

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



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Thank you to the family members and Dinas Powys Fairtrade team who supported our Fairtrade coffee morning this week and to our Year 6 pupils for presenting so well about what we can do to support Fairtrade Farmers and 'Be the Change!'

20th September 2024

Message from Mrs Taylor

Thank you for your support of our Fairtrade coffee morning and Fairtrade Day for pupils this week. As a FairAchiever school, we are committed to supporting Fairtrade, learn about the importance of Fairtrade in our school curriculum, use Fairtrade products such as tea and coffee wherever possible and work to raise awareness of Fairtrade in our local community. We support Fairtrade because it emphasises the **dignity** of workers and values the inherent worth of every person; encourages a sense of global **solidarity** and promotes **sustainable** agricultural practices which help to protect the environment; all of which are central to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching.

In Maths this week, Nursery and Reception have been exploring lots of different concepts in Maths as they work towards a baseline of the pupils' knowledge; Year 1 pupils reviewed the concept of 'more and less'; and Year 2 pupils revised simple addition. In Year 3, the pupils explored number patterns and estimated to the nearest ten, hundred and thousand; Year 4 pupils counted in 50s; Year 5 pupils read, wrote, ordered and compared numbers to 100,000 and Year 6 pupils used the acronym BODMAS to help them solve mathematical problems.

We are looking forward to welcoming family members to the Culture and Heritage Celebration in the school hall on **Monday 23rd September from 3pm**. As part of the celebration, each class will display their learning completed during their 'This is Me!' topic in an exhibition in the hall, and we will be joined by families who have volunteered to contribute to our celebration by bringing along traditional food and traditional examples of customs, faith, costumes or culture to share. All family members are welcome to attend at 3pm. Please collect your child from their classroom at 3pm to share the celebration in the hall with them. Pupils are invited to wear clothes from the culture or heritage or home-clothes which express their unique identity to school on Monday.

Thank you to everyone who has responded to our St Joseph's 100 Club letter which was sent home via email last week. You can join this year's 100 Club by logging into Parent Pay. Further forms for additional family members can be collected from the school office. The first draw will take place on Monday 16th December.

We will be welcoming Mgr. Boardman to preside at our Welcome Mass on **Monday 30th September at 2.45pm**. Family members of new and existing pupils are most welcome to attend.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



One of the psalms describes the earth like this:
'The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and who live on it are his.' (Psalm 24:1)
This reminds us why choosing Fairtrade is important.

Say this prayer together:

Dear God,

We pray for those people around the world who grow and produce the things we eat and buy.

We pray that they get a fair price for the things we buy from them.

We pray that we can help support these people by buying Fairtrade goods so that we can help create a better and more just world.

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.

Catholic Social Teaching – Family, Community and Participation



This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principles, **'Family, Community and Participation'**.

Pope Francis asks 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.

The word 'community' is linked with the word 'communion', both share the same origin, meaning 'fellowship' and 'shared by all'.

As human beings, we are called to live in community, with others, growing together and flourishing as a result. We are also called to get involved.

Pope Francis said, "Don't be observers, but immerse yourself in the reality of life, as Jesus did."

God calls all of us to get involved in whatever way we can, using our gifts and talents, to help build a better world. This might mean sharing our skills and talents, volunteering and, when we are old enough, taking part in politics.

We're all called to put love into action.

Pray together:

Loving God,

Thank You for the gifts You have given each of us.

Help us to use our talents to help others and to make our community a better place.

Teach us to appreciate and support one another, just as You love and support us.

May we always follow the example of the Holy Family in our lives.

Amen.



Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to Year 1 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance
Reception	84.8%
Year 1	98.7%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	92.4%
Year 4	97.5%
Year 5	91.9%
Year 6	89.7%

Keeping Safe in the School Car Park



A reminder as we start the new school year that if you are driving into the school grounds, you must reduce your speed to 5 mph. The car park is busy and I ask adults to ensure their children exit their vehicle safely and do not allow them to run across the car park or road without adult supervision.

Finally, I ask that you only park in a disabled space if you are a blue-badge holder and under no circumstances that you park across a zebra crossing.

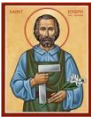
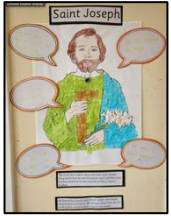
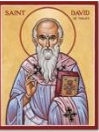







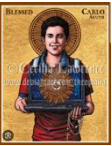


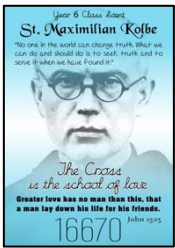
We hope that, particularly on drier days, more pupils will bike, scoot or walk to school. The bike shelter and the scooter pods are available for all pupils to use.

