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

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Years 3 – 6 are enjoying their Cardiff City Stars football sessions each week!



Message from Mrs Taylor

We have had another busy and enjoyable week at St Joseph's! This week, as part of our ***Together We Stand!*** topic, we have continued to explore the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Solidarity** – helping our pupils to understand that we are all part of one human family and are called to stand alongside, care for and support one another.

Across the school, pupils have explored this in lots of different ways:

- **Nursery** – created pictures of themselves and talked about the wonderful ways in which we are all different.
- **Reception** – created a collage exploring the question, *"How can we be a kind neighbour?"*
- **Year 1** – thought about how we can be "helping hands" at home, in school and in our wider community.
- **Year 2** – explored the different ways in which they can help and care for others.
- **Year 3** – researched the lives and experiences of children from around the world.
- **Year 4** – designed their own communities and considered what makes a community strong and supportive.
- **Year 5** – wrote letters to a refugee, reflecting on welcome, compassion and solidarity.
- **Year 6** – explored social injustice and reflected on the important question, *"Who is our neighbour?"*

To celebrate and share all of this wonderful learning, we will be holding our **Global Neighbours Festival**, including a celebration and exhibition of pupils' work, in the school hall on **Monday 5th October at 2.30pm**. All families are warmly invited to join us.As with last year's Culture and Heritage Celebration, we would also love our families to be part of the afternoon. If you would like to contribute, perhaps by sharing some **traditional food from your culture or heritage**, please email the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you.

A big thank you to everyone who has already joined our **St Joseph's 100 Club**. There is still time to sign up via **ParentPay**, and forms are available from the school office for family members who would also like to take part. Our **first draw will take place on Monday 14th December** – good luck to everyone taking part!

Finally, we are looking forward to welcoming **Mgr Boardman** to school for our **Welcome Mass on Monday 28th September at 2.45pm in the school hall**. This will be a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school community at the beginning of our new school year, and families are warmly invited to join us.
Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses.
As we forgive those who trespass against us
and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.

Going Forth:
Think of one thing you will do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus.

Pupil Profile Virtues – Faith-filled and Hopeful



This half term we will be 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 reception who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	95.77%	0.00%
Year 1	93.75%	0.00%
Year 2	90.8%	0.8%
Year 3	94.29%	0.00%
Year 4	92.33%	0.67%
Year 5	94.67%	0.33%
Year 6	90.3%	0.3%

Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity and Peace



This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principles, **'Solidarity and Peace'.**

Solidarity means we believe in showing we care. In the Bible, St Paul writes a letter to the Galatians and says- 'All of you are one in Christ.' The Scripture tells us that God created us as one global family. It is important we show our brothers and sisters in need around the world that that we care.

We can show we care in many ways ….

- spending time with someone who is lonely
- offering to help someone in need
- praying for the needs of others
- and through fundraising to help charities like CAFOD.

Class Charters 2026 - 2027

A class charter is similar to classroom rules that we regularly discuss and write with the pupils but focuses more on building the shared values of a ***rights respecting*** classroom and, with that, the responsibilities that the pupils have to uphold their rights, rather than having rules which can be broken.

Broadly speaking, the pupils' rights under the UNCRC are based on their need to thrive as human beings. These rights are to do with:

- their health and safety (survival)
- their protection from harm and abuse
- the development of their potential
- their inclusion and participation in the life of the society around them (immediately, locally and globally).



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.

Prayer Bags



Next week, each class will begin using a Prayer Bag, which will be sent home with pupils on a rota throughout the year. Children will take the bag home for two nights to share prayer time with their families before passing it on.
The Prayer Bags will change focus with the seasons of the Church's year (e.g. Advent, Ordinary Time) and will contain special items along with a Journey with Jesus Class Prayer Book. Families are invited to add their own prayers, pictures, or photographs to the book, creating a wonderful record of prayer across the class.

We kindly ask that you take care of the bags as they are very special. We hope you enjoy this opportunity to pray together as a family and share in this whole-school faith journey.

Dates for the Diary



September

21st – Fairtrade Fortnight begins
22nd – Year 2 Road Safety Workshop (1 of 4)
24th - Years 3 – 6 Cardiff City Stars Programme (PE kit to be worn)
24th – F&F AGM – School hall 4pm (see poster below)
25th - Years 3 – 6 Cricket Chance to Shine (PE kit to be worn)
28th – Welcome Mass 2.45pm School Hall
30th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass

October

1st – Year 2 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
1st – St Richard Gwyn High School Open Evening
2nd – CAFOD Brighten Up For Harvest/ Vale Foodbank Donations/ Fairtrade Assembly and Coffee Event 2.30pm
5th – Global Neighbours Festival from 2.30pm
7th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
8th – Year 3 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
14th – Shwmae Welsh Language Day
15th – Year 4 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
16th – Show Racism the Red Card Day
21st – Reception to Year 6 Flu Vaccinations
21st – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass

26th – 30th - Half term

November

4th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
9th – Switch off Fortnight
9th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations (Booking details to follow)
11th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass
12th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations (Booking details to follow)
16th – Anti Bullying Week
18th – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass
12th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
19th – Year 5 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
20th – Universal Children's Day

December

9th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 2pm
10th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
11th – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10.00am
13th – Years 3 and 4 Advent Service, St Joseph's RC Church 2pm

Pupil Profile Virtues – Faith filled and Hopeful!

Nursery	Jacob Burnett	**Year 3**	Willian Hoover
Reception	Edie Dowott	**Year 4**	Dylan Walsh
Year 1	Mia Dos Santos De Jesus	**Year 5**	Eldaah Berly
Year 2	Ellen Jones	**Year 6**	Nia Holt



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!

Nursery	Barnaby Peskett Santino Mifsud Jonah Morgans Evelyn Thompson	**Year 3**	Benjamin Hoover Carter Bartlett Stream-Rose Kingsley Cooling Lenny Starling
Reception	Rowan Keenan Fergus McDermid Harry Wareham Ryx Tan	**Year 4**	Finn Wilson Aleia Goodall Jacob Wareham Seren Griffiths
Year 1	Livvy Stolzenberg Frankie Leach Grace McDermid Joel Obanya	**Year 5**	Dylan Carroll Daisy Davey Aika Ferrer Florence Abbott
Year 2	Alana Valvo Alessio Bremner Maxi McAuley Cara Pegg	**Year 6**	Bella Ward Christan Murray Emily Deacon Lucas Bartlett

Friends AND Family
ST.JOSEPH'S R.C.PRIMARY

AGM

Annual General Meeting

All are welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Support our school community.
New ideas, fresh faces and all helping to make a difference.

Thursday 24th September
4pm
School Hall

stjosephsfandf@gmail.com



Learn Welsh classes for parents

There's an opportunity to enrol on a **free Welsh at Home class** for parents / carers for 30 weeks starting in the next couple of weeks. These lessons will be tutor led for 1.5 hours a week. The options are below
9.30 – 11 – Monday – Zoom
6 – 7.30 – Monday – Zoom
9 – 10.30 – Tuesday – Ysgol High Street, Barry

The lessons will introduce vocabulary and phrases that you can use with your children. We'll also be exploring online resources and giving you the confidence to give it a go!
You may have a little bit of Welsh already but lack confidence in using it? The lessons will provide a safe environment for you to practice your Welsh again!

The links to register are in the attached poster. If you would like to know more about the Welsh at Home scheme before registering, please don't hesitate to contact me – Olwen Morus onolm25@aber.ac.uk.

