

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



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*'Well done!' to our Years 3 and 5 pupils who took part in a pBuzz and vocal celebration with primary schools across Cardiff and the Vale this week.*

4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

#### Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you to the whole school community who have supported us this week during our Catholic Schools Inspection. The findings of the inspectors are very positive and I look forward to sharing the published report with you when it is released. I am so proud of our school – pupils, staff, governors, families, priest and parishioners who ensure that all our pupils grow in faith, knowledge and love. St Joseph's is a place where every child knows they are uniquely created by God, valued and called to serve others. Thanks be to God!

Our current Religious Education topics focus on the Church's season of Lent. In RE this week, Nursery pupils listened to the story of the Good Samaritan; Reception pupils recognised that Jesus told us to love God and love one another; Year 1 pupils learnt that angels are God's messengers and Year 2 pupils reflected on how Peter was feeling during the events of Holy Week. In Year 3, pupils made links between Jesus' love at the Last Supper and how He shares His love when we celebrate our First Holy Communion; Year 4 pupils described the difference between the judged in the 'judgement of nations'; and Years 5 and 6 showed their understanding of the events and symbolism of Maundy Thursday .

In our Act of Worship this week, we reflected upon one of the most important and wonderful lines of the Bible. John 3-16 – *God loved the world: he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* We learnt from the Gospel that Jesus was sent to be a light to the world and if we follow Jesus' message, and live in His light, we will have eternal life with God in Heaven.

Next week, the pupils will be participating in Holy Week Liturgies. Holy Week, which in the Church will take place during the first week of the holidays, is the greatest week of the Church's year. During this week we remember the events leading up to the death and resurrection of Jesus. Each day, the pupils will physically journey with Jesus; waving palms as he rides through Jerusalem on a donkey (on the playground), sharing bread in the Last Supper (in the hall), praying with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane (in the woods), following Jesus as he carries his cross (through the meadow) and receiving a stone at the foot of the cross of Jesus (on the amphitheatre) which they will then paint to celebrate His Resurrection.

Thank you for supporting our CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Please send your sponsorship form and donations to school on Monday. Alternatively, you can sponsor the children using this Just Giving link:  
<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school2025>

Take care and God bless. Mrs Taylor

#### Prayer of the Week

During the Season of Lent, the pupils have been praying the Angelus at the start of each day.



#### The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary. **R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

**Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.**

**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.**

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.  
Hail Mary.....**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

**R. And dwelt among us.  
Hail Mary....**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

#### Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord,  
thy grace into our hearts.  
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, thy Son,  
was made known by the message of an angel,  
may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his  
Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:  
Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

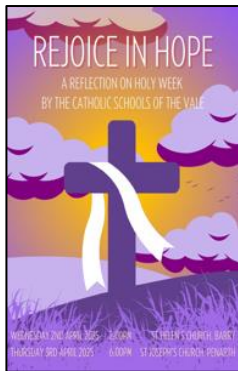
Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	80.86%	2.34%
Year 1	87.06%	0.00%
Year 2	81.11%	0.00%
Year 3	92.76%	1.38%
Year 4	84.33%	0.00%
Year 5	91.25%	0.31%
Year 6	78.97%	0.34%



### Cluster Lent Service

This week, the pupils in Years 2 and 4 joined with pupils from St Helen's Catholic Primary School and St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School for the cluster service, 'Rejoice in hope'. Congratulations to the pupils in Year 4 who led the 'Resurrection' on Wednesday at St Helen's Catholic Church, Barry and the pupils in Years 2 and 4 who led 'Palm Sunday' and the 'Resurrection' on Thursday at St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth. It was wonderful to join together as three schools to remember this most important story.

The pupils led their part excellently, with reverence and confidence. Well done everyone!



### Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we have focused on the virtues of 'grateful and generous' as part of our on-going work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

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

**Grateful and Generous**

To be **GRATEFUL** is to always appreciate the gifts and blessings we have been given.

To be **GENEROUS** is to give something to someone else, to share with someone else, willingly and happily, without expecting anything in return.

**Congratulations to the winners of our Grateful and Generous certificates this week!**



## Dates for the Diary



### April

7<sup>th</sup> – Termly St Joseph’s 100 Club Draw  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Y3 – 6 An Easter Production (Audacious Church)  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Join F&F for Coffee and Cake at 4pm  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of Spring Term

### 14<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Summer Term  
 29<sup>th</sup> – Colorfoto Class Photographs

### May

5<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday  
 6<sup>th</sup> – INSET day  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Crucial Crew  
 13<sup>th</sup> – N-Y2 Fluoride Varnish Application  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 to Dinas Powys Music Festival  
 21<sup>st</sup> – May Procession and Picnic

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

### June

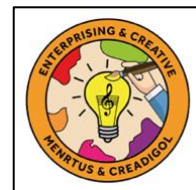
2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Llangrannog  
 6<sup>th</sup> – F&F Colour Run  
 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> – Healthy and Confident Week  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 – 6 Sports Day  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Sports Day  
 20<sup>th</sup> – F&F Big Top Circus Workshops  
 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Year 6 Manor Adventure  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 26<sup>th</sup> – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 27<sup>th</sup> June – F&F Summer Fair

### July

8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of school for pupils  
 21<sup>st</sup> – INSET day

## Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

<b>Nursery</b>	Frankie Leach	<b>Year 3</b>	Elinor Perkins
<b>Reception</b>	Eli Ledsam	<b>Year 4</b>	Marti-Goma Camps Jaimes
<b>Year 1</b>	Mia Watts	<b>Year 5</b>	Elizabeth Yerokun
<b>Year 2</b>	Jacob Wareham	<b>Year 6</b>	Ronan Nuttall-Morton



## Weekly Good News Awards

*Faith • Hope • Love*



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who have demonstrated the virtues of faith, hope and love during Lent.