Our Class Saints 2024 – 2025

The Saints were not superhuman. They were people who loved God in their hearts, and who shared this joy with others. ‘
Pope Francis

As a reminder that we are called to be saints and to help our pupils to respond to Pope Francis’ call to live a life of holiness, each class at St Joseph’s has a class saint to inspire them on their journey in faith.

The children learn about their class saint's life to inspire them to lead joyful lives. They will learn why the Saints are good role models; how they teach us that holiness means being who you are; that Saints pray for us from heaven and give us the strength to be who God created us to be.

<p>Nursery and Reception - St. Joseph</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers and workers. He was married to Mary, the mother of Jesus, and was Jesus' earthly father. St. Joseph was a carpenter and taught Jesus how to work with wood. Feast Day: 19th March</p>	
<p>Year 1 – St David</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. David is the patron saint of Wales. He loved animals, and it's said he performed miracles, like making the ground rise under him so people could hear him preach. St. David taught people to be kind and gentle, just like he was. He is famous for the words, ‘Be joyful, keep the faith and do the little things that you have heard and seen me do.’ Feast Day: 1st March</p>	
<p>Year 2 - St. Francis of Assisi</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and nature. He loved all creatures and even preached to the birds! St. Francis gave up his rich life to live simply and help the poor. Feast Day: 4th October</p>	
<p>Year 3 - St. Teresa of Calcutta</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Teresa of Calcutta (also known as Mother Teresa) is the patron saint of the poor. She helped people in India, especially those who were very sick and had no one to care for them. St. Teresa started a group called the Missionaries of Charity, which helps poor people around the world. Feast Day: 5th September</p>	
<p>Year 4 – St Bernadette</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Bernadette is the patron saint of people who are sick. When she was a girl, St. Bernadette saw visions of Mary, the mother of Jesus, in a small town called Lourdes in France. Because of St. Bernadette, Lourdes became a special place where many sick people go to pray for healing. Feast Day: 16th April</p>	
<p>Year 5 – Blessed Carlo Acutis</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: Blessed Carlo Acutis is the patron saint of the internet and computer programmers. He loved computers and made a website about Eucharistic miracles (special things that happened when people received Communion). Blessed Carlo was a normal boy who loved playing video games, but he also loved helping others and going to Mass every day. Feast Day: 12th October</p>	
<p>Year 6 – St. Maximilian Kolbe</p> 	<p>Patron Saint: St. Maximilian Kolbe is the patron saint of families, prisoners, and people who struggle with addiction. He loved Mary, the mother of Jesus, very much and started a group called the Militia of the Immaculata to share her message of love. St. Maximilian gave his life to save another man in a prison camp during World War II, showing incredible courage and love. Feast Day: 14th August</p>	

Dates for the Diary



September

23rd – Culture and Heritage Celebration and Exhibition of Learning – Parent and family members invited from 3pm. Pupils are invited to wear traditional costume that represents their heritage or home - clothes that express their identity.

26th – Reception – Year 6 Flu vaccination

27th – Year 2 Road Safety

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 will be 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

Please check the Dates for the Diary every week.

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

Four Purposes of the Curriculum –Ethical and Informed Citizen!

Nursery	Irene Nithin	Year 3	Eldaah Berly
Reception	Xavier Dorman	Year 4	Charlotte Cummings
Year 1	Mia Watts	Year 5	Alys Cirino
Year 2	Seren Griffiths	Year 6	Izabella Edwards



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who have shown good understanding of number in Maths e.g., counting forward and backward, reading and writing numbers, comparing numbers or understanding a digit’s value.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Everly Gould Lily Davey Zain El Hammond Thea-Rose Baker	Year 3	Ayana Varma Florence Abbott William Mackie Tomos Parker
Reception	Milo Mulchinock Archie Barber Erin Spear Emilio Aviles	Year 4	Stanley Best Christian Murray Raphael Pugsley Annabelle Hoover
Year 1	Alfie Langley Theo Davies Doris Perkins Xavier Buinimasi	Year 5	Esme Jones Macsen Blyth-Harper Elizabeth Yerokun Ethan Daly
Year 2	Edward Best Sienna Wilkinson Charlie Moreton Nate Mercer	Year 6	Thomas Mortimer Thomas Lau Bethan Addy 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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