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

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Foodbank Appeal.

Becky from the Vale Foodbank was very grateful for all our donations!



Message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a lovely week to round off the half term, with plenty of learning, fun and opportunities to support others. Highlights have included our **F&F School Disco**, our **Vale Foodbank assembly and collection**, and **Year 2's final Road Safety Workshop**. Year 3 will have their own road safety session next half term.

A fantastic week of learning

- **Nursery** enjoyed reading *Pumpkin Soup* and making their very own soup!
- **Reception** explored the properties of materials, designing and making a waterproof bag for a squirrel.
- **Year 1** explored how we can care for our global neighbours.
- **Year 2** developed their understanding of number bonds to 100.
- **Year 3** wrote letters inspired by Pope Francis' message in *Laudato Si'*, reflecting on how we can care for our common home.
- **Year 4** used metaphors to create imaginative colour poems.
- **Year 5** practised plotting and reading coordinates, putting their skills to the test in a fun game of Battleships!
- **Year 6** took part in a special CCFC Black History Month workshop with footballer Ronan Kpakio.

Every penny counts: our Coin Trail!

Please collect as many spare coins as you can over half term and bring them into school on **6th November** for our Coin Trail. The class that creates the **longest trail** will win a prize! All money raised will help us purchase **new Chromebooks** for our pupils. Please see the poster below for further details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing all our families a happy and restful half term.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



We continue to remember our blessed Mother Mary during October. At home, say this special prayer to Mary together – the Hail Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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.

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	99.47%	0.00%
Year 1	89.9%	0.41%
Year 2	83.54%	0.41%
Year 3	94.66%	1.00%
Year 4	89.33%	0.33%
Year 5	94.67%	0.33%
Year 6	87.85%	0.00%



Reception Class 2027 – Open Day



On **Monday 16th November**, we are delighted to be hosting an **Open Day** for families with children due to start Reception in September 2027.

We will be welcoming prospective families at **10.00am, 2.00pm and 4.00pm**, offering an opportunity to explore our school, meet our staff and discover what makes St Joseph's such a special place to learn and grow.

If this applies to your family, please save the date! We would also be very grateful if you could **help us spread the word** to friends, family and anyone who may be considering St Joseph's for their child.

Please see the poster below for further details. Thank you for your continued support!

Pupil Profile Virtues – Faith-filled and Hopeful

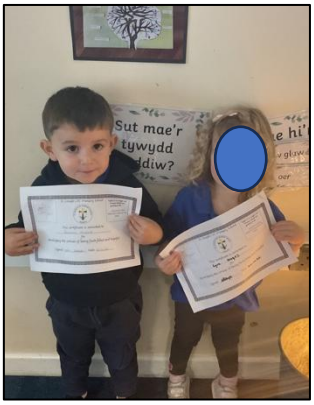
Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be . . .
…..faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

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!

Congratulations to this half term's winners:







Dates for the Diary



November

4th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
5th – Reception Class Audiology
6th – F&F fundraiser – Coin Trail
9th – Switch off Fortnight
9th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations
9th – Nursery Class Parent Teacher Consultations 12.30pm – 4.30pm
10th – XL Wales STEM Workshop (F&F funded) – Year 4- 6
11th – XL Wales STEM Workshop (F&F funded) – Rec- Year 3
11th – Year 3 Road safety workshop
11th – Year 6 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
12th – Reception to Year 6 Parent Teacher Consultations
16th – Anti Bullying Week
16th - Open Day Reception 2027 10am; 2pm; 4pm
18th – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass

November

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
27th – Home Clothes Day – Teddy Donations for Christmas Fair
30TH – St Richard Gwyn Advent Service (Choir performing) 4.30pm

December

3rd – F&F Christmas Fair - Home Clothes Day – Bottle Donation for Christmas Fair
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
14th – Creative and Enterprising Challenge – Christmas Market from 3pm

Pupil Profile Virtues – Attentive and Discerning!



Nursery	Zachary Eley-Gambling	**Year 3**	Jasper Challis
Reception	Theo Watson	**Year 4**	Olivia Bounds
Year 1	Lily Davey	**Year 5**	Evelyn Davies
Year 2	Maximus McAuley	**Year 6**	Mirabelle Challis



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who give 100% effort in our Cymraeg Bob Dydd sessions or are an excellent Helpiwr Heddiw, improving their Welsh language skills with enthusiasm.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Santino Mifsud Toula Gauci Lyra Hayles Elinor Williams	**Year 3**	Stanley Hawkins Stream-Rose Kingsley Cooling Daisy Bolt Isla-Mae Hilliard
Reception	Theodore Ware Rowan Keenan Delilah Carroll Fergus McDermid	**Year 4**	Sienna Wilkinson Alayna Jubin Dylan Todd Jonah Hickman
Year 1	Zain El Hammond Zak Varma Oakley Jones Livvy Stolzenberg	**Year 5**	Tomos Parker Flossie Abbott Harvey Haincock Lana Stolzenberg
Year 2	Erin Spear Archie Barber Camilla Hancock Roman Daly	**Year 6**	Olivia Buinimasi Melvyn D'Silva Alphonsa Manayani Ava Morgan

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THE GREAT COIN TRAIL CHALLENGE

Small coins... big impact!

Collect as many **coins** as you can over half term.

Return them on **6th November** for the big count!

Each class will make a **coin trail** with their coins.

The class with the longest trail **wins a prize!**

Can your class rise to the challenge and beat the other classes!?

Will you let another class beat you in the Coin Trail Challenge!?

Let's see which class can create the **LONGEST COIN TRAIL** *and take the victory!*



All funds to F&F towards Chromebook funds

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