

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



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Thank you to
our Year 6
pupils who led
us in a beautiful
Remembrance
Liturgy this
week.



11th November 2024

In Domain learning, Nursery pupils recognised and sorted healthy and unhealthy food and Reception pupils launched their new topic about 'Toys'. In Year 1, pupils have been enjoying outdoor learning activities, for example, making crowns from natural materials and helping to look after our world by planting bulbs donated to Friends and Family by Morrisons. Year 2 pupils have been comparing the Celts and Romans in Wales and are looking forward to the visit to the Celtic roundhouse in St Fagan's next week; Year 3 pupils researched Athena and enjoyed dressing in Greek togas in their Domain celebration; Year 4 pupils showed their understanding of a day in the life of a Viking; Year 5 pupils have been learning about the impact of canals during the Industrial Revolution and Year 6 found out about the role of women in early aviation.

This week we also remembered those who are with God in heaven. The pupils learnt that 11th November was Remembrance Day, which marks the day World War One ended, at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month, in 1918. On Monday we held a 2-minute silence to remember the people who have died in wars and on Thursday Year 6 prepared a beautiful Remembrance Act of Worship which reminded us of how important it is to remember all those who died for our country and to also share our own memories with others.

This week the children have been working hard to ensure that all the lights and IT devices, like the classroom interactive whiteboards, are all switched off. By committing to turning off unused appliances and lights, the average school saves 10% of their typical energy usage. This saves money and helps to reduce wasted electricity. Energy consumption is related to several global warming factors, such as air and water pollution. You can also get involved in 'Switch Off Fortnight' at home. At the end of the newsletter you will find a Saving Energy Challenge that could help you to do this.

Please remember to check the 'Dates for the Diary' each week.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Dear God,

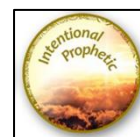
Thank you for the gift of our world,
For the sun, the trees, and all living things.
Help us to remember how precious they are,
And to take care of them every day.

During Switch Off Fortnight,
Help us to be thoughtful and wise,
To turn off lights, save energy, and protect our planet,
So that it stays beautiful for everyone.

Guide us to make small changes that make a big
difference.

May we remember that caring for the Earth
Is a way to show our love for You and for each other.
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	90.8%
Year 1	85.3%
Year 2	93.8%
Year 3	97.2%
Year 4	92.2%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	92.8



Well done to Year 3 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Parent and Carer Questionnaire – Autumn 2024



As part of our Parent Teacher Consultations, we would like to gather the views of parents and carers about St Joseph's school, so that we can consider strengths and how we can continue to develop. We have used the Estyn Pre-Inspection Parent and Carer Questionnaire to help us to do this. Please select the

most appropriate response for each question. If you have more than one child in the school, you can complete the same form for all of your children, or separate forms, if you feel that is more appropriate. Please submit your response by **Monday 18th November**.

Right of the Month - November

The theme of Anti-bullying week 2024 is 'Choose Respect'. Thank you to our Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister for helping us to think about the choices we make.

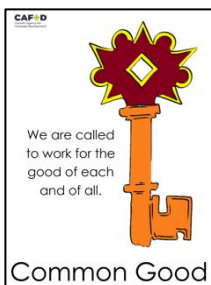
Vale Foodbank – Thank you!

Catholic Social Teaching: Common Good

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle:

the Common Good.

The common good means working together for the benefit of everyone, ensuring no one is left behind. It's about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and recognising that we're all connected.



This reminds us that while each person's well-being is important, the health and happiness of our communities are equally essential. When we make choices, we're called to think about how our actions impact everyone, not just ourselves.

Every little act of kindness contributes to the common good, and together, our actions can make a big difference. By working together in our homes, school, and community, we live out Jesus' call to care for one another and to serve the whole body of Christ.



Pray together:

Lord Jesus,

You call each one of us to belong to one people, the family of God.

Help us, together with our brothers and sisters to work together, to share your love and serve for the good of everyone.

Amen

Dates for the Diary

Diary Dates

November

20th – Universal Children’s Day
20th – Year 2 Educational Visit to St Fagan’s
20th – Years 3 and 4 to Mass
20th – Year 6 PC Alex ‘It’s Your Choice’
21st - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
22nd – Home Clothes Day – Christmas Fair Soft Toy Donation
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
6th – F&F Christmas Fair
6th – Home Clothes Day – Christmas themed for the Christmas Fair

December

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
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.

The Book Fair is coming to St Joseph’s!



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

Friday 29th November 2024 – 3.30 – 4.15p.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.

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.

Please note this Book Fair is card or QR payments only. **We are unable to take cash payment.**

If you are able to support our Book Fair we would be very grateful! We receive a percentage of all money spent for our school. We are able to spend the money on books that go directly into our class libraries or curriculum for our children to read and share.

All support is welcome and we would be very grateful for your attendance.
Diolch yn fawr iawn!



Saving Energy Challenge

Saving energy is really important to help protect the environment (and save money on the household bills). You can do your part to save energy and help protect the environment by completing as many of the energy-saving tasks as possible within a week. You can use the chart below to help you record how many times you save energy. Every little bit helps, so make a list of any other energy-saving activities in the space below the table.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Turn the tap off when brushing your teeth.							
Switch the lights off when no-one is in the room.							
Wear clothes more than once (as long as they're still clean).							
Turn off computer consoles and TVs.							
Unplug chargers when they are not in use.							
Play with non-electrical toys instead of your console or computer.							
Put extra layers on instead of turning on the heating.							
Wash your car by hand.							
Take a short journey by foot instead of by car.							

Make a list of any other energy-saving activities you complete below:





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



St Joseph's RC Primary School is a welcoming and
loving community where children are happy and
successful in their learning.



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AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

NEWS

🎉 Thanks to your generous support, we've been able to buy some essential resources for our school and treat all children to some fantastic experiences. We are especially excited about:

🎪 A **big top circus experience** which will take place in the summer term, with a show and circus skills workshops for all children (in a real big top tent on the field!)

🥁 **Samba drumming workshops** for all children taking place next week with the brilliant Patrick King from Children's Musical Adventures.

★ Please see attached posters for all the things we've been able to fund and upcoming events. **Thank you so much for your support.**

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Please save the date for December 6 at 4pm. Volunteers very much needed to help us run this event - please email stjosephsfandf@gmail.com if you can spare an hour or two! 🙏

Raffle tickets and tokens will be available to buy online soon. We've got some brilliant prizes this year!

Please see the posters attached for more info



SANTA'S GROTTTO IS BACK!



Just £4 per child, including a wrapped gift. Tickets will be on sale soon via our online shop – keep an eye out as this event usually sells out!

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.

