

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



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Congratulations to
Finley and Jacob,
our Prime Minister and
Deputy Prime Minister,
who represented our
school at the
Children's
Commissioner for
Wales
Super Ambassadors
conference on Friday.

7th February 2025

Message from Mrs Taylor

This week, we are celebrating Children's Mental Health Week, exploring the theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Understanding our emotions helps us make better choices, connect with others, and recognise when we need support. Just like in the film *Inside Out*, where Joy and Sadness learn to work together, our feelings—whether happy, sad, angry, or excited—help shape who we are. As part of our learning, children in Years 3-6 have been creating short films about their feelings and what makes them happy or sad. By getting to know ourselves and each other, we can grow, build strong connections, and support one another.

In RE this week, Nursery and Reception pupils recognised that God welcomes and loves everyone; Year 1 pupils thought about how they can be disciples of Jesus; and Year 2 pupils described the characteristics of a disciple of Jesus. In Year 3, pupils showed their understanding of how people behave in the Kingdom of God; Year 4 pupils learnt why Jesus was given the title Christ; Year 5 pupils made links between the seven petitions of the Our Father and their meaning for Christians; and Year 6 pupils created a podcast about Jesus the Bread of Life.

We continue our focus on the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. Chaplaincy Government Group joined the pupils at St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School for their launch of the Jubilee Year Mass and Years 1 and 2 celebrated their 'Come and Pray' on Thursday, reflecting on what it means to be Pilgrims of Hope and to bring hope to others in the world. Parents of Year 3 and 4 pupils are warmly invited to join their child for 'Come and Pray' next Thursday at 3.20pm.

Next Friday, we are delighted to support *Martha's Dancing Heart* appeal with a fundraising day. Information about the day was sent home by email earlier this week and can also be read below. Following the day, we are inviting families to take part in a sponsored challenge to raise money for both Martha's Dancing Heart and the school. Details about the sponsored event and the sponsorship form will be sent home on Friday. Thank you for all of your support.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Say together the Health and Wellbeing Government Group's prayer for Children's Mental Health Week:

Dear God,
Thank you for our feelings.
Help us to understand them
and share them with others.
When we feel sad or worried,
remind us we are never alone.
Help us to be kind and listen
when others share how they feel.
Thank you for loving us no matter what.
Amen.

Going Forth: Take a moment to think about how you feel each day. Take time to think about what makes you happy.

Prayer of the Week – Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of 'Attentive and Discerning' as part of our ongoing work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

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.

Attendance



This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	93.5%
Year 1	94.7%
Year 2	94.1%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	93.4%

Well done to Year 4 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



Martha's Dancing Heart Fundraising Day



We are delighted 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 cause is especially close to our hearts as Martha is a pupil in our **Year 5 class!**

On **Friday 14th February**, we will be holding a special **fundraising day**, and we'd love your support to make it a success!

Children are invited to:

- Wear home clothes with something **red**
- Bring **£1 to buy a cake** at our cake sale
- Take part in a **'Healthy Heart' logo competition** following a special assembly led by Martha and her friends
- Join a **whole-school danceathon**, led by **Mrs Pugsley**, to dance our hearts out for this fantastic cause!

To help make this event even more special, we would appreciate **cake donations** for our sale. If you can contribute, please bring cakes to school from **Wednesday 12th February**.

Extra-Curricular Clubs. – Spring Term (b) March/April



Please see below the timetable for Extra Curricular Clubs for **after half term**. If you would like to sign your child up for the after-school Year 3 art club on Wednesday or the after-school Years 3 and 4 Badminton club on Thursday, please contact the school office.

Spring (b)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
12.20 – 12.50	Y5/6 International Languages (RF)	Y3-6 Football Club (SPW)	Y3-6 Prayer Club (NL)		
12.50 - 1.20	Y3/4 Safe Kids Games Club (CHI) R – Y2 Art Club (LA)				
4.00 – 4.45/5.00	Y3 - 6 Netball (CHI) Y4–6 Rugby (DS) Y3-6 Smarti's Club (MM – Paid)	Y4 - 6 Dodgeball (DS- Paid) R – Y2 Smarti's Club (MM – Paid)	Y3 Art Club (EP)	Y5/6 Code Club (RF) Y3/4 Badminton Club (JC)	

Dates for the Diary



February

- 10th – Reduce Food Waste Week!
- 11th – Safer Internet Day
- 12th – Rec – Year 2 HSBC Financial Education workshops
- 12th – Years 1, 2 and 5 to Mass
- 12th – Year 4 Educational Visit to Brecon Beacons
- 13th – Y3 – 6 HSBC Financial Education workshops
- 13th – Come and Pray Years 3 and 4 3.20pm
- 14th – Martha’s Dancing Heart Charity Day
- 17th – Year 5 – Multi Sports Festival, St Cyres
- 18th – Year 6 to St Richard Gwyn to see ‘The Wizard of Oz’
- 20th – Come and Pray – Years 5 and 6 3.20pm

24th – 28th – Half Term

March

- 5th – Ash Wednesday Liturgy 2.45pm
- 7th – School Eisteddfod: Nursery – Year 2 10am; Years 3 – 6 2pm (Pupils can wear Welsh costume/ Welsh sports shirts/ Red to school)

March

- 11th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 12th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 14th – World Book Day
- 19th – Feast of St Joseph Mass at 2.45pm
- 25th – 28th – Year 6 cycling
- 24th – 28th – Big Walk and Wheel

Summer Term

- 5th May – Bank Holiday
- 6th May – INSET day
- 21st May – May Procession and Picnic
- 10th June – Years 1 – 6 Sports Day
- 17th June – Nursery and Reception Sports Day
- 18th July – Final Day of school for pupils
- 21st July – INSET day

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Healthy and Confident Individuals!

Nursery	Grace McDermid	Year 3	Noah Davies
Reception	Harri Dibble	Year 4	Marti Goma-Camps Jaimes
Year 1	Ben Hooper	Year 5	Martha Graham
Year 2	Cora Spear	Year 6	Kadie Quick



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who understand their feelings, keep trying even when things are tricky, show kindness to others and make good choices to stay happy and healthy. (Children’s Mental Health Week focus)

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Otis Williams Luis Da Silva Brito Lily Davey Demi Daly	Year 3	Luke Page Ffion Parker Alfie Starling Eldaah Berly
Reception	Cara Pegg Emilio Aviles Peru Edwards Georgie-Ray James	Year 4	Sonny-Rae Flavin Christian Murray Lucas Barlett Fletcher Mulchinock
Year 1	Stanley Hawkins Carter Barlett Elliot Morgans Jasper Challis	Year 5	Izzy Cheetham Ethan Daly Aoife Burge Orla Aviles
Year 2	David Robin Abraham Dylan Todd Kian Haitham Aleia Goodall	Year 6	Ali Zaman Ella Moreton Poppy Meyer Finley Mulchinock



The Nature Play Patch is coming to Penarth!
 Join our parent & toddler group at our beautiful new venue for plenty of outdoor fun with your little ones - messy play, mud kitchen and more!

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