

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



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Well done to the  
Years 3/4 Mixed  
TAG Rugby Team  
who took part in  
the Cardiff and  
Vale Cluster  
Tournament on  
Tuesday!

21<sup>st</sup> February 2025

**Message from Mrs Taylor**

We've had a great final week of half term, filled with exciting experiences, new learning, and wonderful opportunities for our pupils. Year 5 kicked off the week with a fantastic Multi-Sports Festival at St Cyres, where they showcased their teamwork and sporting skills. On Tuesday, Year 6 had a brilliant trip to St Richard Gwyn to see The Wizard of Oz—a magical performance that inspired and entertained. Our Years 3/4 mixed Tag Rugby Team also did us proud at the Christ the King Tag Rugby Tournament, demonstrating great sportsmanship and determination. Financial literacy has been a focus again this week, with HSBC Financial Education Workshops for Reception to Year 2, helping our younger pupils begin to understand the importance of managing money wisely. Year 5 also took part in a fantastic Vocal Project Workshop, exploring confidence and creativity through singing. On Thursday, we gathered for a reflective Come and Pray session with Years 5 and 6, providing a special moment of quiet prayer and spiritual connection. Looking ahead, preparations are well underway for our Eisteddfod on Friday 7th March and World Book Day on Friday 14th March. We're excited to celebrate Welsh culture and a love of reading—details about the home competitions for the Eisteddfod can be found below.



This term's Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The meeting will take place face-to-face in your child's classroom. 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 in the school hall. **Appointments for the Parent Teacher Consultations will go live from 6pm on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March on the SchoolApp.**

**Over half term, don't forget to take part in the Martha's Dancing Heart Sponsored Challenge and enter one or more of the Eisteddfod competitions!**

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Thank you for your continued support!

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

**Prayer of the Week**



In our Act of Worship this week, we listened to the Gospel where Jesus teaches us the 'Beatitudes'. Jesus uses the words 'Blessed are you who are poor'. Being poor can come in many forms: poor because of lack of money or food, poor in society and feel pushed to the outside, or poor in spirit. The poor are specially loved by God who is compassionate and loving to us all.

Say the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**God of mercy,  
Open our hearts to listen  
to what Jesus tells us.  
Help us to reach out to others  
who are poor, sad or frightened a  
and try to make their lives blessed.  
Amen.**

Going Forth:

I will make Jesus' words come alive and be a beacon of light to the world.

**Attendance**



This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	78.1%
Year 1	80.0%
Year 2	87.0%
Year 3	93.1%
Year 4	91.9%
Year 5	88.8%
Year 6	85.9%

Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

## St David's Day Eisteddfod – Home Competitions



Our St David's Day Eisteddfod will take place on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Each year group will perform an act – either a song, dance, poem or drama – and the winners of the Eisteddfod competitions will be announced. Parents and carers are welcome to attend. The Nursery – Year 2 Eisteddfod will start at 10am and the Years 3 – 6 Eisteddfod will start at 2.00pm.

**Home Competitions – all entries to be brought to school by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.**

- 1. Young performer Competition** -This competition is a way for the children to showcase their talents. The children may like to prepare a song or dance, recite a poem or play a musical instrument. Whatever their talent may be! Children to upload a video of their entry to Seesaw.
- 2. 3D Sculpture Competition** – Children are encouraged to make a sculpture of something which represents Wales for them. Children may use whichever means of media they wish and the topic is broad to encourage creativity.
- 3. 'My Special Place in Wales' Competition!** – Children can take a photo, draw a picture or record a short video about their favourite place in Wales (e.g., a beach, castle, mountain, park, or even their own home or garden) and explain why it is special to them. Children can upload their entry to Seesaw or bring their entry into school.
- 4. Criw Cymraeg Competition** - Design a Welsh home (Ty Cymraeg) of the past, present or future using any media of their choice such as a drawing, painting, collage or 3D modelling. Examples could include a Celtic Roundhouse or Welsh house of the future.

### Martha's Dancing Heart Appeal – A Fantastic Fundraising Event!



We were thrilled to support **Martha's Dancing Heart** as part of **British Heart Month**, raising awareness of heart health while making a difference for children with heart conditions. This event was extra special for us as **Martha is a pupil in our Year 5 class!**

On **Friday 14th February**, our school was filled with excitement as pupils dressed in red, enjoyed delicious cakes, and took part in a **danceathon**, led by Mrs Pugsley, one of our parents. Martha and her committee of friends led a wonderful assembly, and children designed their own **'Healthy Heart' logos** to celebrate the importance of looking after our hearts. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our school community, we are delighted to share that we raised **over £300** for this inspiring cause!

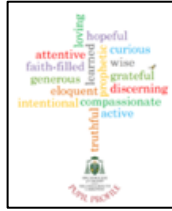
### Keep the Fundraising Going – Sponsored Challenge Over Half Term!