### Congratulations to this week’s winners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Delilah Pugsley Zain El Hammoud Oscar Murphy Newport Frankie Griffiths	<b>Year 3</b>	Amelia Barber Oliver Jarvis Amelia Williams Elisabeth Goma – Camps Jaimes
<b>Reception</b>	Alana Valvo Cara Pegg Erin Spear Sophia Burnett	<b>Year 4</b>	Alice Deacon Fletcher Mulchinock Ayaansh Prasad Rafael Pugsley
<b>Year 1</b>	Xavier Buinimasi Jasper Challis Elliot Morgans William Hoover	<b>Year 5</b>	Alys Cirino Layla Knapper Manuel Jojan Archie Jones
<b>Year 2</b>	Aleia Goodall David Robin Abraham Olivia Bounds Mila-Blu Lewis	<b>Year 6</b>	Zia Hussain Jacob Sexton Toby Hall Kadie Quick

# WE



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# 😊 YOU

**JOIN TODAY!**

CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR OR TWO A TERM?  
WE'D LOVE SOME NEW MEMBERS!  
PLEASE MESSAGE NICOLA ON 07393 819619  
OR EMAIL STJOSEPHSFANDFAMILY@GMAIL.COM  
FOR MORE INFO. SEE YOU SOON!

ST JOSEPH'S FRIENDS AND FAMILY  
RAISED A TOTAL OF:

# £370.45

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING US  
WITH THIS CAMPAIGN!



## SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS 2025

### APRIL

TUESDAY 8TH 4PM - JOIN F+F / COFFEE + CAKE ✓



LAST DAY OF TERM - EASTER EGGS FOR ALL!

### MAY

21ST - MAY PROCESSION + PICNIC ✓

CAKE DONATIONS PLEASE!



### JUNE

6TH - SPONSORED COLOUR RUN ✓

10TH - SPORTS DAY (Y1-6) ✓

17TH SPORTS DAY (NURSERY) ✓

20TH - BIG TOP CIRCUS DAY FOR ALL

27TH - SUMMER FAIR ✓

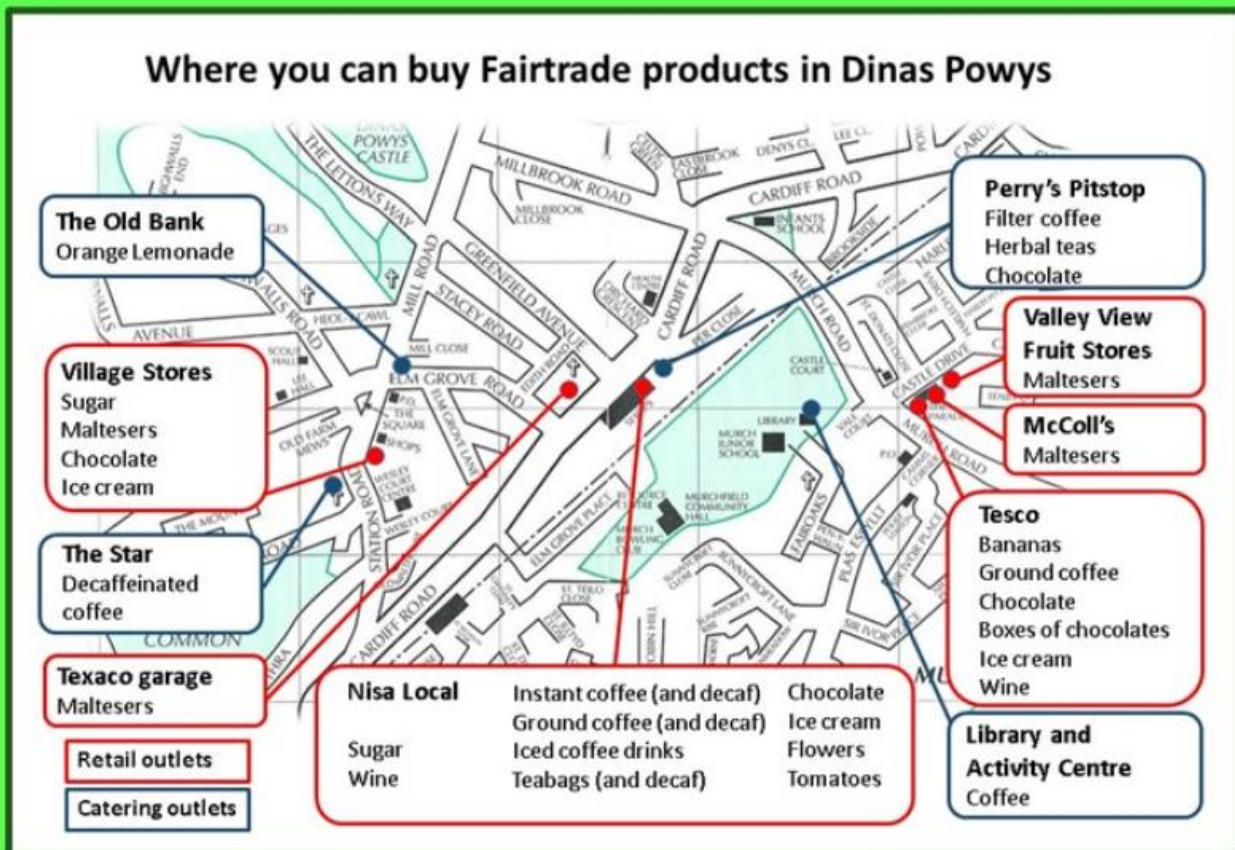


✓ - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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