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

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Message from Mrs Taylor

A huge well done to all our Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for the roles of **Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister**. I am so proud of the confidence they showed, their thoughtful speeches and their ideas for making our school even better. Congratulations to **Fletcher and Melvyn**, who were elected following the vote. I look forward to working with you and supporting you as you lead our School Cabinet.

Thank you to everyone who supported our **Global Neighbours Festival**, especially those who contributed food celebrating different cultures and heritages, and our Friends & Family Team (F&F) for organising the cake sale. It was a lovely opportunity to come together and celebrate the diversity of our school community.

Following our *Together We Stand!* topic, pupils have now begun their first **Domain Unit** of the year. Each Domain is designed to spark curiosity, deepen knowledge and develop key skills across the curriculum. Our current Domains are:

- **Nursery & Reception:** *People Who Help Us*
- **Year 1:** *All About Me and My World*
- **Year 2:** *Living Things and Our World: How We Care for Life*
- **Year 3:** *Material World: How Matter Shapes Our Lives*
- **Year 4:** *Forces and Energy: Powering Our World*
- **Year 5:** *Life, Matter and Change*
- **Year 6:** *Forces, Energy and the Universe*

On **Friday 16th October**, we will mark **Show Racism the Red Card Day**, promoting equality and respect for everyone. Pupils are invited to wear their own clothes, including something **red**. Throughout the day, classes will explore kindness, fairness and how we can stand together against racism.

Children are also invited to enter the **Curriculum and Diversity groups' 'Red Card for Racism' competition**. Their entries should include three key elements:

- **The Red Card:** What are we saying STOP to?
- **The Catholic Message:** What does Jesus teach us about how we should treat others?
- **The Action:** What can we do to challenge racism and help everyone feel valued and included?

Finally, please see the posters at the end of the newsletter from our **Friends & Family Team**, with details of the upcoming **Autumn Disco** and a thank-you for your support of the cake sale, which raised money towards new Chromebooks for our pupils.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



During the month of October, we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus.
Please pray this litany for Mary with your child this week:

gweddia drosom ni/ pray for us

Mary so happy: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so patient: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so hopeful: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so wonderful: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so courageous: gweddia drosom ni
Mary, Queen of Heaven: gweddia drosom ni
Mary, Mother of God: gweddia drosom ni

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



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	99.47%	0.00%
Year 1	96.83%	053%
Year 2	90.13%	1.79%
Year 3	92.86%	0.00%
Year 4	96.00%	0.67%
Year 5	98.00%	0.00%
Year 6	94.48%	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.

Donations for the Vale Foodbank



Thank you for your wonderful support of last Friday's home-clothes day and for your generous donations to the Vale Foodbank**.** By supporting the Foodbank, we help to ensure that people's basic needs for food and nourishment are met, upholding their human dignity – one of the key principles our pupils learn about through Catholic Social Teaching**.**

A representative from the **Vale Foodbank** will collect our donations on **Tuesday 20th October**, so there is still time to send in any additional items if you wish.

Thank you for helping your child to put *faith into action* by responding with love and compassion to those in need.

✝ First Holy Communion 2027 ✝



If your child is in Year 3 or above and are baptised in the Catholic faith and you would like them to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2027, families are invited to collect an enrolment form from Monsignor Joe, available in the sacristy of either church - St Joseph's, Penarth or St Mary's, Dinas Powys.

The parish catechists would be grateful if interested families could complete the enrolment process as soon as possible. This will help them establish numbers and ensure that the necessary resources and preparations are in place.

Further information regarding preparation meetings and important dates will be shared in due course.
We look forward to supporting our children and families as they take this special step in their journey of faith. 🙏

Dates for the Diary



October

13th - Year 2 Road Safety Workshop (3 of 4)
13th – Year 2 Author Visit – I 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 (Wear red)
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 (

November

9th – Nursery Class Parent Teacher Consultations 12.30pm – 4.30pm (Booking details to follow)
11th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass
11th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
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

Together We Stand - Global Neighbours Festival

What a wonderful afternoon celebrating our **Global Neighbours Festival** and the culmination of our whole-school *'Together We Stand'* learning!

It was fantastic to welcome so many families into school to explore our **exhibition of learning** and see how pupils across St Joseph's have been exploring **Solidarity** – recognising that we are all part of one human family and are called to care for others, particularly those who may be vulnerable, marginalised or experiencing injustice.

A huge **thank you to our families who contributed traditional foods and treats to share**. It was wonderful to celebrate the different cultures and traditions within our school community and to come together through food, learning and friendship. 🌎 🤝

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the afternoon so special. Our children have shown us that wherever we come from, and wherever we live in the world, **Together We Stand!** 💙

Here's what some of the pupils' thought:

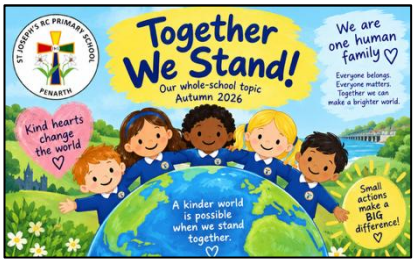
"During our *Together We Stand* topic, we expressed ourselves through art and writing while learning about oceans, Fairtrade and CAFOD. We enjoyed illustrating how we stand together with others and creating a rap about solidarity to share with the RUSH academic. We also explored how we can help create a fairer world for everyone."
— Alice and Iris, Year 6

