

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



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*Congratulations
to Year 4 for
winning the
Big Walk and
Walk 2025 class
competition!*



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Message from Mrs Taylor

We have had a wonderful end to the Spring Term. This week our pupils celebrated 'Living Liturgies' where they have journeyed with Jesus through the events of Holy Week. We used our beautiful school grounds and were transported to the streets of Jerusalem as we waved palms for Palm Sunday, shared bread together at Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples in the school hall, prayed with Jesus in our orchard as we entered the Garden of Gethsemane, carried the cross with Jesus as we travelled across the playgrounds to the amphitheatre and celebrated Jesus' resurrection with streamers and decorated stones as we sang 'Alive, alive, alive for evermore!'. You can read more about these liturgies below.

Thank you for your support with our charity appeals this term. In addition to collecting toiletries for the elderly in our local community, we have raised £435 for Martha's Dancing Heart Appeal and £425 for CAFOD. A special mention to Stream-Rose in Year 1 who raised a fantastic £70 for CAFOD!

Thank you also to our Friends and Family team who provided each child with an Easter Egg to celebrate the end of the Spring Term.

Please check the 'Dates for the Diary' as further dates for the summer term have been added. Please could I particularly draw your attention to 21st May which is the date of our May Procession and Picnic starting at 3pm and the change of date of the F&F Colour Run which will now take place on Friday 23rd May.

I wish you all a lovely Easter holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming our pupils back to school on **Monday 28th April**.

Our remaining 2 INSET days are on Tuesday 6th May, the day after the bank holiday, and Monday 21st July.

Take care and God bless. Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



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

Next Sunday 20th April is Easter Sunday. Let us live the joy of Easter throughout Eastertide!

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

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	88.85	2.31
Year 1	99.4	0.0
Year 2	84.1	0.0
Year 3	97.2	0.0
Year 4	96.1	0.3
Year 5	94.1	0.3
Year 6	87.2	0.3



Holy Week and Easter 2025
St Joseph's and St Mary's Parish
Penarth and Dinas Powys

Palm Sunday (12th/13th April)

Weekend Masses are at 5.00 pm (Sat) St Joseph's; 9.30 am (Sun) St Joseph's 11.15 am (Sun) St Mary's

The Sacred Triduum Maundy Thursday (17th April)

7.30 pm Mass of The Lords Supper - St Joseph's (followed by Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm)

Good Friday (18th April)

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy - St Joseph's

Holy Saturday (19th April)

Morning: Sacrament of Reconciliation St Joseph's 10.00 am – 11.00 am

Evening: 8.30 pm St Joseph's Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (20th April)

9.30 am St Joseph's; 11.15 am St Mary's



Thank you, F&F!

A huge thank you to our fantastic F&F team, along with Mr Terry, Mr Burnett and Mr Quick, for all their hard work in giving our school minibus a brilliant new look! Thanks to the funding from F&F, the minibus has been cleaned and beautifully wrapped with our school logo and name. It now proudly represents our school as it travels in the community. We are so grateful for your time, effort and continued support.



Thank you to the Mackie Family!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Mackie family for their generous donation, which enabled us to purchase a beautiful statue of St Joseph, the patron saint of our school. This thoughtful gift will hold a special place in our school community, serving as a lasting reminder of St Joseph's guidance, care, and quiet strength. We are deeply grateful for your kindness and support.



Happy Easter from F+F!



Every pupil will bring home an Easter treat today donated by the F&F team. Thank you for all of your support!

Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday

On Monday, Years 1 and 2 led us in our Palm Sunday Living Liturgy. We remembered how Jesus came into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. The crowd waved their palms and shouted 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' They shouted 'Hosanna!' a Hebrew word that means 'Save!' because they knew that Jesus had come to save them. We all shouted Hosanna and waved our palms.



Maundy Thursday

On Tuesday, Year 6 led us in our Maundy Thursday Living Liturgy. We remembered how, before sitting down for the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples giving us an example of how we should serve others. We then remembered the words of Jesus at the Last Supper when he gave us his body and blood and shared bread together. Finally, we joined Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and watched as he was arrested by the soldiers.



Good Friday

On Thursday, Years 4 and 5 led us in our Good Friday Living Liturgy. We followed Jesus after his arrest as he was questioned by Pilate and Herod and condemned to death. The crowd shouted 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!' We walked with Jesus as He carried his cross, falling 3 times, meeting his mother Mary and Veronica in the crowd and when the soldiers stripped him of his garments. Finally, He was nailed to the cross. He said, 'Forgive them Lord. They do not know what they are doing' and he died.



Easter Sunday

On Friday, Reception and Year 3 led us in our Easter Sunday Living Liturgy. We joined the women as they entered the tomb to find that Jesus was gone. The angel appeared and proclaimed, 'Do not be afraid! Jesus is Risen!' We all shouted 'Alleluia!' We laid our decorated stones on the tomb as we sang 'Alive, Alive, Alive for evermore!' We will place our decorated stones in the prayer garden after Easter to remind us of the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead.



Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term A (April/ May 2025)



Please see below the timetable for Extra Curricular Clubs for after Easter.

Summer (a)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.30 – 1.00	Y5/6 International Languages (RF)	Y3-6 Football Club (SPW)	Y3-6 Prayer Club (NL)	Y3 – 6 Summer Choir (VB/ HI)	
1.00 – 1.30	R – Y2 Art Club (LA)				
4.00 – 4.45/5.00	Y3 - 6 Netball (CHI) Y3-6 Smarti's Club (MM – Paid)	Y4 - 6 Dodgeball (DS- Paid) R – Y2 Smarti's Club (MM – Paid)	Y 3/ 4 Art Club (EP)	Y5/6 Code Club (RF) Rec – Y2 Gardening Club (DG/HJW) Y3/4 Badminton Club (JC)	

Dates for the Diary



14th – 25th April - Easter Holidays

28th – First Day of Summer Term
29th – Colorfoto Class Photographs

May

1st – Year 3 Educational Visit to Cosmeston Lake
1st – Year 6 Size of Wales Deforestation Free Champions workshop
1st – Year 6 Rugby workshop (6 weeks)
2nd – Cardiff and Vale Cluster Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Walk – Jubilee Staff to be received from St Richard Gwyn High School
5th – Bank Holiday
6th – INSET day
7th - Cardiff and Vale Cluster Jubilee 2025 Pilgrim's Walk – Jubilee Staff to be taken to St Cuthbert's RC Primary School
8th – Year 5 Educational Visit to Cardiff Bay
9th – Year 6 Crucial Crew
12th - Year 2 and 5 – Penarth Fire Station to visit
13th – N-Y2 Fluoride Varnish Application
15th – Year 5 to Dinas Powys Music Festival
16th – Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day
20th – Cardiff Catholic School Netball Tournament
1- 4.30pm, Cardiff Met
21st – May Procession and Picnic 3pm
22nd – Nursery and Reception Educational Visit to Barry Island
23rd - F&F Colour Run (Change of Date)

26th – 30th May – Half Term

June

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

July

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