

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



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Year 3 had a wonderful time on their educational visit to Cosmeston Lake on Thursday.

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### Message from Mrs Taylor Pasg Hapus! Happy Easter!

We've had a wonderful start to the summer term. The children have settled back into school life beautifully, and we're excited for all the rich learning and extra-curricular experiences planned for the term ahead.

I was also delighted this week to share our recent Catholic Schools Inspectorate report (April 2025), in which St Joseph's has been recognised as a joyful, inclusive, and faith-filled school community. Here are just a few of the highlights from the report that we are especially proud of:

- Our pupils are outstanding role models of faith in action – showing compassion and care through acts of service that reflect Catholic Social Teaching.
- Prayer and worship are central to our school life – pupils reflect deeply, pray confidently, sing joyfully and lead worship with reverence and creativity.
- Pupils show enthusiasm and depth in their Religious Education – they are thoughtful, articulate, and growing in their understanding of scripture and faith.
- We have a welcoming and inclusive community – pupils feel safe, happy, and proud to be part of St Joseph's.
- Our staff are passionate and dedicated, working together with families and governors to nurture every child's spiritual, moral, and academic development.

We are incredibly proud of our whole school family – pupils, staff, parents, governors, and parish – for living out our mission each day: "Jesus – in our hearts, in our minds, in our living, in our learning."

A special thank you this week to Mrs Whittaker, Osian's mum, who kindly donated Easter Eggs before the holiday and ice pops for every child this week. The pupils loved enjoying the ice pops as a celebration of all the lovely things the inspectors said about them – especially how well they live out our mission, how loving and compassionate they are, how joyfully they pray and sing, and how they include and care for one another.

As we continue through the Easter season, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, the light of the world. We are reminded that as Christians, we are people of light, of hope, and of a future. Jesus said, "I will be with you always." He is with us now. He is Risen. Alleluia!

Take care, and God bless,  
Mrs Taylor

### Prayer of the Week



**Pasg Hapus Pawb!  
Happy Easter everyone!**

Let us pray:

Lord,

Help us to recognise the risen Christ.

We see him in all those around us every day.

Help us all to grow in God's image every day.

Help us to spread the Good News and in return we will all rise again to a new life.

Amen

### Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of '**Compassionate and Loving**' 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 . . .

. . . **compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and **loving** by their just actions and forgiving words.

To be **COMPASSIONATE** is to not only CARE about someone else but to be moved to DO SOMETHING to help them. To be **LOVING** is to be kind, not only to our friends but to those we find difficult as well. If we are **COMPASSIONATE** and **LOVING**, we show we are concerned about others. We are sympathetic to others. We care about others. We forgive others and we try to do something to help them.

## Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:  
Well done to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	96.15%	3.37%
Year 1	93.38%	0.74%
Year 2	98.15%	0.46%
Year 3	87.93%	0%
Year 4	96.37%	0.4%
Year 5	97.18%	0.4%
Year 6	94.83%	0.86%



## Jubilee Walk



This May and June, all 20 Catholic education providers across Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan are taking part in a special project called *Pilgrim's Walk*. The pilgrimage involves 15 primary schools, four secondary schools, and one sixth-form college. A specially commissioned Pilgrim's Staff is travelling from St Helen's School in Barry to St David's Metropolitan Cathedral in Cardiff, stopping at each Catholic setting along the way.

The journey will end with a final gathering at the Cathedral, where pupils, staff, and invited guests will join together to celebrate Mass. Afterwards, all participants will take part in a joyful procession through Cardiff City Centre, finishing with a *Jubilee Picnic* in Bute Park to mark this shared celebration of faith and community.

Today, we were honoured to welcome the Pilgrim's Staff to St Joseph's RC Primary School, delivered by pupils from St Richard Gwyn High School, who journeyed on foot to our school, carrying the beautifully crafted staff with pride. We held a special ceremony to receive the staff, marking this unique moment in our school's journey of faith.

