

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



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Thank you to our School Cabinet who led our Universal Children's Day Liturgy this week.

Another fantastic week of learning experiences for our pupils including the Year 2 Educational Visit to St Fagan's and the Year 5 Class Liturgy focusing on the Feast of Christ the King, which is celebrated in the Church this coming Sunday.

As part of our celebrations for Universal Children's Day on Wednesday, the School Cabinet led an act of worship explaining some of the children's rights to health, education and to play and praying for those who do not have rights. In Nursery, pupils learnt about the right to play and eat healthy food; Reception decorated a leaf with their name on to create a belonging tree in class; Year 1 planted bulbs outdoors for the right to a clean and tidy environment and Year 2 held a whole class debate comparing which children's right is more important. In Year 3, the pupils took part in a scavenger hunt using Google Maps to find places that represent their rights; Year 4 researched the history of children's rights and created a PowerPoint; and Year 5 and 6 wrote a 'Top 10 responsibilities to uphold our rights'.

In Maths this week, Nursery sorted objects into two categories; Reception explored number bonds to 5; Year 1 used positional language e.g. 1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.; and Year 2 learnt how to divide into groups of 2, 5 and 10. In Year 3, pupils subtracted using models; Year 4 multiplied by 11; Year 5, solved multiplication and division word problems and Year 6 explored finding prime numbers.

Thank you to everyone who supported our home-clothes day today and brought in a soft toy for the Christmas Fair. **Next Friday is also a home-clothes day** with donations for the bottle stall gratefully received.

On Monday next week, we are holding our **open evening for Nursery and Reception pupils** from September 2025. Please share the poster at the end of the newsletter with any family or friends that may be looking for school places next year. A reminder to our current Nursery parents that you will need to apply to the Vale for a place in Reception class. Applications open on 29th November. You will be able to apply here: <https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

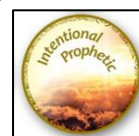
Prayer of the Week



Wednesday 20th November was Universal Children's Day. In our Act of Worship this week, we thought about the rights that all children have and that there are children in the world who do not have these rights. Say the Our Father together, for all the children in the world:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
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	85.4%
Year 1	97.6%
Year 2	90.0%
Year 3	91.0%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	95.9%
Year 6	83.8%



Well done to 98.1% who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Business Sponsorship

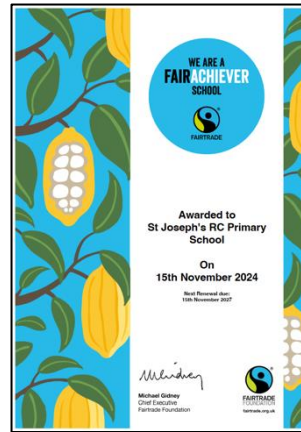
Week beginning 9th December, all year groups will be taking part in a Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge. During the Challenge, the pupils will develop the characteristics of the Four Purposes of the Curriculum for Wales, most notably those of a Creative and Enterprising Contributor. They will generate ideas for an enterprise project, gain an understanding of a simple business structure and enterprise roles and responsibilities, think creatively to design an advert to sell their product, explore how to price their product and calculate their production and other costs and create a finished product, which is quality assured. The products will be advertised in a Christmas Catalogue which will be sent to all parents, staff and governors.

Parents and carers will be given the opportunity to purchase a product made by their child. In addition, we will be selling the products in a **Christmas Market on Monday 16th December from 3pm in the school hall.**

To help support our Enterprise Challenge, we are looking for eight businesses or families who would be willing to donate £20 to a class, to set their business up and begin to buy the materials they need to create their products. In exchange, the business can provide us with an advert or logo for their company or the family name will be shared in the Christmas Catalogue and on the class market stalls.

If you own, work for, or know a business who would be interested in supporting one of our classes in our Enterprise Challenge or would like to support as a family, please contact me at stjosephsps@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

Congratulations – FairAchiever Award!



□ We're thrilled to announce that St Joseph's has been re-accredited with the FairAchiever Award! □□

This recognition highlights our ongoing commitment to promoting Fairtrade values across our school community. From learning about ethical trade in our lessons to supporting Fairtrade farmers

through events, stalls, and campaigns, our pupils, staff, and families have all played a part in this incredible achievement.

