

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



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Our pupils looked wonderful in the clothes they wore on Monday to represent their culture, heritage and unique identities.



27th September 2024

Message from Mrs Taylor

This week, our 'This is Me!' topic focusing on the big questions and Catholic Social Teaching principles, 'Who am I?' (Human Dignity) 'Where do I come from?' (Family, Community and Participation) and 'Why am I here?' (Stewardship) culminated in our Culture and Heritage Celebration in the hall. My thanks again to all the families who volunteered to bring food and artefacts from their heritage and culture to our celebration. You can read more about the celebration below.

In Religious Education this week, Nursery pupils listened to the Creation story and sequenced the events; Reception pupils talked about ways in which they could look after the world; Year 1 pupils learnt and showed understanding of the 'Our Father'; and Year 2 pupils used religious words and phrases to describe what happens in the Sacrament of Baptism. In Year 3, pupils learnt about the Holy Trinity; in Year 4 pupils recognised how Abraham is a model of prayer; Year 5 pupils understood how rules are important including the Ten Commandments and Jesus' new commandment for us today; and in Year 6, pupils showed their understanding of Jesus, the new covenant.

On **Monday 30th September at 2.45pm** we will be welcoming Mgr. Boardman to preside at our Welcome Mass in the school hall. Family members of new and existing pupils are most welcome to attend.

On **Wednesday at 3.20pm**, family members are invited to 'Come and Pray' with their child in the school hall. The theme of the prayer will be 'Family.' Further details can be found below.

Following Year 2's class liturgy on the theme of Harvest, we will be holding a **home-clothes day on Friday 4th October**. Pupils are invited to wear home -clothes and bring in an item to donate to the foodbank. This year we are collecting tinned Hot Meats e.g. chilli, minced beef etc, UHT Fruit Juice and Sugar as 'Champions' for these for the Foodbank! Further details can be found below.

A reminder that our next INSET day, when the school will be closed to children, is on Friday 25th October.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Our Prayer to St Joseph

Joseph, so loving and compassionate towards your son Jesus....

Pray for us.

Joseph, so understanding and wise, sharing your knowledge with Jesus.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, most obedient and committed, following God's plan even when you were worried.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, so hard working and dedicated, by being a carpenter and keeping your family safe.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, so kind and caring, supporting Mary on the journey to Bethlehem.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, most faithful and loving, so true of heart.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, most patient and generous, a selfless man.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, most attentive and discerning, a watchful father

Pray for us.

Joseph, whose example we follow in the ways that we live and love.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, who is always beside us.... **Pray for us.**

Joseph, who trusted in the Lord.... **Pray for us.**

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

Class	Attendance
Reception	86.5%
Year 1	97.3%
Year 2	92.6%
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	97.8%
Year 6	93.8%

Come and Pray – Wednesday 2nd October 2024



We would like to invite parents and family members to 'Come and pray' with their children in the school hall on **Wednesday 2nd October at 3.20pm.**

This term, we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle: Family, Community and Participation, and the prayer time will help us to think about the kind of world that we want to be part of and what we can offer, individually and as a community to build it. During the prayer time you will sit with your children and pray together.

We very much look forward to welcoming you to this opportunity to encounter God through prayer with your child.

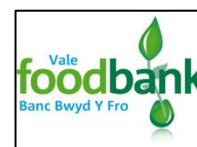
Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister



'Congratulations!' to Finley, our new Prime Minister, and Jacob, our new Deputy Prime Minister.

'Congratulations!' and 'Well Done!' also to all the Year 6 pupils who put themselves forward for Prime Minister. All your speeches were excellent and I hope, together, we can put some of your pledges into action!

Harvest Vale Foodbank Appeal – Friday 4th October



Next Friday 4th October, pupils are invited to wear their brightest clothes and donate an item of dried or tinned food to the Vale Foodbank.

This year St Joseph's are collecting tinned Hot Meats e.g. chilli, minced beef etc, UHT Fruit Juice and Sugar as Champions of these foods for the foodbank!

If you could bring in one of these items the Vale Foodbank would be really grateful!



Class Charters 2024 - 2025

A class charter is similar to classroom rules that we regularly discuss and write with the pupils but focuses more on building the shared values of a **rights respecting** classroom and, with that, the responsibilities that the pupils have to uphold their rights, rather than having rules which can be broken.

Broadly speaking, the pupils' rights under the UNCRC are based on their need to thrive as human beings. These rights are to do with:

- their health and safety (survival)
- their protection from harm and abuse
- the development of their potential
- their inclusion and participation in the life of the society around them (immediately, locally and globally).

Here are some examples of this year's class charters:



Culture and Heritage Celebration and Exhibition of Learning



On Monday 23rd September, each class displayed their learning completed during our 'This is Me!' topic in an exhibition in the hall, and families who had volunteered to contribute to our celebration, brought along traditional food and traditional examples of customs, faith, costumes or culture to share. The event was a wonderful celebration of our diverse school community and the learning that had taken place since the start of term.