Next Wednesday, the pilgrimage continues as members of our Chaplaincy Government Group, along with our school Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister, will carry the staff from St Joseph's to St Cuthbert's Catholic Primary School. We look forward to playing our part in this inspiring shared experience/

## May Procession and Picnic – 22<sup>nd</sup> May



On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3.00 p.m.**, we will be holding our annual May Procession around the school grounds in honour of our Lady. All family members and friends of the school are very welcome to join us. Please provide your child with one flower or a small plant that they can process with and lay at the feet of Mary on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May. Any plants donated will be later planted around our school grounds by pupils in the Gardening Club. Thank you.

Following the May Procession, we are inviting all family members for a Family Picnic. Families are welcome to bring blankets, chairs and a picnic to enjoy on the school field. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to join us for the picnic, your child must be picked up at the usual time of 3.55pm.

## Pope Francis



This week, we joined Catholics around the world in mourning the death of Pope Francis and giving thanks for his life of humble service, compassion, and leadership.

Through his teaching, especially in *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminded us that we are called to protect our common home and to stand with those who are poor, vulnerable, or forgotten. He inspired us to live simply, act justly, and walk humbly with God.

Most of all, Pope Francis encouraged us to be people of hope. As we remember him in our prayers, we commit to continuing his mission in our school: caring for Creation, helping those in need, and living with hope and joy in our hearts.

## Dates for the Diary



### May

**5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday**  
**6<sup>th</sup> – INSET day**  
 7<sup>th</sup> - Cardiff and Vale Cluster Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Walk – Jubilee Staff to be taken to St Cuthbert's RC Primary School  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 5 to Mass  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Educational Visit to Cardiff Bay  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Deforestation Free Champions and Touch Rugby sessions continue  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Crucial Crew  
  
 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 2 and 5 – Penarth Fire Station to visit  
 13<sup>th</sup> – N-Y2 Fluoride Varnish Application  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Llangrannog Meeting for Parents 4pm  
 14<sup>th</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 to Dinas Powys Music Festival  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day  
  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Cardiff Catholic School Netball Tournament 1- 4.30pm, Cardiff Met  
 21<sup>st</sup> – May Procession and Picnic 3pm  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Nursery and Reception Educational Visit to Barry Island  
 23<sup>rd</sup> - F&F Colour Run

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term**

### June

2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Llangrannog  
 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Healthy and Confident Week  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 – 6 Sports Day  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Reconciliation Service  
 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Refugee Week  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Educational Visit to Caerleon  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Sports Day  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Educational Visit to The Egypt Centre, Swansea  
**18<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class Act of Worship 3.20pm**  
 20<sup>th</sup> – F&F Big Top Circus Workshops  
 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Manor Adventure  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Educational Visit to Fonmon Castle  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Years 2 – 6 Cricket Sessions (4 weeks)  
 27<sup>th</sup> June – F&F Summer Fair

### July

7<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Cardiff and Vale Cluster Leavers' Mass  
 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Educational Visit to Techniquet  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of school for pupils  
 21<sup>st</sup> – INSET day

### Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ambitious and Capable Learners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Thea-Rose Baker	<b>Year 3</b>	Daisy Davey
<b>Reception</b>	Emilio Aviles	<b>Year 4</b>	Fletcher Mulchinock
<b>Year 1</b>	Doris Perkins	<b>Year 5</b>	Archie Jones
<b>Year 2</b>	Charlie Moreton	<b>Year 6</b>	Poppy Meyer



### Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have settled beautifully demonstrating excellent learning behaviours – listening and collaborating with others – always being the best they can be.



**Congratulations to this week's winners!**

<b>Nursery</b>	Delelah Carroll Aleri Davies Rowan Keenan Roman Pugsley	<b>Year 3</b>	Noah Davies Haydn Bullough Aike Ferrer William Mackie
<b>Reception</b>	Osian Whittaker Roman Daly Regan Ruckley Athreya Akarsh	<b>Year 4</b>	Antonio Aviles Richardson Iris Abbott Esmail O'Grady Alphonsa Manayani
<b>Year 1</b>	Carter Barlett Afan McCauley Isla Mae Hilliard Elliot Morgans	<b>Year 5</b>	Lina Jay Elsie Jeffreys Reuben Griffiths Martha Graham
<b>Year 2</b>	Molly Dix Oliver Dziedzic Seren Griffiths Albie Todd	<b>Year 6</b>	Raine Ferrer Bethan Addy Ajay Chapman Joseff Vella Jones



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