

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



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Our Year 6 children enjoyed taking part in Cycling Proficiency this week. Well done all!



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Message from Mrs Taylor

We've had another great week of learning and experiences in St Joseph's this week. At the start of the week, we held Parent-Teacher Consultations for all year groups, providing a valuable opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss pupils' progress, our Year 6 pupils took part in cycling sessions, developing their confidence and road safety skills., the whole school participated in the Big Walk and Wheel, encouraging active travel and healthy lifestyles and the Big Lent Walk, walking a mile a day to raise money for CAFOD and our Chaplaincy Team visited Hazelhurst Care Home, where they spent time with residents, sharing conversation, prayer and the wonderful toiletries you donated last week.

Also this week, Nursery and Reception pupils learnt about the life cycle of a frog; Year 1 found natural resources in our environment; Year 2 compared the weight of objects around the classroom; Year 3 launched their Domain 'Life Cycles, Traits and Variations' in our outdoor environment; Year 4 began their preparations for the Cluster Lent Service; Year 5 pupils used Polypad to find fractions and equivalent decimals and Year 6 took part in cycling and made their own apps about the Rainforest in Domain.

Next week, pupils from Year 2, 4 and the Chaplaincy Government Group will be taking part in the St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service. Family members are very welcome to attend. The services will take place at St Helen's Catholic Church, Barry, at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd April and at St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth at 6pm on Thursday 3rd April. A poster advertising the service can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you for continuing to raise sponsorship money for the CAFOD Big Lent Walk. The pupils will continue to walk a mile a day next week and we think about those in the world who are in need. Please share our Just Giving link with family and friends:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-josephs-catholic-primary-school2025>

Take care and God bless. Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Every day we are called on to become closer to God. We can answer that call with our actions and our prayers.

Loving God,

**Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.**

**Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become
the best person we can be.**

Amen

At home: Try to say a prayer to God before you go to sleep every night. Thank him for everything he has given you, say sorry if you need to or ask him to be with you always.

St Joseph's Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focussing 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.

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	91.02%	1.56%
Year 1	90.0%	0.00%
Year 2	90.74%	0.74%
Year 3	97.83%	0.34%
Year 4	91.69%	0.00%
Year 5	97.92%	0.69%
Year 6	94.14%	0.00%



Hazlehurst Nursing Home



On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Group visited Hazlehurst Nursing Home to share kindness and joy with the residents. The children brought along beautifully prepared gift bags filled with toiletries, generously donated by our pupils and families.

During their visit, the children spent time chatting with the residents, sharing stories, and bringing smiles to their faces. It was a heartwarming experience, reminding us all of the importance of compassion and community.

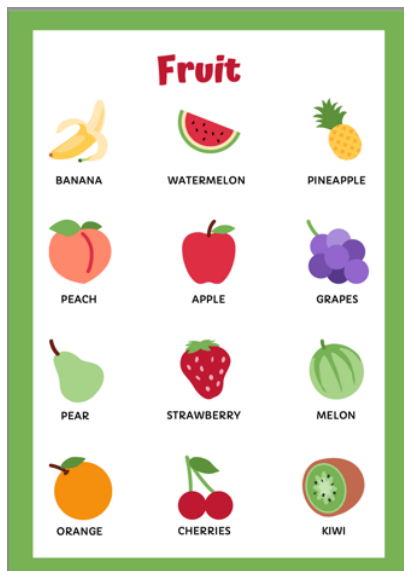
A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to the gift bags—your generosity made a real difference! Moments like these reflect the values we hold dear in our school, living out our faith through acts of love and service.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk



This week we have been putting our faith into action by taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. In our first week of the challenge, pupils and staff have been walking a mile each day, standing in solidarity with communities around the world and helping to fight global poverty. CAFOD's mission is to bring people together to answer God's call for a better world—one free from injustice and poverty, where hope is transformed into joy. As we continue our journey, we look forward to completing our 10-day challenge by 4th April, united in faith and action. Thank you to all those who have sponsored us so far. You can find the sponsor form or the link to our Just Giving page below.

HELP REQUIRED!



Our Eco and Health and Wellbeing Government Groups are currently working together to tackle our waste issues in school.

During our morning break please could we ask that all the children have fresh fruit or vegetables for their morning snack. We have noticed some other snacks coming into school for morning break which is causing lots of rubbish around our school. Also, we would be grateful if cut up fruit is brought into school in containers that can be washed and reused!

Our Eco and Health and Wellbeing Government Groups will be monitoring our rubbish and breaktime snacks for the rest of the spring term.

Thank you for your help and support.

From the Eco and Health and Wellbeing Government Groups

Dates for the Diary



April

1st – Years 3 and 5 pBuzz and Vocal Celebration
 2nd – Reconciliation Liturgy 9.30am
 2nd – St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Helen's Catholic Church, Barry) 2pm
 3rd - St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth) 6pm
 7th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw
 7th – Y3 – 6 An Easter Production (Audacious Church)
 8th – Join F&F for Coffee and Cake at 4pm
 9th - Stations of the Cross from 1.30pm
 11th – Final Day of Spring Term

14th – 25th April - Easter Holidays

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

May

5th – Bank Holiday
 6th – INSET day
 9th – Year 6 Crucial Crew
 13th – N-Y2 Fluoride Varnish Application

May

15th – Year 5 to Dinas Powys Music Festival
 21st – May Procession and Picnic

26th – 30th May – Half Term

June

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

July

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

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ethical and Informed Citizens!

Nursery	Ella McNamara	Year 3	Oliver Jarvis
Reception	Ellen Jones	Year 4	Esmai O'Grady
Year 1	Elise Knapper	Year 5	Niamh Griffith-Pearson
Year 2	Lette Quick	Year 6	Brooke Lewis



Weekly Good News Awards Congratulations to this week's winners!

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have taken part in the Big Walk and Wheel and CAFOD Big Lent Walk with confidence and enthusiasm.

Nursery	Finley Ledsam Livvy Stolzenberg Irene Nithin Mia Dos Santos De Jesus	Year 3	Harvey Haincock Marcus Mathew Riju Luke Page Amelia Williams
Reception	Emilio Aviles Milo Mulchinock Peru Edwards Aneyah Stait	Year 4	Ava Morgan Eva Shrubsole Christian Murray Layla James
Year 1	Lenny Starling Stream Rose Kingsley Cooling Mia Watts Alfie Langley	Year 5	Jac Newton-Walker Joey Burnett Izzy Cheetham Joseph Walsh
Year 2	Jonah Hickman John Murray Dylan Todd Reuben Bousie	Year 6	Joseph Donovan Joseff Vella-Jones Georgia Dudley Bethan Addy

WE



NEED

😊 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 STJOSEPHSFANDF@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!

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

ASDA
THAT'S MORE LIKE IT



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!

REJOICE IN HOPE

A REFLECTION ON HOLY WEEK
BY THE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF THE VALE



WEDNESDAY 2ND APRIL 2025 2:00PM

ST HELEN'S CHURCH, BARRY

THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2025 6:00PM

ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, PENARTH

