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

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2nd October 2026

On Monday, we celebrated our Welcome Mass. The theme of our Mass was, 'Journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, Guided by Love'



Message from Mrs Taylor

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome Mgr. Boardman to celebrate our Welcome Mass, with the beautiful theme 'Journeying in Faith, Walking with Hope, Guided by Love'. It was a special opportunity to come together as a school family, welcoming our new staff, Reception children and pupils who have joined us across the school. During Mass, Mgr. Boardman also blessed our class candles, which now have a special place on each classroom prayer table. These will serve as a daily reminder of our calling to shine as beacons of light, sharing God's love, kindness and hope with others.

As we begin October, we turn our thoughts to Our Lady of the Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful way of reflecting on the life of Jesus through the eyes of Mary, helping us to grow closer to Him through prayer. We encourage families to find a little time to pray together during October. You might like to pray a decade of the Rosary before bedtime or around the dinner table. Even something as simple as saying one Hail Mary together each day can be a meaningful way of honouring Mary and making prayer part of family life.

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported today's home-clothes day and contributed so generously to our collection for the Vale Foodbank. Your kindness will help support individuals and families in our local community who are experiencing difficult times. Our Catholic Social Teaching reminds us of the importance of human dignity and solidarity – recognising that every person deserves to have their basic needs met and that we are all part of one human family, called to care for one another. Through your generosity, you have helped our children see that faith is not simply something we learn about, but something we live through our actions. Thank you for helping us put our school mission into practice.

'Together We Stand' – Global Neighbours Festival
Monday 5th October | From 2.30pm | School Hall

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our 'Together We Stand' Global Neighbours Festival on Monday afternoon. Pupils are invited to wear clothes from their culture or heritage or home-clothes which express their unique identity to school on Monday. This special event will bring together our whole-school learning about Solidarity, celebrating the importance of kindness, fairness, justice and our responsibility towards others. Families will have the opportunity to enjoy an exhibition and celebration of pupils' learning, showcasing the wonderful work that has taken place across the school.

Friends & Family Cake Sale – Raising Funds for Chromebooks!

Alongside our Global Neighbours Festival, our wonderful Friends & Family will be holding a Cake Sale from 2.30pm in the school hall, raising much-needed funds towards purchasing new Chromebooks for our pupils. Donations of cakes and sweet treats would be very gratefully received and can be brought into school on Monday. Please see the poster below for further details. We are incredibly grateful to our Friends & Family for their continued enthusiasm and commitment to supporting our school. Every contribution, however small, makes a difference to the opportunities and resources we can provide for our children. We hope as many families as possible will join us for what promises to be a lovely afternoon of learning, celebration and community spirit.

Thank you, as always, for your kindness, generosity and continued support of St Joseph's.

Take care and God bless, Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Our Year 2 Act of worship this week was an opportunity for us all to give thanks to God for his wonderful creation and particularly for the fruit, grains and vegetables harvested at this time.

Say this prayer together:

For the sun, moon and stars:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For mammals, birds, fish and insects:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For trees, bushes, flowers and grasses:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For mountains and hills:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For valleys and rivers:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For sunshine, wind and rain:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!
For the harvest of vegetables, fruit and grains:
Diolch i ti O Dduw!

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 Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	94.74%	0.00%
Year 1	99.05%	0.48%
Year 2	87.5%	0.81%
Year 3	88.83%	0.97%
Year 4	96.00%	0.33%
Year 5	96.67%	0.00%
Year 6	93.56%	0.61%

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal
Friday 2nd October

Put your faith into action by supporting our global neighbours experiences shortages of food and safe water. Your donation can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. You can donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope, call 03033033030 or by using the QR code:

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

Year 2 Harvest Celebration of the Word



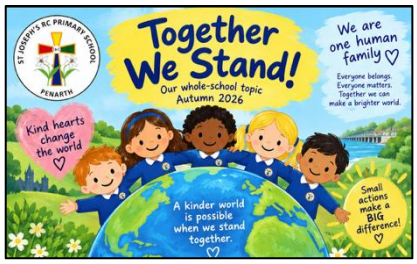
Thank you to Year 2 for their beautiful Harvest Celebration of the Word. Through their artwork, prayers and retelling of the parable of the sower, the children helped us give thanks to God for creation and for the food we enjoy.



