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

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Thank you, Year 6 for leading a beautiful and moving Celebration of the Word about Remembrance this week.

Message from Mrs Taylor

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our **Parent–Teacher Consultations** this week. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate each child's progress, discuss their next steps and strengthen the partnership between home and school. We would also appreciate your feedback through our **annual parent questionnaire**, which you can access using the QR code below.

This week, we took time to remember those who have died and are with God in heaven. Pupils learnt about Remembrance Day and how the fighting in the First World War ended at 11am on 11th November 1918. On Tuesday, we observed a two-minute silence to honour those who have lost their lives in war. On Wednesday, Year 6 led a beautiful **Remembrance Act of Worship**, inviting us to reflect on sacrifice, share treasured memories and consider how we can help to build a more peaceful world.

There has also been plenty of learning to enjoy! Pupils took part in **XL Wales STEM workshops**, generously funded by our Friends and Families. We look forward to sharing more details and photographs in next week's newsletter. Year 3 also participated in a **Road Safety workshop**, developing their understanding of how to keep themselves safe.

Preparations for our Advent and Christmas celebrations are well underway. Years 3 and 4 are leading our Advent Service, supported by Years 5 and 6, while Years 1 and 2 are busy preparing their performance of *A Little Bird Told Me!* Please make a note of these dates:

- **Years 1 and 2 Christmas performance:** Wednesday 9th December at **2pm** and Thursday 10th December at **10am**.
- **Nursery and Reception Celebration:** Friday 11th December at **10am**.
- **Advent Service:** Sunday 13th December at **2pm**, at **St Joseph's RC Church**.

We look forward to sharing these special celebrations with our families.

Next Friday, we will mark **Universal Children's Day** with a **home clothes day**, inviting donations of **£1 for CAFOD**. Pupils will enjoy activities exploring children's rights and reflecting on the Anti-Bullying Week message, **'Break the Silence'**. Together, we will consider how we can speak up, show kindness and help every child feel safe, valued and included.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for the gift of our world,
For the sun, the trees, and all living things.
Help us to remember how precious they are,
And to take care of them every day.
During Switch Off Fortnight,
Help us to be thoughtful and wise,
To turn off lights, save energy, and protect our planet,
So that it stays beautiful for everyone.
Guide us to make small changes that make a big difference.
May we remember that caring for the Earth
Is a way to show our love for You and for each other.
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?

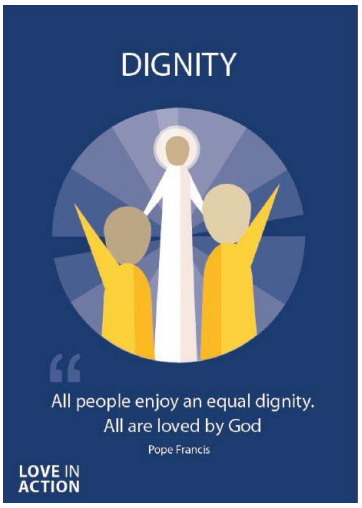
Attendance

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	92.63%	053%
Year 1	98.08%	.48%
Year 2	86.48%	0.41%
Year 3	97.57%	0.49%
Year 4	97.33%	1.00%
Year 5	92.76%	0.34%
Year 6	95.4%	0.61%



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.

You are made in the image and likeness of God. You are special, unique and important to God.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire – Autumn 2026

As part of our Parent Teacher Consultations, we would like to gather the views of parents and carers about St Joseph's school, so that we can consider our strengths and how we can continue to develop.

Please select the most appropriate response for each question.

If you have more than one child in the school, you can complete the same form for all of your children, or separate forms, if you feel that is more appropriate.

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Dates for the Diary



November

16th – Anti Bullying Week
16th - Open Day Reception 2027 10am; 2pm; 4pm
17th – Years 5 and 6 Girls Period Workshop
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
23rd – Dinas Powys Fairtrade Village Renewal Celebration in Dinas Powys Library from 4.45pm
26th – Reception Class Educational Visit to Techniquest
27th – Reception 2027 Applications Open
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 from 3pm - Home Clothes Day – Bottle Donation for Christmas Fair
5th – Choir singing at St Augustine's Tree Festival 11.15am
7th – Choir to sing at Dewi Sant
8th – Choir to sing at Parkside Care Home
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
15th – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
16th – Christingle Service
17th – irock concert for pupils and parents
18th – Last Day of Autumn Term

Pupil Profile Virtues – Grateful and Generous!

Nursery	Leonard Holland	**Year 3**	Hallie Ayres
Reception	Sophia Sulley	**Year 4**	Gino Meletti Herniman
Year 1	Roman Pugsley	**Year 5**	Noah Ford
Year 2	Lottie Wilson	**Year 6**	Finley Todd



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have shown excellent recall of knowledge and vocabulary in their retrieval practice and 'Do Now' sessions in Science and Humanities.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Bear Kingsley Cooling Zara Sulley Jacob Burnett Jonah Morgans	**Year 3**	Idris Pryce-Roberts Doris Perkins Stanley Hawkins Elliot Morgans
Reception	Lola Langley Jacob Murray Theodore Ware Freya Watson	**Year 4**	Jonah Hickman John Murray Lette Quick Jacob Wareham
Year 1	Lily Davey Joel Obanya Grace McDermid Irene Nithin	**Year 5**	Noah Davies Andrea Nithin Aika Ferrer Dylan Carroll
Year 2	Milo Mulchinock Emilio Aviles Osian Whittaker Ellen Jones	**Year 6**	Layla James Alice Deacon Flecther Mulchinock Christian Murray

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THE GREAT COIN TRAIL CHALLENGE

Thank You!

for your amazing support!

We raised

£606.11

Your generosity has made a huge difference!



From all of us at St Joseph's F&F

All funds to F&F towards Chromebook funds


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Got Leftover Halloween Sweets & Treats?
Or unused party bag toys?
Donate your leftover Halloween sweets & treats to the school!
Donations for the Christmas Fayre
Please bring donations in by 26th November

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Christmas Raffle

Donations Needed!

We are kindly asking for donations of raffle prizes for our Christmas Raffle.





Raffle Draw on

3rd December

Please send any donations into school.

Thank you

for your continued support!

Saving Energy Challenge

Saving energy is really important to help protect the environment (and save money on the household bills). You can do your part to save energy and help protect the environment by completing as many of the energy-saving tasks as possible within a week. You can use the chart below to help you record how many times you save energy. Every little bit helps, so make a list of any other energy-saving activities in the space below the table.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.							
Switch the lights off when no-one is in the room.							
Wear clothes more than once (as long as they're still clean).							
Turn off computer consoles and TVs.							
Unplug chargers when they are not in use.							
Play with non-electrical toys instead of your console or computer.							
Put extra layers on instead of turning on the heating.							
Wash your car by hand.							
Take a short journey by foot instead of by car.							

Make a list of any other energy-saving activities you complete below:

