

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



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Thank you to the parents and other family members who joined us for Come and Pray on Wednesday focusing on 'Growing in Hope during Advent.'



This week is the second week of Advent and in our liturgy on Monday we heard how John the Baptist, a prophet who wanted to tell everybody the good news of God's love, told the people to 'Prepare a way for the Lord!' We thought about what it meant to prepare a way for the Lord and how Christians do this during Advent.

A massive 'Thank you!' to our Friends and Family Team for their hard work in organising the Christmas Fair and to you all for supporting this wonderful celebration. It was a great success and I hope all who came enjoyed it.

This week, the pupils have been working hard on their Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge including learning about the roles and responsibilities of running a business, the importance of working out profit and loss and creating an advert for their products. This year's Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Catalogue will be sent home by email today. Money to purchase one of your children's products can be sent into school in a clearly marked envelope from Monday. The remaining products, for all classes, will be available to purchase at the **Christmas Market next Monday 16th December from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the school hall.** Pupils can also bring in their own money to purchase items from other classes at the market from 2.00pm. We hope to see many of you there.

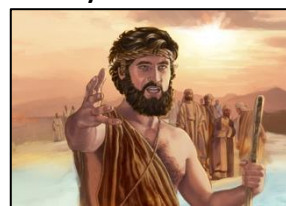
This week, the Year 1 and 2 pupils were amazing in their production of 'it's a Baby!' – we were so proud of them. My thanks to all the teaching staff and those at home who supported the pupils in learning their lines, providing costumes and practising the songs. Diolch yn fawr!

Also this week, our Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration was a wonderful opportunity for families to see their children sing some fantastic Christmas songs and take part in some Christmas crafts together. Thank you everyone who was able to attend.

My thanks also to our Friends and Family Team for organising a wonderful treat this afternoon - Mr Marvel's Christmas Magic Show. A fantastic way to end the week!

This Sunday 15th December, we hold our annual Advent Service in St Joseph's Catholic Church at 3pm. The service is led by years 3 and 4, with the choir supported by Years 5 and 6 and any younger siblings who would like to join us. All are welcome. Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week

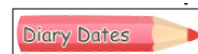


Some people thought that John the Baptist was the Messiah. People came from miles around to hear him preach and to be baptised. John baptised people in the river Jordan. When the one being baptised rises from the water, their first breath is like a new first breath of their life. They have repented and have new life with God. When we repent, we say sorry for the times we have not lived in the way Jesus wants us to.

Say this prayer together:

Merciful Father,
I am sorry for the times when I do things
that I know are wrong.
Fill me with Your spirit, so that I may follow Jesus always.
Help me to live with Jesus in my heart.
Help me to stay awake and be ready for His coming.
Amen.

Dates for the Diary



December

SUNDAY 15th – Years 3 – 6 Advent Service 3pm, St Joseph's Church
16th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw – See Parent Pay for more information
16th – F&F Santa Storytelling (FP) and Scavenger Hunt (KS2)
16th – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Market 3pm – 4.30pm.
17th – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – Pupils are able to bring in items to decorate the dinner table.
18th – Christingle Service 11.00am
19th – Christmas Parties within individual classes – pupils can bring in food to share or their own plate of treats if they have a dietary requirement.
20th – Final Day of the Autumn Term – Home clothes Day – Good News at 3pm.

INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2025
Pupils return to school – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Attendance

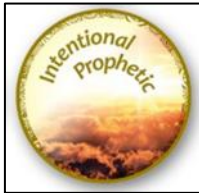
This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	84.8%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	91.8%
Year 3	94.3%
Year 4	95.6%
Year 5	95.1%
Year 6	92.6%

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

Christmas Choir!

Congratulations to the school choir who performed wonderfully last week in Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home and Morrison supermarket. You were all fantastic!



Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we focused on the virtues of 'intentional and prophetic' as part of our on-going work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

Congratulations to the pupils who were awarded this half term's intentional and prophetic certificates.

These pupils are growing to be:

intentional in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and prophetic in the example they set to others.



Years 1 and 2 'It's a Baby

The pupils in Years 1 and 2 were fantastic this week in their Christmas Concert, 'It's a Baby!' You sang, danced and acted wonderfully. We were so proud of you. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the children. Da iawn pawb!



Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration

It was wonderful to welcome family members from our Nursery and Reception classes this week for their Christmas celebration. We hope you enjoyed hearing the pupils sing the Christmas songs they have been learning and making Christmas crafts together.

