

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



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This week is the last week of the Church's year as we prepare to start the season of Advent on Sunday. In my liturgy this week, we remembered the Feast of Christ the King which was celebrated in church last Sunday. Jesus Christ is King. Jesus Christ is the King of Life. The King of Truth. The King of Peace. The King of Heaven. The King of our Hearts. Jesus Christ the King, the Anointed One of God, came to earth to reveal to us God's truth; God's love for all of us. We are loved by God who created us in his image. We are loved by God and this love gives us life and hope.

In RE this week, Nursery and Reception pupils recognised the shepherds in the story of the Nativity; Year 1 pupils learnt that the Christmas story reveals how much God loves us as He sent us His only Son; and Year 2 pupils recognised Isaiah's message that Jesus is the light in the darkness. In Year 3, pupils recalled the stories of angels bringing God's message; Year 4 pupils learnt about the Jesse Tree and who were Jesus' ancestors; Year 5 pupils showed understanding of how David was chosen by God and how his faith allowed him to overcome fear; and Year 6 pupils, having learnt about the importance and role of women in scripture, showed their understanding of woman today who respond to God's call.

Our preparations for the Advent Service which is being led by Years 3 and 4 and supported by Years 5 and 6 are well under way, as well as the Years 1 and 2 Christmas production, 'It's a Baby!'. We hope to see many of our families at the **Advent Service on Sunday 15th December at 3pm in St Joseph's RC Church**. The Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production will take place on **Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December at 10am**. A letter has gone home to parents of pupils in Years 1 and 2 detailing how you can book your tickets at £2 each. Thank you for your support in helping your child to learn their lines, practise singing the songs and providing a costume, where possible.

Thank you for your support today with our home-clothes day and donations for the bottle stall. Next week will also be a 'Christmas themed' home clothes to mark the celebration of our Christmas Fair which will take place in school hall and surrounding classrooms from 4pm.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Sunday will be the start of the first week of Advent. During Advent we wait in joy and hope for Christmas. We look forward to celebrating the fact that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into the world to save us. Talk to your children about how they can show little acts of love at home, in school and in the community during this Advent season.

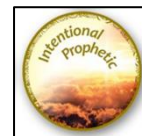
Light a candle.

Say this prayer together:

O God,
as light comes from this candle,
may the blessing of Jesus Christ come to us,
warming our hearts and brightening our way.
May Christ our Saviour bring life
into the darkness of this world,
and to us, as we wait for his coming.

AMEN

Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of 'intentional and prophetic' 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 **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.

When we are **INTENTIONAL** we deliberately choose to live in a certain way. We don't just follow the crowd. We listen to God's voice deep inside us and choose to live by the values of Jesus.

When we are **PROPHETIC** we show by our words and actions that we choose to live the Good News of Jesus.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	82.3%
Year 1	98.2%
Year 2	86.5%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	97.2%
Year 6	91.4%



Well done to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Reception Class September 2025



The application period for parents and carers who wish for their child to join our Reception class in September 2025 TODAY - Friday 29th November 2024.

Parents and carers who wish for their child to transfer from our Nursery to the Reception class must also complete and submit an application.

The link to the Vale Primary School Admissions Page is: <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Please contact Mrs Perry in the school office if you would like any assistance with this process.

SCHOLASTIC

Parents are invited to our annual 'Book Fair' event happening in our school hall on:

Friday 29th November 2024 – 4.00– 4.30p.m.

Monday 2nd December - 3.30 – 4.15p.m.

Tuesday 3rd December - 3.30 – 4.15p.m.

Wednesday 4th December - 3.30 – 4.15p.m.

The children will have an opportunity to look at the books available through the school day in their classes. You will be able to purchase books using cash or a QR code provided.

There are lots of books available that are perfect for Christmas presents this year. All the money raised through the book fair will be put back into our school to purchase books for our classes. The more books we sell the more books we can get for each class!



Years 1 and 2 Nativity - Tickets on sale from Monday!



Our Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production, 'It's a Baby!' will take place on Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December, both performances at 10am in the school hall.

