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

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Thank you for supporting this year's, Poppy Appeal.
There are still items to available to buy next week.
Please bring your donation into school.

Message from Mrs Taylor

It's been a wonderful start to the half term! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, bringing enthusiasm and curiosity to a wide range of learning experiences. Here is a flavour of what they have been enjoying this week:

- **Nursery and Reception** celebrated Bonfire Night with creative activities, making colourful firework crafts.
- **Year 1** brought *The Three Little Pigs* to life by building houses in the woods.
- **Year 2** used role-play to explore and retell the story of the Annunciation.
- **Year 3** became materials investigators, testing the strength and flexibility of different materials.
- **Year 4** thoughtfully planned their pupil-led prayer times, *Gweddïwn*, developing their confidence in leading others in prayer.
- **Year 5** planned and drafted formal letters inspired by their class text, *The Clockwork Crow*.
- **Year 6** explored light in Science, developing their understanding through enquiry.

We are proud of the children's positive attitudes and look forward to sharing more of their learning as the half term unfolds!

A huge thank you to all our pupils and families for supporting the **Friends and Family Coin Trail Challenge!** We are grateful to everyone who collected their loose change over half term and brought it into school. There was plenty of excitement as each class laid out their coins, eager to see how far their trail would stretch and whether they could claim the prize for the longest line!

Congratulations to Year 4, our winning class, whose fantastic coin trail measured an impressive 86 metres! What a brilliant team effort! Well done to every class for taking part and helping to make the challenge such a success. All funds raised will go towards Chromebooks, supporting learning across our school. Thank you to our Friends and Family team for organising this fun fundraiser and to our school community for your continued generosity and support. **Small coins really do make a big impact!**

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



November is a time for remembering those who have died and praying for our loved ones who have gone before us and whose loss we feel.

Say this prayer together:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace.
Amen

Pupil Profile Virtues



Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School
are growing to be . . .

. . . eloquent and truthful in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

To be eloquent in the way in which we speak to each other and truthful in our words, actions, to the Gospel and to ourselves.

At home:

Decide now what you are going to do this week to be more ELOQUENT and more TRUTHFUL.

How will you be honest and truthful, following in Jesus's footsteps to live your life the way God wants you to?

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	92.11%	0.53%
Year 1	95.19%	0.96%
Year 2	83.06%	1.21%
Year 3	90.29%	0.97%
Year 4	93.33%	0.33%
Year 5	94.83%	1.03%
Year 6	95.09%	0.31%



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!

Kidslingo – Spanish Lunchtime Club – Few spaces remaining

We have a few spaces left in our new Spanish lunchtime clubs for Yrs 1-6, starting on Thursday 12th November. Our sessions are topic based and focus on the children having fun while learning Spanish. We use drama, storytelling, language games, craft, movements and singing. The children will also learn about Spanish culture and traditions. Junior classes will explore some grammar concepts and this will give them a head start for when they join a secondary school. Our first topic will be All about me and the children will also learn about some Catalán Christmas traditions!



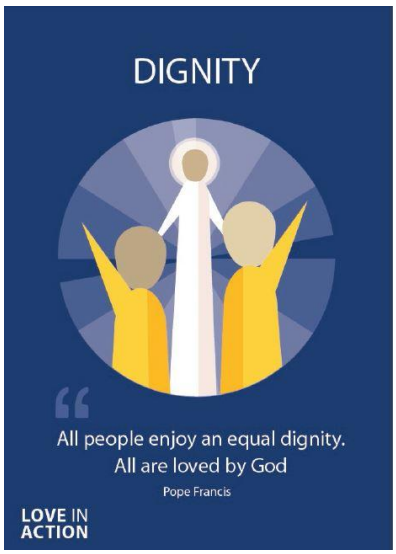
Club details: Every Thursday
Year 3-6 at 12:20 - 12:50; Year 1-2 at 12:50 - 1:20

Tutor: Gabriela is a native Spanish speaker from Chile.
£6.63 per session (includes a 2 % handling fee), term by term commitment.
The total cost for the rest of the autumn term is £39.78.
Free access to 250+ online language games.

To book a space, please use the following link to find St Joseph 's RC Primary and the class of your choice: https://pbbl.uk/KidslingoCardiffandNewport .
If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email Audrey @ audrey.hancock@kidslingo.co.uk .

Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, **'Human Dignity'.**



In our liturgy, the scripture reading taught us that God created humans in His own image and likeness, which means that we are special and valuable to God. We thought about how treating someone with dignity means treating them with love, kindness and respect and that everyone should be treated with dignity because we are made in the image and likeness of God. This means we should care for each other, help those in need, and stand up for what is right, just like Jesus taught us.

Pray together:
Loving God,
We come together to thank you for each other. You created each of us in Your image and likeness. Through Your Son, You taught us how to show everyone the love, respect and kindness they deserve. Encourage us to share the good things of the earth and to work for justice and equality for every human being. Help us to treat everyone with dignity and love.
Amen

You are made in the image and likeness of God. You are special, unique and important to God.
Treat everyone with the dignity and love they deserve.

Dates for the Diary



November

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
19th – Year 5 Class Collective Worship 3.20pm
20th – Universal Children's Day – Home Clothes Day - £1 for CAFOD

November

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 – Compassionate and Loving!

Nursery	Henry Jenkins	**Year 3**	Elise Knapper
Reception	Edie Dowott	**Year 4**	Mila Blue Lews
Year 1	Frankie Leach	**Year 5**	Flossie Abbott
Year 2	Erin Spear	**Year 6**	Sonny Rae Flavin



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have shown improvement in writing skills e.g. mark making, pencil grip, forming letters, writing full sentences with accurate punctuation and uplevelling sentences with adventurous vocabulary and varied grammatical features.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Esmae Flavin Evelyn Thompson Barnaby Peskett Lyra Hales	**Year 3**	Xavier Buinimasi Ben Hooper Lenny Starling William Hoover
Reception	Frankie Griffiths Shen Kelly Sophia Sulley Theo Watson	**Year 4**	Jonah Hickman Albie Todd Vienna Ward Freyja Leonard-Smith
Year 1	Margot Drake Demi Daly Best Ajileye Oscar Murphy Newport	**Year 5**	Ella Roblin Richards Jackson Ruckley Elisabeth Goma-Camps Jaimes Haydn Bullough
Year 2	Milo Mulchinock Lottie Wilson Emilio Aviles Sophia Burnett	**Year 6**	Iris Abbott Sam Mba Ayaansh Prasad Oliver Hooper

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Book your visit



Reception 2027 Open Day

Monday 16th November 2026

10am, 2pm and 4pm



Come and see what **St. Joseph's RC Primary** has to offer.

- **Nurturing, inclusive Catholic ethos and values.**
- **Extensive outdoor space for outdoor learning and Forest Schools.**
- **Rich, varied curriculum including the Expressive Arts.**

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