



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

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Thank you
for
supporting
our Creative
and
Enterprising
Christmas
market!



Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you for your wonderful support of our Advent Service and Christmas Market. The children thoroughly enjoyed the festive celebrations, including Christmas dinner and jumper day, and our beautiful Christingle Service, led by the Chaplaincy Team. We are also very grateful to our Friends and Family Team for organising the Christmas scavenger hunt, gifts for the children, and the Christmas disco – all of which helped to make this a truly joyful season for our pupils.

Today, we say a heartfelt goodbye to Mrs Jones. Mrs Jones has given so much to our school community through her care for the children, her support for staff, and her unwavering commitment to helping every pupil flourish. We are deeply grateful for all she has contributed to St Joseph's. While we will miss her greatly, we send her our love, prayers, and every good wish for the future.

As we come to the end of term, I would like to take a moment to say a sincere thank you. St Joseph's would not be the school it is without the dedication and commitment of our wonderful staff, Governing Body, and our Parish Priest, Mgr. Boardman, and Deacon Elfed; the enthusiasm and hard work of our fantastic Friends and Family Team; the unfailing support of you, our parents and carers; and, of course, our incredible pupils, who inspire us every day. Thank you all for your compassion, patience, and the many successes we have shared this year. A special thank you as well, from myself and the staff, for your kind and thoughtful gifts – they are very much appreciated.

I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas. May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead and may the blessing of knowing Christ warm your hearts and enrich your lives in 2025.

I look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Take care, God bless, and Happy Christmas.
Mrs Taylor 🕯️ ✨

Prayer of the Week



Nadolig Llawen! Happy Christmas!

Gweddiwn: *Let us pray*

Diolch am ddod yn faban ym Methlehem...

Thank you for coming as a baby in Bethlehem

lesu rwy'n dy garu... Jesus I love you.

Diolch am olau seren Bethlehem...

Thank you for the light of the star of Bethlehem

lesu rwy'n dy garu... Jesus I love you.

Diolch am gariad Mair ein Mam....

Thank you for the love of Mary our Mother

lesu rwy'n dy garu... Jesus I love you.

Dates for the Diary



January

- 5th - INSET Day**
- 6th – First Day back for Pupils
- 11th – Joint Youth Mass with St Richard Gwyn High School, St Joseph's RC Church, 9.30am to celebrate the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope.**

February

- 16th – 20th – Half Term
- 27th – School Eisteddfod

March

- 3rd – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm
- 4th – Parent Teacher Consultations 4pm – 6pm

Remaining INSET Days
Monday 5th January
Monday 23rd February
Monday 20th July

Attendance

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

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	87.63%	0.54%
Year 1	83.84%	.44%
Year 2	92.35%	1.18%
Year 3	79.67%	0.0%
Year 4	86.9%	0.69%
Year 5	91.0%	0.0%
Year 6	90.97%	0.65%



Christmas at St Joseph's, Penarth and St Mary's, Dinas Powys, Parish Churches



A painting of a man, woman and baby in a nativity scene

By Top Images

CHRISTMAS 2025

St Joseph's and St Mary's Parish
Penarth and Dinas Powys

Wednesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

3pm Crib Service - St Mary's

7pm Vigil Mass of Christmas - St Mary's

(Carols from 6.30pm)

10pm Mass of Midnight - St Joseph's

(Carols from 9.30pm)

Thursday 25th December (Christmas Day)

9.30am Dawn Mass of Christmas - St Joseph's

11.15am Day Mass of Christmas - St Mary's

Thursday 1st January 2026 (New Year's Day)

11am Mass - St Joseph's

All Services from St Joseph's are streamed live

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Advent Service

Last Sunday, pupils from Years 3 and 4 led our school and parish community in a beautiful Advent Service at St Joseph's RC Church. Through thoughtful scripture, drama, song and prayer, the children helped us to reflect on the Christmas story and the joyful anticipation of Jesus' birth.

The liturgy guided us through the meaning of Advent, beginning with the words of the prophet Isaiah, who looked forward with hope to the coming of the Promised One. We were then led through the stories of the Annunciation and Visitation, the role of John the Baptist in preparing the way for the Lord, and finally the birth of Jesus itself. Each part was shared with reverence, confidence and joy. The pupils reminded us all of the true meaning of Christmas, and their participation made the service a deeply prayerful and uplifting experience for everyone present. Well done to all involved.



Christingle Service

On Wednesday, our Chaplaincy Team led us in a beautiful and prayerful Christingle service. As we gathered together in the darkness of the winter days, we paused to celebrate the light—the light that always overcomes the darkness.

During the service, we reflected on the meaning of the Christingle. The orange represents the world God created, the candle symbolises the light of Christ, and the red ribbon reminds us that Jesus came to earth, died on the cross, and rose again. The fruit and sweets represent all the good gifts that the world provides for us.

As we lit our Christingles, we were reminded that God loved the world so much that He sent His only Son, Jesus, to show us what God's love is like. We reflected on the truth that Jesus is the light of the world, and that He is always with us, guiding us with hope and love.

