

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



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Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you for all your support of our Harvest Foodbank Appeal this year. Michael, from Vale Foodbank, was delighted with all the donations when he collected them on Monday. He explained to us how grateful they are that we continue to support them. Between April 2023 and March 2024, 88,900 people in Wales received support, 47,700 of whom were accessing a food bank for the first time. 65% of the support provided by food banks in Wales was for families with children.

On Tuesday, pupils in Years 2-6 took part in 'Bullies Out' workshops. Year 2 and 3's workshop 'Hand of Courage' helped pupils to explore the qualities of positive friendships and understand the importance of being unique and individual. They discussed the difference between falling out (conflict) and bullying. Year 4, 5 and 6's workshop called 'Jar of Confidence' gave the pupils an opportunity to discuss how bullying affects self-esteem and confidence. They looked at ways of challenging negative self-talk and used their imagination and creative skills to explore ways to improve their self-esteem and confidence.

In Domain this week, Nursery and Reception pupils listened to the story of Oliver's Vegetables as part of their Domain 'In the Garden'; Year 1 pupils learnt about the different countries that make up the United Kingdom; and Year 2 pupils showed their understanding of Roman invasions. In Year 3, pupils identified the Greek Gods of Mount Olympus; Year 4 pupils researched the question, 'What were the Viking strengths?'; Year 5 pupils identified the changes that happened as the result of increases in coal and iron production; and Year 6 pupils showed their understanding of aerodynamics through conducting experiments.

A reminder that there is an INSET day tomorrow.

I wish you all a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing the children return on Monday 4th November.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Our Pupil Profile Virtue pair focus this half term has been to be **curious** and **active**. We reflected on these virtues in a Whole School Collective Worship and presented certificates to the children, across the school, who have especially demonstrated these.

Say this prayer together:

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the virtues of being CURIOUS and ACTIVE.

Help me to take responsibility for my learning, to listen well and to ask questions.

Help me also to become more active in making this world a better place to live in.

Amen.

Decide on one thing you will do this week to help you be more **CURIOUS**. Will you listen more carefully? Will you work more independently? Will you cooperate better with others?

Decide now how you will become more **ACTIVE**. Will you be more helpful? Will you show you can be trusted? Will you notice if others are in need?

Parent/ Carer Contact Details



If you've changed your mobile phone number in the last 6 months, please let us know! Keeping your contact information current ensures we can reach you quickly in case of emergencies or important updates. Simply contact the school office with your new details. Thank you for helping us stay connected!

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	82.8%	0.0%
Year 1	98.3%	0.0%
Year 2	93.8%	0.0%
Year 3	99.1%	0.0%
Year 4	96.1%	0.8%
Year 5	97.7%	0.0%
Year 6	91.8%	0.4%

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



Creation and Covenant

In our first Religious Education branch of the year, the theme in all year groups has been 'Creation and Covenant'. Pupils have encountered the God who creates and calls all people and have focused on the accounts of Creation and other Old Testament stories such as Abraham, Noah and Moses. Here are some displays of learning the pupils have created:



Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term, we focused on the virtues of **curious** and **active** 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 **curious** and **active**.



Curious about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

God wants us to be **curious** about his universe and everything he has made. He wants us to: ask questions; listen and pay attention; research and find out more; read; try new things; and explore.



God also wants us to **actively** change what we can do for the better. He wants us to help make this a better world.

Congratulations to this half term's Pupil Profile certificate winners!



Dates for the Diary

Diary Dates

October

25th – INSET Day

Half term

28th October – 1st November

November

4th – 8th November – Year 4 Swimming

5th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4 – 6pm

6th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4 – 6pm

6th – Year 1 and 6 to Mass

6th – Reception Educational Visit to Pizza Express

11th – 24th – Switch Off Fortnight

13th – Reception and Year 5 to Mass

14th – Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm

15th – Samba Drumming Workshops (F&F funded)

20th – Universal Children's Day

20th – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass

20th – Year 6 PC Alex 'It's Your Choice'

November

21st – Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm

25th – Open Evening for Nursery and Reception September 2025 4pm – 5.30pm

28th – Year 1 Class Liturgy 3.20pm

December

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

4th – Year 1 Educational Visit to Cardiff Castle

6th – F&F Christmas Fair

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

15th – Years 3 – 6 Advent Service 3pm, St Joseph's Church

16th – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Market 2pm

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.



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About Us

St. Joseph's School is set on 7 acres of beautiful surroundings offering plenty of choice for events, clubs, shows and sports activities. From modern classrooms to a large hall, we have versatile indoor space too. With ample on-site parking and easy access from Penarth, Cardiff and the Vale, we are ideally situated to accommodate groups of all sizes.

What We Offer

Indoor facilities available:

- A school hall including access to 100+ seats, HDMI projection and integrated sound system.
- 8 modern, adaptable and spacious classroom spaces.
- A large, modern kitchen area, instant boiling water, ice and chilled water dispenser.

Outdoor facilities available:

- Amphitheatre with seating for 150+
- Outdoor classrooms and artificial grass areas.
- Large fields and playground areas.
- Forest School area including fire pit and mud kitchen.

Book your perfect event space today.
**Indoors or outdoors,
we've got you covered!**



Looking for a venue?
Our school hall, classrooms and extensive outdoor areas including a forest, outdoor classroom and amphitheatre are available for hire!
Affordable rates, spacious facilities and free parking!