.00%
Year 6	89.66%	1.38%



Cluster Children's Rights Conference

On Wednesday 2nd July, members of our School Cabinet proudly hosted our Children's Rights Conference 2025, held in collaboration with the Vale Rights Ambassadors. The afternoon event brought together pupils from several local schools to explore and celebrate the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). The conference opened with an inspiring keynote presentation delivered by the Vale Rights Ambassadors, who shared powerful messages about the importance of children's rights in our communities and schools. Pupils then took part in a variety of engaging and thought-provoking activities, including: an Orienteering Rights Hunt, where teams searched for key rights statements around the site, a Body of Rights workshop, helping pupils understand how rights support every part of their lives and a creative Chatterbox activity to help children learn and share different rights in a fun and interactive way. The event closed with a well-earned treat—Fairtrade refreshments and a goody bag to take home! We are incredibly proud of our pupils for their thoughtful contributions, planning and respectful participation throughout the afternoon. Their voices truly made a difference and reminded us all of the importance of respecting, protecting, and promoting the rights of every child. Da iawn, pawb!



Cardiff and the Vale Cluster Jubilee Pilgrimage Walk Mass at the Cathedral



On Friday 4th July, pupils from across Cardiff and the Vale came together at the Cathedral for a special Pilgrims' Walk Jubilee Mass, a joyful and faith-filled celebration marking the Holy Year. Centred around the theme "Pilgrims of Hope," the Mass began with a symbolic procession of the Pilgrims' Staff, representing our journey of faith. The liturgy was brought to life by pupils who took on roles throughout the celebration. They read inspiring scripture passages, including powerful messages of hope and reconciliation from the Prophet Isaiah and St Paul's Letter to the Romans. The Prayers of the Faithful offered moments of deep reflection as pupils prayed for the Church, for peace in the world, for refugees, for the sick, and for all those in need of hope. These heartfelt prayers reminded us of our shared mission to bring light and compassion to the world around us. The Mass concluded with a rousing rendition of Go Tell Everyone, sending all present forth with renewed purpose and joy. The Jubilee Mass was a moving reminder of our collective call to live as pilgrims of hope—walking together in faith, united in love, and committed to sharing the Good News with others.

Dates for the Diary



July

- 7th – Year 6 Cardiff and Vale Cluster Leavers’ Mass
- 8th - Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
- 9th - Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
- 10th - Years 2 – 6 Cricket Sessions
- 11th – Year 3 Educational Visit to Techniquet
- 11th – Year 6 Presenting to Big Fresh – Deforestation Free Schools**
- 11th – St Joseph’s Got Talent (Pupils Only)

- 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 – Opportunity for parents to speak to class teacher about child’s report (first come, first serve basis)
- 16th – Award Ceremony (Invitation Only)
- 17th – Moving Up Morning
- 17th – Year 2 – 6 Cricket Sessions
- 18th – Final Day of school for pupils
- 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

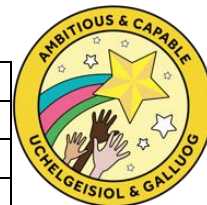
Confirmed INSET days

- 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 – Ambitious and Capable Learners!

Nursery	Zakariya Varma	Year 3	Ayana Varma
Reception	Maximus McAuley	Year 4	Mirabelle Challis
Year 1	Theo Davies	Year 5	Cory Howard
Year 2	Edward Best	Year 6	Brooke Lewis



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who always follow the school rules. They are ready, respectful, safe and loving and are excellent role models to others.



Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Frankie Griffiths Livvy Stolzenberg Moli Newton Walker Ada Best	Year 3	Alfie Starling Eldaah Berly Andrea Nithin Erin Griffiths
Reception	Georgie-Ray James Jonah Quick Osian Whittaker Xavier Dorman	Year 4	Ayaansh Prasad Esmail O’Grady Nia Holt Raffy Pugsley
Year 1	Isla Mae Hilliard Elliot Morgans Doris Perkins Stanley Hawkins	Year 5	Lexie Morgan Archie Jones Amelia Davies Joey Burnett
Year 2	Olivia Bounds Mila-Blu Lewis Dylan Todd Oliver Dziedzic	Year 6	Ali Zaman Kadie Quick Celyn Thomas Thomas Lau



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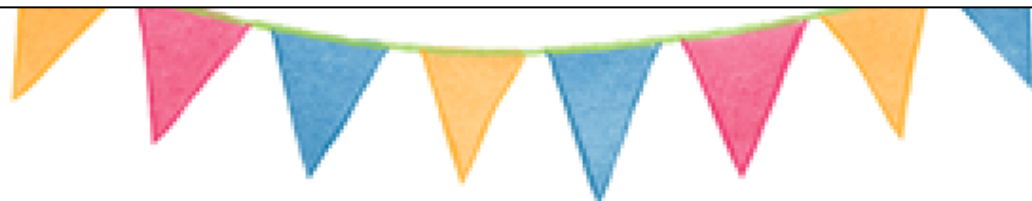
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**THIS WILL DIRECTLY FUND EQUIPMENT,
EXPERIENCES AND RESOURCES FOR ALL
PUPILS OVER THE NEXT YEAR. DETAILS TO
BE ANNOUNCED ASAP.**



RAFFLE WINNERS

RAINBOW RAFFLE BOXES

- Yellow Box – Lexie Morgan, Y5
- Blue Box – Alfie, Y1
- Purple Box – Olivia Buinimasi, Y4
- Orange Box – Mia Taylor, Y2
- Pink Box – Sonny Surringer, Reception
- Purple Box – Ada, Nursery
- Orange Box – William Mackie, Y3
- Blue Box – Fletcher, Y4
- Green Box – Roman, Reception
- Yellow Box – Elsie, Y5

OTHER PRIZES

- Kumon Voucher – Isaac, Y3
- Soap & Glory – Molly, Y2
- Studio Bubbles – Aika, Y3
- Freixenet bubbles – Bethan, Y6
- Tie Rack – Bethan, Y6
- Nivea set – Olivia Buinimasi, Y4
- Slippers – Daniel Katchi
- Fox Mug – Mila, Y2
- Nivea Clay – Ben, Y1
- Penderyn x3 – James Murphy
- Cricket Tickets – Sonny Surringer, Reception
- Shopping Voucher – Jonah Quick, Reception
- Boots Voucher – Mrs Jones
- National Showcaves tickets – Margot, Nursery

**Please collect your prize from Mrs Perry at Reception.
Thank you for your support!**