Tickets will be on sale from Monday at £2 each.

Initially, tickets will be limited to 2 per family for each production i.e., 2 tickets can be purchased for both Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December. Remaining tickets will go on sale on Monday 9th December.

If you would like to order tickets for the production, please complete the form that was sent out yesterday by email or the one found below and send in the form and the correct money in a labelled envelope with your child's name and year group. The ordered tickets will be sent home with your child.

A letter was also sent home to Nursery and Reception parents this week regarding the Christmas Celebration. The form to inform us of your attendance is also below.

Please note, the entrance doors will be open 15 minutes before the start time. Refreshments and raffle tickets will also be on sale.

Dates for the Diary



December

4th – Year 1 Educational Visit to Cardiff Castle
 6th – Christmas Choir to sing at Ty Dewi Sant 10am
 6th – Christmas Choir to sing at Morrisons 11.15am
 6th – F&F Christmas Fair
6th – Home Clothes Day – Christmas themed for the Christmas Fair
 7th – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine’s Christmas Tree Festival 11.15am
 9th – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge week
 10th – Year 6 Educational visit to South Wales Aviation Museum
 10th – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
 11th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
 11th - Come and Pray - all parents with their children welcome 3.20pm (CHANGE OF DATE)

December

12th – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am
 13th - Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am
 13th – Mr Marvel Magic Show (F&F Funded)
 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
 17th – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
 18th – Christingle Service 11.00am
 20th – Final Day of the Autumn Term

INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2025

Pupils return to school – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ambitious and Capable Learner!

Nursery	Finley Ledsam	Year 3	William Mackie
Reception	Osian Whittaker	Year 4	Dylan Wareham
Year 1	Stanley Hawkins	Year 5	Niamh Griffith-Pearson
Year 2	Charlie Moreton	Year 6	Ajay Chapman





























Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who enjoy reading; choose their own books to read; practice their sounds and sound out words unfamiliar to them; answer questions about what they have read or read with improved fluency and expression.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Zakariya Varma Mia Dos Santos De Jesus Frankie Griffiths Ada Best	Year 3	Isaac Morgans Haydn Bullough Eldaah Berly Dylan Carroll
Reception	Eli Ledsam Emilio Aviles Regan Ruckley Alessio Bremner	Year 4	Christian Murray Alphonsa Manayani Mirabelle Challis Fletcher Mulchinock
Year 1	Hallie Ayres Elise Knapper Elliot Morgans Theo Davies	Year 5	Yousif Haitham Elizabeth Yerokun Ashton Ruckley Joseph Walsh
Year 2	Tomos Samuel Jonah Hickman Olivia Bounds Cora Spear	Year 6	Zia Hussain Ronan Nuttall-Morton Celyn Thomas Bethan Addy