The fundraising doesn't stop there! Over half term, children can take part in the **Martha's Dancing Heart Sponsored Challenge**, continuing to raise money for this important charity and our school. Sponsorship forms have been sent home, and we encourage families to get involved in a fun, active challenge while supporting a fantastic cause.

Since Martha was born, her charity has already raised **£97,000**—and with your help, we can bring it even closer to the **£100,000 milestone!**

**Thank you for your generosity and support. Let's keep dancing, moving, and making a difference together!**

## Pupil Profile Virtues



The St Joseph's School Pupil Profile is made up of pairs of virtues or qualities we aspire to grow in, to be the person God wants us to be. Each half term we will explore a different pair of virtues.

This half term we have focused on the virtues of **attentive** and **discerning**.

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

**attentive** to their experience and to their vocation;  
and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

To be **ATTENTIVE** means that we take the time to NOTICE the big and small things in our lives, each day. We NOTICE how others respond to what we do and say. We PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to God and others when they are speaking to us.

To be **DISCERNING** means that we are able to choose better what is good for us and for others. It helps us to choose God's will for us. It helps us to become the person God has called us to be.

Congratulations to the winners of our **attentive** and **discerning** Pupil profile certificates this half term:



## Parking and Road Safety Reminder



We kindly ask all parents and carers to be mindful of parking and road safety around the school.

Please ensure that you do not park across zebra crossings or on pavements, as this creates hazards for pedestrians.

When using the car park, please park between the lines to allow space for others and avoid taking up more than one space.

If you are driving into the school grounds, remember to reduce your speed to 5 mph for the safety of all children and families.

The car park is busy, and we ask that adults ensure their children exit vehicles safely and do not run across the car park or road without supervision.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

## New 'Safe Kids Games Club' – Led by Year 4 Pupils!

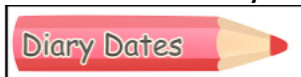


I am delighted to share that Iris and her friends in Year 4 have launched an exciting new lunchtime club – the Safe Kids Games Club! Taking place every Monday, this fantastic initiative provides a fun and structured space for children to engage in a variety of games while developing important skills such as teamwork, resilience, and problem-solving.

Iris has introduced an engaging incentive and reward system to encourage participants to take on new challenges, and the children have responded brilliantly, listening attentively to her instructions and demonstrating great enthusiasm.

Well done to Iris and her team for creating such a well-organised and enjoyable club!

## Dates for the Diary



### March

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Pupils return to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Martha’s Dancing Heart Appeal Sponsorship Challenge to be returned**
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.45pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> – School Eisteddfod: Nursery – Year 2 10am; Years 3 – 6 2pm-**  
**Parents and family members are welcome to attend. Pupils can wear Welsh costume/ Welsh sports shirts/ Red to school.**
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Educational Visit to Penarth Pier**
- 14<sup>th</sup> – World Book Day
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Feast of St Joseph Mass at 2.45pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 2 Kerbcraft workshops
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 cycling
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Big Walk and Wheel

### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Years 3 and 5 pBuzz and Vocal Celebration
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Reconciliation Liturgy 9.30am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Helen’s Catholic Church, Barry)

### April

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - St Richard Gwyn Cluster Lent Service (St Joseph’s RC Church, Penarth)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Termly St Joseph’s 100 Club Draw
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of Spring Term

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

- 28<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Summer Term

### Summer Term

- 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- 6<sup>th</sup> May – INSET day
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – May Procession and Picnic
- 6<sup>th</sup> June – F&F Colour Run
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Years 1 – 6 Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> June – Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> June – Infant Celebration of Music and Dance 10am
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – F&F Summer Fair
- 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> July – Final Day of school for pupils
- 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET day

**Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.**

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

<b>Nursery</b>	Finley Ledsam	<b>Year 3</b>	Jackson Ruckley
<b>Reception</b>	Maverick Miller	<b>Year 4</b>	Rafael Pugsley
<b>Year 1</b>	Hallie Ayres	<b>Year 5</b>	Joseph Burnett
<b>Year 2</b>	Dylan Walsh	<b>Year 6</b>	Oscar Evans



### Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who demonstrate excellent recall of Domain and RE knowledge and vocabulary.

### Congratulations to this week’s winners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Grace McDermid Frankie Griffiths Zakariya Varma Mia Dos Santos De Jesus	<b>Year 3</b>	Elisabeth Goma-Camps Jaimes Aika Ferrer Dylan Carroll Tomos Parker
<b>Reception</b>	Harri Dibble Archie Barber Sophia Burnett Athreya Akarsh	<b>Year 4</b>	Leo Ledsam Jax Perkins Steve Abraham Layla James
<b>Year 1</b>	William Hoover Jasper Challis Mia Watts Elliot Morgans	<b>Year 5</b>	Bobby Sawyer Esme Jones Holly Terry Bradleigh Roodhouse
<b>Year 2</b>	Jacob Wareham George Crisp Sienna Wilkinson Albie Todd	<b>Year 6</b>	Bethan Addy Marvin Flavin Toby Hall Kadie Quick