

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



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Reception Class enjoying their XL Workshop 'Magic Magnets' this week.

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Message from Mrs Taylor

Next week we are holding a launch week for the Jubilee 2025. Every 25 years, the Catholic Church holds a Jubilee Year. All members of the global Church family are called to participate. It is a time to grow in our faith and prayer life. On 24th December 2024, Pope Francis launched the latest Jubilee. The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis has called the global Church to celebrate the Jubilee together, with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity. Inspired by Jesus' example, we share in His mission to create a world of justice, peace and love. In this very special year, we are all invited to journey together as pilgrims of hope, putting faith into action to build a better world for everyone. Our launch week will begin on Monday with a special **Mass in the school hall at 2.45pm**. All are welcome. Throughout the week the pupils will then take part in a variety of activities about the Jubilee including creating their own logo, a pilgrimage walk led by the Chaplaincy Government Group, creating their own prayers of hope and writing a Jubilee pledge to help build a better world.

In English this week, Nursery and Reception listened to, sequenced and retold the story of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'; Year 1 pupils created a meal for a dragon; and Year 2 pupils developed their oracy skills describing a Welsh dragon. In Years 3 and 4, the pupils made predictions about a text with a Welsh theme; Year 5 pupils worked in pairs to write dialogue; and Year 6 pupils retold the story of Cantre'r Gwaelod.

A big 'Thank you' to the parents and carers who have completed the Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship questionnaire so far. Your views are, as always, extremely important to us as we evaluate our strengths and areas for development in different areas of school life. If you did not receive a paper copy, an electronic copy is attached to the email with this newsletter. All responses would be gratefully received by Monday. Thank you for your support.

Prayer of the Week

Our school mission statement is 'Jesus: in our minds, in our hearts, in our learning and in our living'. In our liturgy this week we thanked God for being in our minds, filling us with good thoughts; for being in our hearts, teaching us to love; for being in our learning, helping us to grow in knowledge and faith and for being in our living, guiding us to shine His light in all we do. Following the liturgy, your child brought home a bookmark of our new Mission prayer to say at home:



Our Mission Prayer

Jesus, be in our minds,
To help us think like you.
Jesus, be in our hearts,
To help us love like you.
Jesus, be in our learning,
To help us grow in knowledge and faith.
Jesus, be in our living,
To help us share your light with others.

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.

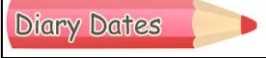
To be **ATTENTIVE** means that we take the time to NOTICE the big and small things in our lives, each day. We NOTICE how others respond to what we do and say. We PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to God and others when they are speaking to us.

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

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will for us. It helps us to become the person God has called us to be.

Dates for the Diary



January

20th – Mass for the Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope, School Hall, 2.45pm – all are welcome.

- 20th – Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope Launch Week
- 21st – Years 4 - 6 XL Workshops (Funded by F&F)
- 21st – Year 3 pBuzz workshop
- 22nd - Year 5 Vocal Singing Project
- 29th – Reception and Year 6 to Mass
- 30th – Come and Pray – Reception class 3.20pm

February

3rd – Children’s Mental Health Week

- 5TH – Nursery – Year 2 Fluoride Varnish Application
- 5th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
- 5th – Year 6 PC Alex Cyber Safety
- 6th – Come and Pray – Years 1 and 2 3.20pm
- 12th – Rec – Year 2 HSBC Financial Education workshops
- 12th – Years 2, 3 and 4 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)
- 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

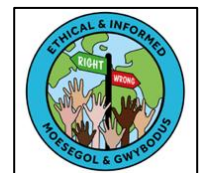
Summer Term

- 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 –Ethical and Informed Citizens!

Nursery	Grace McDermid	Year 3	Florence Abbott
Reception	Cara Pegg	Year 4	Dylan Wareham
Year 1	Alfie Langley	Year 5	Elsie Jeffreys
Year 2	Seren Griffiths	Year 6	Bethan Addy



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who give 100% effort in their learning, to be the best that they can be, and are making excellent progress.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Lily Davey Demi Daly Alphonso De Silva Brito Finley Ledsam	Year 3	Haydn Bullough Noah Davies Marcus Riju Alfie Starling
Reception	Erin Spear Archie Barber John Harlow Eli Ledsam	Year 4	Sonny-Rae Flavin Marti Goma Camps Jaimes Iris Abbott Mirabelle Challis
Year 1	Carter Bartlett Doris Perkins William Hoover Jasper Challis	Year 5	Esme Jones Dylan Dos Santos Isabelle Cheetham Lina Jay
Year 2	Oliver Dziedzic Aleia Goodall	Year 6	Thomas Lau Poppy Meyer

	Nate Mercer Sienna Wilkinson		Joseff Vella Jones Sienna Mifsud	
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