Thank you to everyone who helps us make a difference by choosing Fairtrade and standing up for justice and equality!



Book Fair!

Our annual 'Book Fair' event will take place in the school hall from next Friday 29th November. Parents are able to pay for items via the QR code below. **Enter the school postcode CF64 2TQ or school name and follow the instructions.** Payment can also be made via card machine at the Book Fair in the school hall. **We are unable to take cash payment.** Thank you for your support.

Samba Drumming



Funded by Friends and Family, each class took part in an excellent workshop last Friday, enjoying an introduction into South American instruments and rhythms and, by the end of the workshop, creating their own Samba band!



Here's what some of the children thought:

'Samba drumming was so good. I enjoyed learning about the different countries the instruments came from and how to play them' (Jacob, Year 6)

'I enjoyed learning about rhythms and beats and learning new musical terms like 'crescendo' which means getting louder. I played a shaker which came from Brazil.' (Bethan, Year 6)

'The Samba workshop was really fun. We used different phrases to remember the rhythms like 'fish and chips'. At the end, we put everything we learnt together to create our own performance. We played woodblocks, shakers and drums from Brazil.' (Cory and Elizabeth, Year 5)

'I liked being able to make lots of noise! I played the shaker and the wood block. We really enjoyed playing all the Samba rhythms. (Sonny and Wilson, Year 4)

'It was so fun! I really enjoyed it – I couldn't stop smiling. We learnt funny phrases to play rhythms on the shakers and drums. We loved it though it was a bit loud!' (Eldaah and Elisabeth, Year 3)



Thank you to all our families who support our fundraising events and to the Friends and Family committee for providing such a wonderful experience for our pupils.

Dates for the Diary



November

25TH – Open Evening for Nursery and Reception
September 2025 4pm – 5.30pm
28th - Year 1 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
29th – 4th – Book Fair 3.30pm – 4.15pm
29th – Home Clothes Day – Christmas Fair Bottle Stall Donation

December

4th – Come and Pray - all parents with their children welcome 3.20pm
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

December

10th – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
11th – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am
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

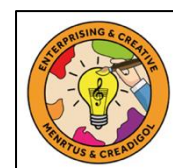
INSET DAY – Monday 6th January 2025

Pupils return to school – Tuesday 7th January 2025

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

Nursery	Irene Nithin	Year 3	Isaac Morgans
Reception	Maximus McAuley	Year 4	Iris Abbott
Year 1	William Hoover	Year 5	Layla Knapper
Year 2	Mia Taylor	Year 6	Raine Ferrer



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who ‘Choose Respect’ during anti-bullying fortnight. They show kindness, listen to others, stand up for what is right and help our school be a safe and happy place for everyone.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Margot Drake Lily Davey Grace McDermid Delilah Pugsley	Year 3	Erin Griffiths Amelia Williams Elinor Perkins Oliver Jarvis
Reception	Cara Pegg Ellen Jones Osian Whittaker Xavier Dorman	Year 4	Sonny Rae Flavin Oliver Hooper Steve Robin Abraham Layla James
Year 1	Isla Mai Hilliard Elliot Morgans Carter Barlett Doris Perkins	Year 5	Aoife Burge Isabelle Cheetham Bradleigh Roodhouse Martha Graham
Year 2	Seren Griffiths Mila-Blu Lewis Gino Meletti-Herniman Molly Dix	Year 6	Finley Mulchinock Ella Moreton Kadie Quick Jacob Sexton

CHRISTMAS FAIR 2024



**SANTA'S GROTTTO - 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.





Is your child starting Reception Class in
September 2025?

Are you looking for a Catholic education in an
excellent school with fantastic outdoor grounds?

If so, we would like to welcome you to our
Open Evening for interested families on
Monday 25th November
4pm – 5.30pm

Applications for our wonderful school can be
made through the Vale of Glamorgan Admission
website:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Opening date: 29th November 2024

Closing date: 24th January 2025

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successful in their learning.

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