



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

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*Thank you so much to the pupils and families who represented our school at the Joint Youth Mass with St Richard Gwyn High School on Sunday. You read and sang beautifully.*



### Message from Mrs Taylor

This week, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord—the moment when Jesus steps into the waters of the River Jordan and is revealed as God's beloved Son. This feast marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and invites us to reflect on our own baptism, when we were called by name, claimed in love, and sent out to live as witnesses of Christ in the world.

A heartfelt **thank you** to the pupils and families who supported our joint Youth Mass with St Richard Gwyn High School at St Joseph's RC Church last Sunday. Through your prayers, readings, and music, you beautifully demonstrated that our faith is lived and shared, and that the Church is truly alive in its young people.

In **English** this week:

- **Nursery** practised their sound of the week, 'o'.
- **Reception** recognised and sequenced the story of *The Three Little Pigs*.
- **Year 1** used adjectives to describe the characters *Pip and Egg*.
- **Year 2** developed their oracy skills by describing characters in detail.
- **Year 3** used dictionaries to deepen their understanding of vocabulary and definitions.
- **Year 4** learned how to write clear and accurate topic sentences.
- **Year 5** explored character intentions from different points of view, considering facts and opinions.
- **Year 6** retold the story of *Cantre'r Gwaelod*, developing their narrative skills.

Finally, thank you to our wonderful Friends and Family Team, who will be coming into school over the weekend to dismantle the current trim trail in preparation for the installation of our **new trim trail** next week. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Take care and God bless,  
**Mrs Taylor**

### Prayer of the Week



In my collective worship this week we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We remembered the moment when Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. This was a very special moment, because it marked the beginning of Jesus' public mission, and God revealed who Jesus truly is – His beloved Son.

Say this prayer together:

Jesus,

You are the lamb of God.

We pray that people all over the world will follow you.

Lord, give us the strength to live out our baptism by always choosing goodness.

Amen.

### St Joseph's Pupil Profile Virtues



Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be . . . **Curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better. God wants us to be **curious** about his universe and everything he has made.

He wants us:

- To ask questions
- To listen and pay attention
- To research and find out more
- To read
- To try new things
- To explore

God also wants us to **actively** change what we can do for the better. He wants us to help make this a better world.

### Attendance

Well done to Year 4 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.  
This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	90.36%	0.00%
Year 1	83.26%	1.32%
Year 2	93.53%	0.0%
Year 3	93.33%	1.0%
Year 4	98.28%	0.00%
Year 5	97.1%	0.32%
Year 6	81.29%	0.32%

### Catholic Social Teaching – Subsidiarity

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, 'Subsidiarity', which reminds us that everyone deserves to have a say—especially in decisions that affect them.



We commit to:

- Listening to others before speaking or acting
- Including others and asking for their thoughts
- Making space for every voice to be heard
- Building a more caring and just community, where everyone feels valued and listened to.

### Dates for the Diary

#### January

19<sup>th</sup> – Infant Playground Trim Trail to be installed this week  
21<sup>st</sup> – Louby Lou Storytelling – Creature Chronicles  
22<sup>nd</sup> – Years 3 – 6 E-sgol French Lessons (4 weeks)  
23<sup>rd</sup> – Reception Class September 2026 Applications close

#### February

9<sup>th</sup> – Children's Mental Health Week  
9<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 PC Alex Internet Safety  
10<sup>th</sup> – Safer Internet Day  
12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Author Event: Paget Rooms, Penarth

#### 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> – Half Term

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> – INSET Day

27<sup>th</sup> – School Eisteddfod (N- Y2 10am; Y3-6 2pm – Pupils can wear traditional Welsh costume, Welsh sports kits or something red)

#### March

3<sup>rd</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
4<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm  
4<sup>th</sup> – Nursery Parent Teacher Consultations from 2.30pm  
5<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day (Pupils can wear character costumes or home-clothes)  
11<sup>th</sup> – (Years 2 and 4) Joint Cluster Lent Service 2pm, St Helen's, Barry  
12<sup>th</sup> – (Years 2 and 4) Joint Cluster Lent Service 6pm, St Joseph's, Penarth  
16<sup>th</sup> – Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight  
19<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Joseph  
23<sup>rd</sup> – St Joseph's 100 Club Spring Draw  
27<sup>th</sup> – Last Day of the Spring Term

**Final INSET Day - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

### Pupil Profile Virtues – Compassionate and Loving!



Nursery	Jaxon Gully	Year 3	David Robin-Abraham
Reception	Livvy Stolzenberg	Year 4	Andrea Nithin
Year 1	Jonah Quick	Year 5	Isobella Ward
Year 2	Afan McAuley	Year 6	Amelia Davies



### Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who give 100% effort in Maths resulting in excellent progress in number, shape, calculations and measure.

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

			
Nursery	Delilah Carroll Shen Kelly Frankie Griffiths Jacob Murray	Year 3	Molly Dix John Murray Gino Meletti-Herniman Cora Spear
Reception	Frankie Leach Joel Obanya Oscar Murphy-Newport Margot Drake	Year 4	Noah Davies Tomos Parker Harvey Haincock Ffion Parker
Year 1	Milo Mulchinock Regan Ruckley Maxi McAuley Aneyah Stait	Year 5	Oliver Hooper Finley Todd Emily Deacon Melvyn D'Silva
Year 2	Xavier Buinimasi Benjamin Hooper Lenny Starling Jasper Challis	Year 6	Orla Aviles Dylan Hooper Esme Jones Bradleigh Roodhouse