

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



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Year 4 led a beautiful liturgy on Thursday, sharing with us the story of Abraham and helping us to think about how we can live out our faith every day through hope and love.

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Message from Mrs Taylor

Diolch yn Fawr for your support as we celebrated Diwrnod Shwmae – Shwmae Day – on Wednesday. The pupils took part in a variety of activities and games to celebrate our Welsh language and culture. In Nursery, the pupils sang Welsh songs; Reception pupils coloured a rainbow asking for coloured pencils in Welsh and sang ‘Lliwiau’r Enfys’; Year 1 pupils asked each other ‘Beth sy’n bod?’ and learnt lots of different responses; and Year 2 pupils practised greeting each other in different ways. In Year 3, pupils discussed the sports they enjoyed in Welsh and created a WordArt of their favourite ones; In Year 4, the pupils created WordArt of Welsh vocabulary they knew; Year 5 pupils enjoyed their educational visit to Rhondda Heritage Park and said ‘Shwmae’ to everyone they met; and Year 6 pupils used an AI animation tool to create Welsh conversations. Da iawn Pawb!

Today, we took part in ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ day, led by our Mission Ministry Government Group. The pupils wore red to school and took part in activities that helped them to explore their identity, belonging, diversity and anti-racism.

The final day to bring in tinned or dried food for our annual Harvest Foodbank Appeal is on Monday 21st October. Thank you to everyone who has donated something already. Members of the Vale Foodbank will lead an assembly and collect the items on Monday.



This term’s Parent Teacher Consultations will take place on Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November. The purpose of the meeting is for your child’s teacher to share a summary of their learning strengths and areas for development including in Maths, English, Religious Education and Domain learning. At the end of your consultation, your class teacher will provide you with the consultation notes they made for the meeting, which will include areas for development and targets. In addition, you will be able to see your child’s learning books before or after your consultation. **Please book an appointment for the Parent Teacher Consultations on the SchoolApp.**

A reminder that next Thursday after school is the F&F Autumn disco and next Friday is an INSET day.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Today, on ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ day, we remember that it is OK to be different. It’s OK to look different. It’s OK to sound different. It’s OK to be good at different things. It’s OK to like different things. It’s OK to eat different foods. It’s OK to support different teams.

Say this prayer together:

Father God, we thank you that we are all different.
Life would be so boring if we were all the same.
Help us to embrace difference.
Help us to celebrate difference.
Help me to be a good friend.
Let us always remember that it’s OK to be different.
Amen

St Joseph’s Pupil Profile Virtues



The St Joseph’s School Pupil Profile is made up of pairs of virtues or qualities we aspire to grow in, to be the person God wants us to be. Each half term we will explore a different pair of virtues.

This half term’s focus is: **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** 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
- To listen and pay attention
- To research and find out more
- To read
- To try new things
- To 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.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance
Reception	85.4%
Year 1	96.0%
Year 2	99.2%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 6	92.8%

Well done to Year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.



SVP Mini Vinnies

Last week, 3 of our year 6's represented the Mini Vinnies at an SVP family day. They took part in different activities including discussions, games and quizzes. Throughout the day they collaborated with other Mini Vinnies, Youth SVP groups and SVP groups and found out what different groups do to carry out their SVP work throughout the year. They spoke confidently about how they are part of the Chaplaincy team which feeds into our Parliament and some of their achievements from last year. Well done!



Playground Pals



On the playground, children have to share, take turns and communicate with others, and sometimes, this can cause problems to arise. If a child is struggling, feeling isolated or feels like others are being unkind to them during playtime, this can colour their whole school experience and affect their learning in the class.

This week, the pupils in our Health and Wellbeing Government Group took part in a training workshop to become Playground Pals. Our new Playground Pals will help to promote friendships on the playground, help to resolve low level friendship issues, support children to play and initiate games and look after and play with our younger children.



We are so proud of our pupils and look forward to helping them to make our playgrounds healthy, active and harmonious! Here is what some pupils thought about the workshop and about being a Playground Pal:

I thought it was fun. We did different activities using role play. We learned different games to play. *Joseph Vella Jones*

We played team games together to improve collaboration in our group. *Joey Burnett*

The games helped us talk to new children in our group. We used this opportunity to get to know each other better. *Oscar Evans*

To be a good Playground Pal you need to be a good listener. *Amelia Davies*

We know that we must tell the teacher if there are serious incidents at break time. *Ethan Daly*

We learnt about how to solve disagreements at breaktimes and help other children. *Marvin Flavin*



Dates for the Diary



October

21st – Vale Foodbank Assembly – last opportunity to donate to the Foodbank.

22nd – Bullies Out Wellbeing workshops

23rd – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass

24th – F&F Autumn Disco

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)

November

20th – Universal Children’s Day

20th – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass

20th – Year 6 PC Alex ‘It’s Your Choice’

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.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum –Healthy and Confident Individuals!

Nursery	Frankie Leach	Year 3	Dylan Carroll
Reception	Milo Mulchinock	Year 4	Olivia Buinimasi
Year 1	Stream- Rose Kingsley-Cooling	Year 5	Reuben Griffiths
Year 2	Mia Taylor	Year 6	Ali Zaman



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who have shown understanding that although we have similarities and differences, we all belong to one family – we are all special and we celebrate our different gifts and talents.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Delilah Pugsley Demi Daly Zain El Hammond Jorgie Jarvis	Year 3	Jackson Ruckley Alfie Starling Elinor Perkins Eldaah Berly
Reception	Alana Valvo Jonah Quick Sophia Burnett Ellen Jones	Year 4	Eva Shrubsole Layla James Mirabelle Challis Marti Goma Camps Jaimes
Year 1	Lenny Starling Mia Watts Carter Bartlett Ben Hooper	Year 5	Lucy Terry Niamh Griffiths-Pearson Bobby Sawyer Joseph Walsh
Year 2	Reuben Bousie Seren Griffiths John Murray Cora Spear	Year 6	Jasmine Crocker Ronan Nuttall-Morton Jacob Sexton Zeta Chan

ST JOSEPH'S F+F
PRESENTS

SCHOOL DISCO

FEATURING:
DJ SPARKY MARKY

THURS
OCT 24



FREE
ENTRY

@ SCHOOL HALL

PLEASE BRING CASH OR
CARD FOR TUCK SHOP

KS1 4.10-5PM

KS2 5-6PM

(PARENTS REQUIRED TO STAY
FOR KS1 DISCO)