Exhibition of Learning



Culture and Heritage Celebration



Here's what some of the pupils thought:

'I loved the celebration! It was even better than last year, with lots more food to try! In class we learnt about Martin Luther King and wrote our own 'I have a dream' speech about what we wanted to change in the world. I have a dream that one day there will not be war and the world will be a safe place for all to live.' (Ella, Year 6)

'I enjoyed learning about the identities of everyone in the class and how, although we are different, we all belong. We made a guide about how to welcome others in our class. I loved being able to represent our own countries in the celebration - I brought in Ube cake from the Philippines for everyone to try.' (Raine, Year 6)

'This is me!' helped me to learn about different countries in the world. I created a PowerPoint on Seesaw about Colombia and painted the flag. On Monday, I bought in Arancini from Sicily and Tres Leches which is a cake made from 3 different types of milk and fruit on top. I felt proud to share food from my heritage.' (Alys, Year 5)

'I liked creating the brochure about caring for God's world and Stewardship. I rose awareness about how litter hurts our environment. I enjoyed the exhibition and trying all the food from countries around the world.' (Archie, Year 5)

'I liked learning about different cultures people come from like Spain, India and the Czech Republic. We chose a country to research and created a PowerPoint. I loved all the different foods. The Peruvian Alfajores were delicious!' (Alphonsa, Year 4)

'We created self-portraits when we explored the question 'Who am I?'. We thought about our gifts and talents and that we're all special to God. Fairtrade Day was fantastic because we got to have Fairtrade chocolate and support Fairtrade farmers!' (Marti, Year 4)

'I loved tasting all the food, especially the chicken pitta, at the celebration. 'This is Me!' was a great topic. I enjoyed making my self-portrait, learning about Welsh athletes and doing a nature walk to look at the beauty of God's creation and thinking about how we can take care of the earth.' (Dylan, Year 3)

'I come from the Philippines and I enjoyed sharing where I come from with my class. I bought in food from the Philippines for people to try. It was great fun!' (Ika, Year 3)

Dates for the Diary



September

30th – Welcome Mass 2.45pm, School Hall

October

2nd – Reception and Year 6 to Mass
2nd – Come and Pray for all parents with their children 3.20pm
 3rd – Year 2 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
 3rd – St Richard Gwyn Open Evening for Year 6 pupils
4th – CAFOD Family Fast Day – Pupils are invited to wear home clothes and bring in an item for the Vale Foodbank
 9th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
 10th – Year 3 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
 14th – Year 6 PC Alex – Anti Social Behaviour
 15th – Health and Wellbeing Government Group - Playground Pal training
 16th – Shwmae Welsh Language Day
 17th - Year 4 Class Liturgy 3.20pm
 18th – Show Racism the Red Card Day
 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
 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
 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 –Enterprising and Creative Contributors

Nursery	Zakariya Varma	Year 3	Dylan Carroll
Reception	Alana Valvo	Year 4	Nia Holt
Year 1	Lenny Starling	Year 5	Lexie Morgan
Year 2	Cora Spear	Year 6	Zeta Chan



Weekly Good News Awards



Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who have shown excellent understanding in our first RE topic, ‘Creation and Covenant.’

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Moli Newton Walker Mia Dos Santos De Jesus Lily Davey Frankie Griffiths	Year 3	Harvey Haincock Andrea Nithin Ffion Parker Lana Stolzenberg
Reception	John Harlow Peru Edwards Sonny Surringer Regan Ruckley	Year 4	Iris Abbott Annabelle Hoover Lucas Barlett Ayaansh Prasad
Year 1	Carter Barlett Hallie Ayres Jasper Challis Ben Hooper	Year 5	Manuel Jojan Leilani Goodall Layla Knapper Archie Jones
Year 2	Aleia Goodall Charlie Moreton Alayna Jubin Mila-Blu Lewis	Year 6	Finlay Bullough Raine Ferrer Celyn Thomas Brooke Lewis



ST RICHARD GWYN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Open Evening

4-7pm on Thursday 3rd October 2024



"We are delighted with the amazing results our pupils have achieved some of **the highest results in the history of the school!**"

65.8% achieved **5 A* - C** grades including English and Maths.

26% achieved **5 or more A*/A** grades.

417 Capped 9 Points.

*We would like to invite families of **pupils in Years 5 & 6** for a guided tour of our school. You can book a time slot by emailing info@strichardgwyn.co.uk or phoning 01446 729250 for details. Book soon to avoid disappointment, we are heavily oversubscribed!*

Our Open Evening can also be viewed virtually this year - Please visit our website, Facebook page and Twitter to view our school video tour.

"The behaviour and attitude to learning of the pupils was extremely positive and the school had a calm, kind yet very productive atmosphere."
ESTYN May 2022

Application forms can be completed alongside Council School applications on the Vale website

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