

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



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Thank you to our Year 3 class who led this week's class-liturgy focusing on their RE topic, 'Creation and Covenant'.

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### Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you for all your donations for the Vale Foodbank so far. We will continue to collect donations until next Friday. A member of the Vale Foodbank Team will be delivering an assembly about the important work of the foodbank and how valuable our donations are to thousands of families across the Vale on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October.



A big 'Thank you' to our Friends and Family Team for finding and purchasing for us our new lectern. The lectern is used as a special place for our Bible during our liturgies and for the pupils to stand or kneel on as they are leading prayers. The lectern is beautiful and we are very grateful to have something so precious. Thank you to all our family members who support F&F events as, without you, it would not have been possible.



In my liturgy this week, which shared last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus showed us that the kingdom of God is open to everybody. In the scripture we heard, Jesus told the disciples to let the little children come to Him. He put His arms around the children and gave them His blessing. Jesus wanted to show how much He loved everyone including children. God has a great plan for each of our lives and we can discover what it is when we are open to God. In addition to my liturgy, the Wednesday Word, which is emailed weekly, supports families at home to share and respond to the Sunday Gospel, together.

A reminder that next **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October**, we are marking Show Racism the Red Card, which is taking place nationally on this day. Pupils are invited to wear **home-clothes and something red**. Throughout the day, pupils will take part in activities focusing on anti-racism. There is also a competition for the children to complete at home which will be judged by the Diversity Government Group.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

### Prayer of the Week



During the month of October, we remember Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Please pray this litany for Mary with your child this week:

gweddia drosom ni/ pray for us

Mary so happy: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary so patient: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary so hopeful: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary so wonderful: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary so courageous: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary, Queen of Heaven: gweddia drosom ni  
Mary, Mother of God: gweddia drosom ni

### 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	77.1%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	94.5%
Year 4	94.7%
Year 5	94.4%
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.



### House Captains



Congratulations to this year's House Captains! Our House Captains will serve as role models and leaders within their respective houses, setting a positive example for other pupils. They will foster a sense of community, leadership and teamwork within their house and will collect and announce the house point totals each week. Throughout the year they lead their houses in whole-school events such as Sports Day and the school Eisteddfod and are a point of contact for children who may need guidance and support, for example, on the playground. We also plan this year for our House Captains to organise special house events, e.g., to celebrate their house Saint's feast day.



The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister's.....



## Right of the Month - October



Article 12 - You have the right to be listened to and to be taken seriously.



What do you need to stay happy, healthy and safe?



Please come and talk to us so that we can support you!



### School Parliament – Government Groups

This week, the pupils in Years 3 – 6 applied to be part of a School Parliament Government Group and were allocated their 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> choice. In their first meeting next week, each group will explore the rights of the child, the Catholic Social Teaching principle linked to their Government Group, discuss the remit and responsibilities of their Group and think about ways that they would like to improve the school, support the local community and work towards the United Nations Global Goals to look after our world. Their action plans will be shared with you in a future newsletter.

<p>This year's Government Groups are:</p>	<p>IT and Digital Safety</p>	<p>Curriculum</p>	<p>Criw Cymraeg</p>
<p>Diversity</p>	<p>Chaplaincy</p>	<p>Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p>Eco and the Outdoors</p>

## Dates for the Diary

### Diary Dates

#### October

14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 PC Alex – Anti Social Behaviour  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Health and Wellbeing Government Group - Playground  
 Pal training  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Shwmae Welsh Language Day  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Educational Visit to Rhondda Heritage Park  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Government Groups begin  
 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 18<sup>th</sup> – Show Racism the Red Card Day – Pupils are invited to wear home clothes with something red.  
 22<sup>nd</sup> – Bullies Out Wellbeing workshops  
 23<sup>rd</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 24<sup>th</sup> – F&F Autumn Disco  
**25<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day**

#### Half term

**28th October – 1st November**

#### November

4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November – Year 4 Swimming  
 5<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4 – 6pm  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Parent Teacher Consultations 4 – 6pm  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 6 to Mass  
 6<sup>th</sup> – Reception Educational Visit to Pizza Express

#### November

11<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Switch Off Fortnight  
 13<sup>th</sup> – Reception and Year 5 to Mass  
 14<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Samba Drumming Workshops (F&F funded)  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Universal Children’s Day  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Mass  
 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 PC Alex ‘It’s Your Choice’  
 21<sup>st</sup> - Year 5 Class Liturgy 3.20pm  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for Nursery and Reception September  
 2025 4pm – 5.30pm  
 28<sup>th</sup> - Year 1 Class Liturgy 3.20pm

#### December

4<sup>th</sup> – Come and Pray for all parents with their children 3.20pm  
 6<sup>th</sup> – F&F Christmas Fair  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am  
 11<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 and 2 Christmas Production 10am  
 12<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am  
 13<sup>th</sup> - Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am  
 15<sup>th</sup> – Years 3 – 6 Advent Service 3pm, St Joseph’s Church  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Market 2pm

**Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.**

### Four Purposes of the Curriculum – Ambitious and Capable Learners!

<b>Nursery</b>	Otis Williams	<b>Year 3</b>	Noah Ford
<b>Reception</b>	Archie Barber	<b>Year 4</b>	Eva Shrubsole
<b>Year 1</b>	Alfie Langley	<b>Year 5</b>	Elizabeth Yerokun
<b>Year 2</b>	Oliver Dziedzic	<b>Year 6</b>	Jasmine Crocker



### Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who have shown improvement in writing skills e.g., marking making, pencil grip, forming letters, writing full sentences with accurate punctuation and up-levelling sentences with adventurous vocabulary and varies grammar features.

**Congratulations to this week’s winners!**

<b>Nursery</b>	Irene Nithin Oscar Murphy Newport Grace McDermid Livvy Stolzenberg	<b>Year 3</b>	Dylan Carroll Scarlett Chan Daisy Davey Amelia Williams
<b>Reception</b>	Osian Whittaker Evana Jaison Harri Dibble Maverick Miller	<b>Year 4</b>	Samuel Mba Stanley Best Christian Murray Annabelle Hoover
<b>Year 1</b>	Xavier Buinimasi Elise Knapper Jasper Challis Stream-Rose Kingsley-Colling	<b>Year 5</b>	Elsie Jeffreys Orla Aviles Alys Cirino Dylan Dos Santos
<b>Year 2</b>	George Crisp Lette Quick Sienna Wilkinson Dylan Todd	<b>Year 6</b>	Nourie Abdul-Gafur Jasmin Green Oscar Evans Jacob Sexton