They also reminded us that harvest is a time to think of neighbours near and far who do not have enough to eat, and to share generously with those in need. We are very proud of the care and thought Year 2 brought to their celebration.

***Diolch i ti, O Dduw* — thank you, God!**

Together We Stand - Global Neighbours Festival – Monday 5th October 2026 from 2.30pm



We are very excited to invite all families to our **'Together We Stand' Global Neighbours Festival on Monday 5th October at 2.30pm** in the school hall.

Our whole-school topic this term has focused on the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Solidarity**. Building on *'This is Me!'* and *'Save the Planet!'*, pupils are now exploring their responsibility towards others, particularly those who may be vulnerable, marginalised or experiencing injustice. The festival will be a wonderful opportunity for families to join us for a **celebration and exhibition of learning**, showcasing what pupils across the school have discovered and created.

We would also love our families to help make the afternoon a real celebration of our diverse school community. Families are invited to contribute a **traditional dish from their culture or heritage, or cakes or biscuits to share**. If you are able to contribute, please return the slip sent home or reply to the accompanying email by **Monday 28th September**.

We hope as many families as possible will join us to celebrate our children's learning and the message at the heart of our topic: **Together We Stand!**

Dates for the Diary



October

5th – Home clothes day - Pupils are invited to wear clothes from their culture or heritage or home-clothes which express their unique identity- Global Neighbours Festival from 2.30pm
7th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
8th – Year 3 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
8th - Years 3 – 6 Cardiff City Stars Programme (PE kit to be worn)
9th. - Years 3 – 6 Cricket Chance to Shine (PE kit to be worn)
13th - Year 2 Road Safety Workshop (3 of 4)

13th – Year 2 Author Visit – Ian Brown, Albert and the Long Night
14th – Shwmae Welsh Language Day
15th – Year 4 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
16th – Show Racism the Red Card Day
19TH – Final Day for Vale Foodbank Donation
19th – F&F School Disco from 4pm (see poster below)
20th – Vale Foodbank assembly and collection
21st - Year 2 Road Safety Workshop (4 of 4)
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
11th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm – Change of Date
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
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 – Learned and Wise!

Nursery	Zara Sulley	**Year 3**	Xavier Buinimasi
Reception	Jacob Murray	**Year 4**	Jonah Hickman
Year 1	Best Ajileye	**Year 5**	Lana Stolzenberg
Year 2	Lottie Wilson	**Year 6**	Oli Hooper



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have demonstrated fairness, justice and solidarity during Fairtrade Fortnight.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Evelyn Thompson Jonah Morgans Bear Kingsley-Cooling Esmae Flavin	**Year 3**	Daisy Bolt Isla-Mae Hilliard Stanley Hawkins Jasper Challis
Reception	Jaxon Gully Delilah Carroll Nancy Perkins Theodore Ware	**Year 4**	Olivia Bounds Gino Meletti Herniman Jock Wilson Viktoria Yurova
Year 1	Ana Choto Grace McDermid Otis Williams Oscar Murphy Newport	**Year 5**	William Mackie Marcus Mathew Riju Isaac Morgans Elinor Perkins
Year 2	Ho Chun Chan Roman Daly Jonah Quick Regan Ruckley	**Year 6**	Lucas Bartlett Olivia Buinimasi Layla James Eva Shrubsole

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ST. JOSEPH'S R.C. PRIMARY

The school's Chromebooks have become unfit for purpose without warning.

We need to help replace 26 new Chromebooks for the school.



Chromebooks are used by all the children to support their education.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER!





CAKE SALE - Monday 5th October - Alongside the Global Food Festival from 2.30pm.
Donated cakes very welcome.

DONATIONS

To make a donation, please send to:
Account Name: St. Joseph's Family and Friends
Sort Code: 20-18-27
Account Number: 23543668

ST JOSEPH'S P-F-F PRESENTS

it's time to DISCO



FEATURING

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KS1 4-5PM | KS2 5-6PM

(PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY FOR KS1 DISCO)

FREE ENTRY

PLEASE BRING CASH OR CARD FOR TUCK SHOP

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER @ SCHOOL HALL