

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



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*Thank you, Mr
Graham (Dad
of Martha, Year
5), for our
wonderful new
noticeboard!
We are so
grateful!*



21st March 2025

Message from Mrs Taylor

A big 'Thank you!' for your support so far with events such as the Eisteddfod, World Book Day and today's home-clothes day as part of our Lenten observance. We have had a wonderful amount of donations of toiletries, which our Chaplaincy Government Group will turn into gift bags and take to the residents of Hazelhurst Nursing home next Wednesday.

In Domain this week, Nursery recognised what a plant needs to grow; Reception recognised and named the stages of the life cycle of a plant; Year 1 sequenced the refuse process; Year 2 pupils evaluated each other's Penarth Pier art work; Year 3 started their pupil-led enquiry for their 'Settlements and Population' Domain; Year 4 compared and contrasted places and environments; Year 5 wrote up their geology investigation including results and a conclusion; and Year 6 took part in a debate about deforestation.

This half term and during Lent, we are focusing on the Catholic Social Teaching principle, 'Option for the Poor'. Jesus calls us to care for those in need by showing kindness, generosity, and love. Over the next two weeks, our school community is responding to this Gospel message by taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, raising money to help those living in poverty around the world. Information about the walk and how to sponsor your child was sent home this week and can also be found at the end of the newsletter.

This term's Parent Teacher Consultations will take place next Monday (Y1- 6); Tuesday (R – Y6) and Wednesday (Reception). The purpose of the meeting is for your child's teacher to share a summary of their learning strengths and areas for development including in Maths, English, Religious Education and Domain learning. At the end of your consultation, your class teacher will provide you with the consultation notes they made for the meeting, which will include areas for development and targets. In addition, you will be able to see your child's learning books before or after your consultation.

At the end of the newsletter, as well as the Big Lent Walk Sponsorship form, you will find posters from Friends and Family advertising their Spring and Summer events, including ones they need volunteers for, and the poster for 'Rejoice in Hope', the Vale Catholic Schools Lent service which our Years 2 and 4 pupils are participating in.

Take care and God bless. Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



On Wednesday 19th March, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. Let us pray to Saint Joseph for his help in all our work at St Joseph's. Let us ask him to protect and pray for all members of St Joseph's school community.

Say this prayer together:

Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to listen and trust in our dreams.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to be aware
and respond to what is happening in our world.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to be holy.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to teach and help others more.
Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to be warm and caring to others.
Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to find peace and strength in you.
Lord, help us to follow the example of our school saint,
St Joseph.
Amen

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 ??? who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	87.18	2.56%
Year 1	96.08	0.00%
Year 2	87.04	0.62%
Year 3	98.28	0.57%
Year 4	95.03	0.00%
Year 5	96.35	0.00%
Year 6	93.1	0.00%



Big Walk and Wheel



During the next **two weeks**, 24th March until 4th April, the Health and Wellbeing Government Group would like to ask all our children and their families to get involved with the, **'Big Walk and Wheel.'**

Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. You could also part drive, park up safely and choose an active way of travelling to school. Even just one day makes a difference!

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside our school gates.

We will record all our results for each class to find out which class were the most active over the two weeks!

From the Health and Wellbeing Government Group



Feast of St Joseph – Wednesday 19th March 2025



On Wednesday, 19th March, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast of St Joseph with a day of prayer, reflection, and creative activities.

The day began with a special Prayer to St Joseph, uniting us in faith as we reflected on his life and virtues. In the morning, every class took part in a dedicated activity about St Joseph, with pupils engaging in meaningful and creative tasks. They wrote heartfelt litanies, crafted delicate lilies, created portraits, and designed beautiful stained-glass windows inspired by the saint. In the afternoon, the whole school joined together for a reverent Mass in the hall at 2:45pm, celebrating St Joseph's unwavering faith and dedication. The atmosphere was filled with prayer, song, and gratitude as we marked this special occasion. My thanks to Mgr. Boardman for celebrating our Mass with us.

It was a truly special day, bringing our school family together in faith, creativity, and celebration.

Dates for the Diary



March

24th – Y1 – 6 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
 25th - Reception – Y6 Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
 26th – Reception Class Parent Teacher Consultations
 25th – 28th – Year 6 cycling
 24th – 28th – Big Walk and Wheel
 26th – Chaplaincy Team to visit Hazelhurst care home

May

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

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
 11th – Final Day of Spring Term

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

14th – 25th April - Easter Holidays

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

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 – Healthy and Confident Individuals!

Nursery	Oscar Murphy-Newport	Year 3	Harvey Haincock
Reception	Sonny Surringer	Year 4	Emily Deacon
Year 1	Theo Davies	Year 5	Leilani Goodall
Year 2	Nate Mercer	Year 6	Poppy Meyer



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

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who follow the example of St Joseph and are caring, loving, honest, compassionate, understanding, hardworking and faithful.

Nursery	Demi Daly Ada Best Lily Davey Jorgie Jarvis	Year 3	Caleb Cummings William Mackie Andrea Nithin Lana Stolzenberg
Reception	Archie Barber Eli Ledsam Jonah Quick Xavier Dorman	Year 4	Alphonsa Manayani Mirabelle Challis Dylan Wareham Steve Robin Abraham
Year 1	Isla-Mae Jasper Challis Carter Barlett Doris Perkins	Year 5	Dylan Hooper Lina Jay Lexie Morgan Amelia Davies
Year 2	Mia Taylor Dylan Walsh Reuben Bousie Olivia Bounds	Year 6	Zeta Chan Joseph Donovan Jasmin Green Thomas Lau

WE NEED YOU



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!



SPRING / SUMMER EVENTS 2025

APRIL
 TUESDAY 8TH 4PM - JOIN F+F / COFFEE + CAKE v
 LAST DAY OF TERM - EASTER EGGS FOR ALL!

MAY
 21ST - MAY PROCESSION + PICNIC v
 CAKE DONATIONS PLEASE!

JUNE
 6TH - SPONSORED COLOUR RUN v
 10TH - SPORTS DAY (Y1-6) v
 17TH SPORTS DAY (NURSERY) v
 20TH - BIG TOP CIRCUS DAY FOR ALL
 27TH - SUMMER FAIR v

v - 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