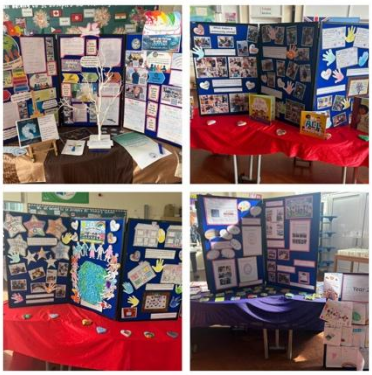
"We wrote letters entitled 'Dear Stranger' after learning about life in refugee camps and created PowerPoint presentations about Fairtrade. We learnt how little some cocoa farmers earn and how Fairtrade helps them receive a fairer price for their crops. We also explored how supporting charities can help us show solidarity with people facing difficult circumstances."
— Erin, Elisabeth and Ayana, Year 5

"The Global Neighbours Festival was great! We especially enjoyed tasting the food and visiting the cake and cookie sale. We were proud to show our families all our learning, including our solidarity posters, paintings of Mother Teresa and photographs of our role-play showing how we can live in solidarity with others."
— Sienna, Molly, Mila Blu and Jackson, Year 4

"We really enjoyed the Global Neighbours Festival, sharing our Fiji flags and tasting food from different countries around the world. The coconut cookies from Fiji were still our favourite! It was lovely to see everyone's work in the exhibition. We also enjoyed making Brazilian carnival masks and creating Japanese paintings."
— Xavier and Ben, Year 3













Pupil Profile Virtues – Intentional and Prophetic

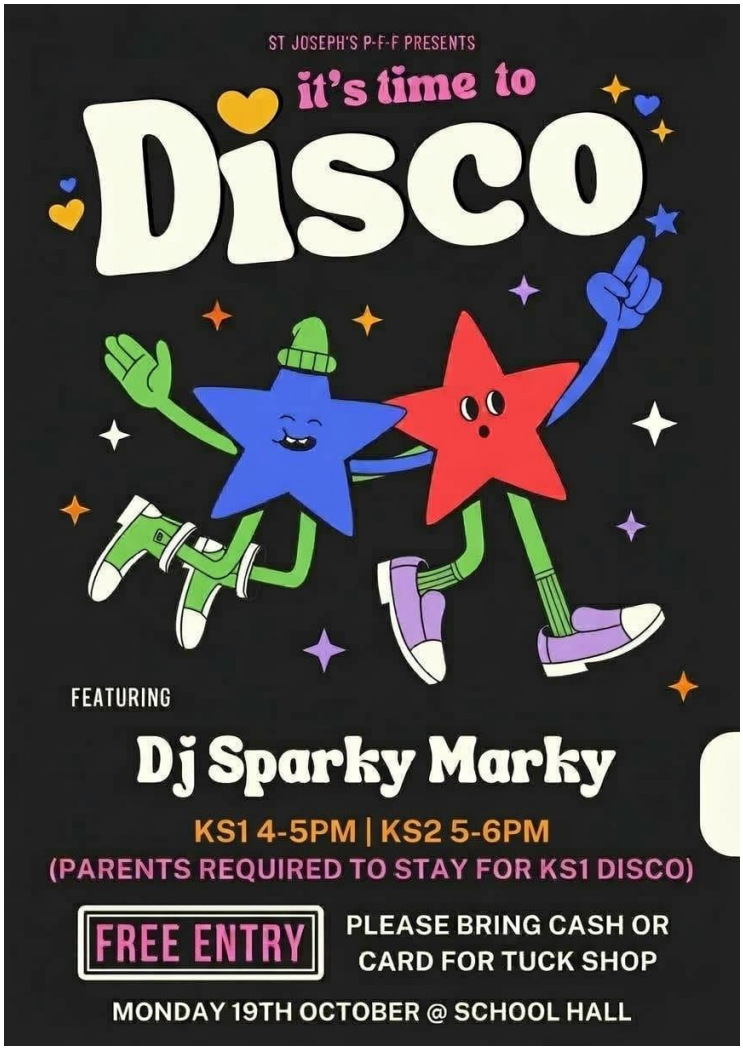
Nursery	Zachary Eley-Gambling	**Year 3**	Ben Hooper
Reception	Freya Watson	**Year 4**	Blossom Ajileye
Year 1	Ada Best	**Year 5**	Andrea Nithin
Year 2	Alana Valvo	**Year 6**	Ayaansh Prasad

Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who show that 'Together We Stand' by treating others with kindness and respect, including everyone and taking action to make our school and community a fairer, happier place.

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Toula Gauci Lyra Hales Elinor Williams Santino Mifsud	**Year 3**	Xavier Buinimasi Idris Pryce-Roberts Elise Knapper Lenny Starling
Reception	Aleri Davies Alessia Steward Theo Watson Hanson Wu	**Year 4**	Reuben Bousie Dylan Walsh Cora Spear Wyatt Thomas
Year 1	Best Ajileye Frankie Leach Malih Jones Jorgie Jarvis	**Year 5**	Eldaah Berly Scarlett Chan Caleb Cummings Ollie Jarvis
Year 2	John – Ernest Harlow Alessio Bremner Archie Barber Osian Whittaker	**Year 6**	Bethel Ajileye Mirabelle Challis Archie Russell Stanley Best





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