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

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Thank you, Year 4, for your beautiful worship, reminding us to put all our faith, hope and love in God.



Message from Mrs Taylor

What a wonderful week celebrating language, culture, diversity and belonging at St Joseph's!

Diolch yn fawr for your support as we celebrated **Diwrnod Shwmae** on Wednesday! Pupils enjoyed a fantastic range of activities, including singing Welsh songs, dancing, Welsh bingo, Shwmae Kahoot quizzes, creating Shwmae cards and films, and writing their own Welsh raps! Shwmae Day reminds us that the Welsh language belongs to us all**,** regardless of how much Welsh we speak, and encourages everyone to start conversations with a friendly *"Shwmae!" Da iawn, pawb!*

Today, our pupils wore red to support **Show Racism the Red Card Day**, led by our wonderful Diversity Government Group. Through age-appropriate activities, pupils explored identity, belonging, diversity and anti-racism:

- **Nursery:** Role-played scenarios using their red cards to challenge unkindness.
- **Reception:** Explored similarities and differences through the story *My Hair*, celebrating their uniqueness.
- **Year 1:** Celebrated differences and the importance of kindness and respect.
- **Year 2:** Created artwork celebrating diversity.
- **Year 3:** Role-played scenarios exploring racism and how to challenge it.
- **Year 4:** Became 'Inclusion Detectives', exploring what helps everyone feel they belong.
- **Year 5:** Researched Black History Month and created fact files.
- **Year 6:** Wrote powerful Show Racism the Red Card raps.

Inspired by the theme **'Change Hearts, Change Minds, Change Lives'**, pupils reflected on how we can all help build a world where everyone feels welcomed, respected and valued, living out our Catholic values of dignity, equality and love.

A reminder that **Tuesday 20th October** is the final day for donations of tinned or dried food for our annual Harvest Foodbank Appeal. Thank you for your generosity! Representatives from the **Vale Foodbank** will lead an assembly and collect our donations on Tuesday.

We look forward to celebrating the end of half term with our **F&F School Disco next Monday from 4pm!** Please see the poster below for details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Today, on 'Show Racism the Red Card' day, we remember that it is OK to be different. It's OK to look different. It's OK to sound different. It's OK to be good at different things. It's OK to like different things. It's OK to eat different foods. It's OK to support different teams.

Say this prayer together:

Father God, we thank you that we are all different.
Life would be so boring if we were all the same.
Help us to embrace difference.
Help us to celebrate difference.
Help me to be a good friend.
Let us always remember that it's OK to be different.
Amen

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



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	95.79%	0.53%
Year 1	97.12%	0.48%
Year 2	80.89%	0.41%
Year 3	90.38%	0.00%
Year 4	89.33%	0.00%
Year 5	99.00%	0.67%
Year 6	87.93%	0.00%

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.

Parent Teacher Consultations



This term's Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Monday 9th and Thursday 12th November for Reception – Year 6 and on Monday 9th November for Nursery. The purpose of the meeting is for your child's teacher to share a summary of their learning strengths and areas for development including in Maths, English, Religious Education and Domain learning. At the end of your consultation, your class teacher will provide you with the consultation notes they made for the meeting, which will include areas for development and targets. In addition, you will be able to see your child's learning books before or after your consultation.

Please book an appointment for the Parent Teacher Consultations on the Arbor App from Tuesday 20th October.

House Captains



Congratulations to this year's House Captains!

Our House Captains will serve as role models and leaders within their respective houses, setting a positive example for other pupils. They will foster a sense of community, leadership and teamwork within their house and will collect and announce the house point totals each week. Throughout the year they lead their houses in whole-school events such as Sports Day and the school Eisteddfod and are a point of contact for children who may need guidance and support, for example, on the playground.