Mission Together Advent Calendar 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1st Sunday of Advent Today's scripture from the Prophet Jeremiah tells of God's promised Saviour. Read the scripture to find out what the Saviour will do?+ <i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i></p>  <p>1</p>	<p>The Advent wreath's candles are a symbol of Christ's light. Think of ways you can be a light for others today.*</p>  <p>2</p>	<p>The Advent wreath's evergreen leaves, remind us of God's unending love. Today, notice the beauty of evergreen trees and thank God for them.</p>  <p>3</p>	<p>Learn our Advent Carol <i>We are Waiting*</i> and sing it as a class. Why not film your singing and share it with us @MissioUK</p>  <p>4</p>	<p>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT: During Advent in the Philippines people decorate homes with paper lanterns called Paroles, as a reminder to look out for Jesus.*</p>  <p>5</p>	<p>Today is the feast of St Nicholas. Find out what St Nicholas did to bring hope to people living in poverty.*</p>  <p>6</p>	<p>Write an Advent prayer or poem. Try to include the words: <i>hope, wait, light, God, Jesus.</i></p>  <p>7</p>
<p>2nd Sunday of Advent In today's scripture, we learn about John the Baptist. What did he ask people to do?+ <i>Luke 3:1-6</i></p>  <p>8</p>	<p>One way we can prepare for Jesus is by building peace. Make a peace paper-chain and think about how you can build peace in school this week.*</p>  <p>9</p>	<p>Say the Mission Together Prayer for children living in war zones: <i>May all children in the world, share love, share friendship and live in the peace of God's love. Now and forever. Amen.</i></p> <p>10</p>	<p>As a class, sing <i>Silent Night*</i>. Listen carefully to the words and think about what they mean.</p>  <p>11</p>	<p>Make peace today. Say sorry to someone you may have upset this week. Or forgive someone who has upset you.</p>  <p>12</p>	<p>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT: Today is the Feast of St Lucy, in Denmark, children will take part in candle lit processions to remember how Jesus' light wins over darkness.*</p>  <p>13</p>	<p>Find somewhere peaceful to sit and thank God for the people who love and care for you.</p>  <p>14</p>
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent In today's scripture the Prophet Zephaniah speaks of the joy that God gives. Who are the people who bring you joy. Thank God for them.* <i>Zephaniah 3:14-18</i></p>  <p>15</p>	<p>Yesterday was <i>Gaudete</i> Sunday. A pink candle was lit on the Advent Wreath. Find out what <i>Gaudete</i> means.</p>  <p>16</p>	<p>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT: Before Christmas in Mauke, an island in Oceania, the people share the joy of Jesus' birth by giving food hampers to strangers.*</p>  <p>17</p>	<p>Make a Joyful Paper Angel and think about how you can share the joy of Jesus today.*</p>  <p>18</p>	<p>Joy is easy to pass on! Look out for people who are lonely today and invite them to play.</p>  <p>19</p>	<p>As a class sing <i>Joy to the World.*</i> Why not film your singing and share it with us @MissioUK</p>  <p>20</p>	<p>Say a prayer for all children who are upset, sad, or lonely. Ask God to help you share his joy with them.</p>  <p>21</p>
<p>4th Sunday of Advent In today's scripture from the Gospel of Luke we learn about an extraordinary thing that happened when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth. Why do you think Elizabeth's baby jumped with joy?+ <i>Luke 1:39-45</i></p>  <p>22</p>	<p>Around the world billions of people are getting ready for the birth of Jesus. Jesus was born to show God's love for all his children; wherever they live in the world. Today, say the <i>Lord's Prayer</i> for everyone in our global family who needs God's help today</p>  <p>23</p>	<p>GLOBAL FAMILY FACT: Today, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, children gather to take part in a special nativity play. Everyone in the community gets involved. Is there someone you could tell the Christmas story to? Maybe you could act it out with a nativity set?</p>  <p>24</p>	<p>Rejoice! Jesus is born! Remember to thank God and your family for all the gifts their love brings.</p>  <p>25</p>	<p>Cross symbol+ refers to abridged scriptures found in our accompanying <i>Celebration of the Word</i>. Asterisks refer to activities, assemblies, or carols. Download all for free from the Advent page of the Mission Together website.</p>   <p>Mission Together, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU Web: missiontogether.org.uk Reg. Charity No. 1056651</p>		

Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 2024

Name of Pupil: _____ Year: _____

Number of tickets required for Thursday 12th December at 10am

OR

Number of tickets required for Friday 13th December at 10am

OR

Number of tickets required for EITHER the Thursday or the Friday

Please note the tickets are free of charge but you must inform us that you are attending.

Parent Signature: _____



Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 2024 - It's A Baby!

Name of Pupil: _____

Year: _____

Number of tickets required for Tuesday 10th December at 10am

Number of tickets required for Wednesday 11th December at 10am

I enclose the correct amount of money to purchase the tickets.

Parent Signature: _____



CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024



**SANTA'S GROTTO - FESTIVE GAMES + STALLS - PIZZA
SCHOOL CHOIR - DRINKS + SNACKS - XMAS PUDS**

**FRIDAY
DEC 6
4 -6PM**

FREE ENTRY!

ALL WELCOME! TOKENS NEEDED - AVAILABLE ON
THE DAY AND IN ADVANCE, CASH OR CARD.