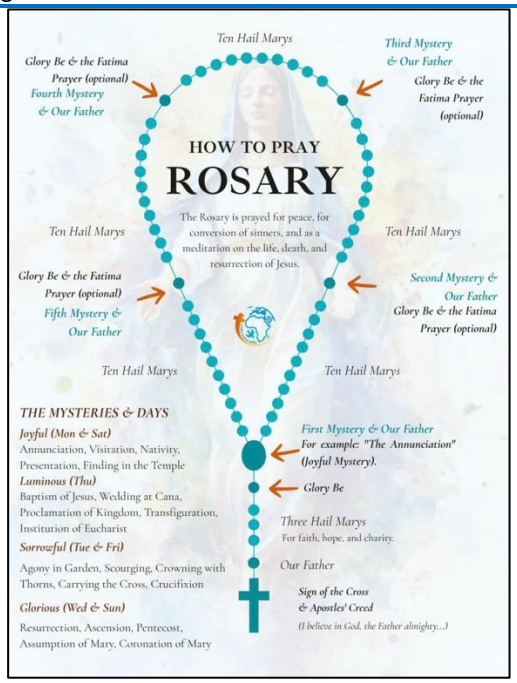
Our Virtues This Month: Faith-filled and Hopeful



This month, we are encouraging our pupils to be **faith-filled and hopeful**, following Mary's example of trust in God and her courage in saying "yes" to his call.

As October is the month of the **Holy Rosary**, we are reflecting on how this prayer helps us draw closer to Jesus through Mary. Through prayer and collective worship, pupils are discovering that faith and hope can guide us, even when we feel worried or face challenges.

We are putting these virtues into action by encouraging one another, showing kindness and remembering that God is always with us. Families may wish to share a quiet moment of prayer at home, offering a Hail Mary for someone who needs hope or support.



Dates for the Diary



October

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
22nd – Year 6 CCFC - Black History Month workshop
26th – 30th - Half term

November

4th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
5th – Reception Class Audiology
9th – Switch off Fortnight
9th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations
9th – Nursery Class Parent Teacher Consultations 12.30pm – 4.30pm (Booking details to follow)
10th – XL Wales STEM Workshop (F&F funded) – Year 4- 6
11th – XL Wales STEM Workshop (F&F funded) – Rec- Year 3
11th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass
11th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm

November

12th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations (Booking details to follow)
16th – Anti Bullying Week
16th - Open Day Reception 2027 10am; 2pm; 4pm
18th – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass
19th – Year 5 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
20th – Universal Children's Day – Home Clothes Day - £1 for CAFOD
26th – Reception Class Educational Visit to Techniquest
30TH – St Richard Gwyn Advent Service (Choir performing) 4.30pm

December

7th – Choir to sing at Dewi Sant
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 – Eloquent and Truthful!



Nursery	Jacob Burnett	**Year 3**	Hallie Ayres
Reception	Jaxon Gully	**Year 4**	Freyja
Year 1	Otis Williams	**Year 5**	William Mackie
Year 2	Erin Spear	**Year 6**	Iris Abbott

Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who celebrate differences, treat everyone with kindness and respect and stand up for others, helping to change hearts, change minds and change lives. *(Show Racism the Red Card Day)*



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Jonah Morgan Zara Sully Bear Kingsley-Cooling Leonard Holland	**Year 3**	Afan McAuley Elliot Morgans Doris Perkins William Hoover
Reception	Freya Watson Frankie Griffiths Jacob Murray Harry Wareham	**Year 4**	Molly Dix Gino Meletti-Herniman Viktoria Yurova Jackson Ruckley
Year 1	Roman Pugsley Ana Choto Oscar Murphy Newport Demi Daly	**Year 5**	Ffion Parker Elinor Perkins Alayna Varma Amelia Williams
Year 2	Milo Mulchinock Sophia Burnett Roman Daly Maximus McAuley	**Year 6**	Sonny Flavin Marti Goma Camps Jaimes Jax Perkins Oliver Hooper

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Together we can do great things for our school!

Join the Team

Do you have a spare few hours to help?

We'd love to have you involved! There are two ways you can support the Friends and Family at St. Joseph's R.C. Primary:

Join the Committee

Help make decisions

Be part of the team that plans and makes decisions to support our school community.

- Help shape future events
- Share ideas and plan fundraising
- Support the school's priorities
- Meet other parents and carers

Join the Helping Hands Group

Help at events

If you prefer to get involved on a more flexible basis, join our Helping Hands group and volunteer at events when you can.

- Support at school events
- Help set up, run or tidy away
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