

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



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We've had a wonderful season in the polytunnel with so many vegetables to harvest including corn, carrots, tomatoes and beans! Year 1 even made carrot cake using the produce this morning!

13th September 2023

Message from Mrs Taylor

We have had another great week at St Joseph's and it's wonderful to see the children learning, playing and praying together again.

In our 'This is me!' topic this week, which focuses on identify, belonging and community, Nursery pupils compared their likes and dislikes; Reception pupils tasted food from countries around the world; Year 1 compared their similarities and differences and Year 2 pupils learnt to say greetings from around the world. In Year 3, the pupils went on a nature walk focusing on Stewardship; Year 4 pupils completed a research project on their chosen class culture; Year 5 pupils researched the colours, symbolism and history of flags from countries where their families originate from; and Year 6 pupils created pictures that represent their identity using an Artificial Intelligence software.

Parents and family members are invited to attend our 'Welcome back' Fairtrade coffee morning, as part of our celebrations for the 30th anniversary of Fairtrade. This will take place on **Tuesday 17th September from 9.30 – 10.30.**

Fairtrade Day for the pupils will take place on **Friday 20th September.** Pupils will learn about Fairtrade in class and are welcome to bring in £1 to buy a bar of Fairtrade chocolate to bring home.

Our Culture and Heritage Celebration in the school hall will take place on **Monday 23rd September from 3pm.** All family members are welcome to attend. If you are able to support the event, for example, by bringing along traditional food to share with our school community, please email the school office.

Don't forget to check the '**Dates for the Diary**' section below every week. Any new dates added will be **bold**. I have added the Christmas production and celebration dates this week, to give you as much notice as possible if you need to take time off work.

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.

I wish you a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



In our 'This is Me!' topic, we are exploring the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Human Dignity.**

Pray together:

Loving God,

We come together to thank you for each other. You created each of us in Your image and likeness. Through Your Son, You taught us how to show everyone the love, respect and kindness they deserve. Encourage us to share the good things of the earth and to work for justice and equality for every human being. Help us to treat everyone with dignity and love.

Amen

You are made in the image and likeness of God.

You are special, unique and important to God.

Treat everyone with the dignity and love they deserve.

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.

Our School Vision



At St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School, our vision is to create a welcoming, loving, and transformative community where Christ is at the centre. Through excellent, rigorous, and inspirational teaching, we are dedicated to ensuring that each child develops in mind, body and spirit. At St Joseph's, pupils receive an ambitious curriculum, which is driven by the Four Purposes and designed to open minds, broaden horizons and develop literacy, numeracy and digital skills. This helps all learners realise their potential and develop a lifelong love of learning.

We are committed to developing and encouraging our pupils and staff members to grow in the virtues outlined in the St. Joseph's Pupil Profile. We prioritise the mental and emotional wellbeing of our pupils, equipping them with the skills and attributes they need to form positive relationships with adults and their peers. We foster in each pupil a sense of Cynefin, Welsh heritage, culture, and the uniqueness and diversity of our community and environment. Our aim is to help pupils live by Jesus' example, becoming beacons of His love and light in the world, while also instilling in them good manners and kindness in their interactions with others.

We recognise the importance of building strong connections between the school, home, parish, and local community. Through active participation in school improvement, community action, and the Global Goals for Sustainable Development, we promote informed citizenship and empower our pupils to make a positive impact on the world.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to year 4 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance
Reception	90.4%
Year 1	92.7%
Year 2	96.3%
Year 3	99.3%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	90.0%

Individual Photographs



The school photographer from Colorfoto will be taking individual (and sibling) photographs of all children (Nursery – Year 6) on **Wednesday, 18th September**.

Confirmed INSET Days



Friday 25th October
Monday 6th January
Friday 21st February - CANCELLED
Tuesday 6th May
Monday 21st July

Class Liturgies



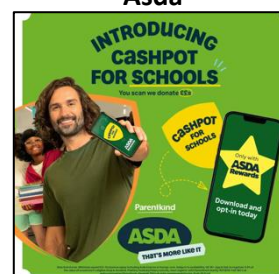
We are delighted to be able to welcome families to participate in our class-led acts of worship. Classes will plan, prepare and present an act of worship based on a theme such as Harvest or Remembrance or a reflection and celebration of their learning in Religious Education. All Acts of Worship will take place in the school hall at 3.20pm.

This term's Acts of Worship will take place on:

Year 2	3.10.24	Year 6	14.11.24
Year 3	10.10.24	Year 5	21.11.24
Year 4	17.10.24	Year 1	28.11.24

Reception Class Act of Worship will take place later in the year.

Asda



Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time a customer shops in Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose St Joseph's RC Primary School to receive a percentage of their spend.

And that's not all – every time a customer chooses St Joseph's, Asda will donate £1 to our schools Cashpot, plus a further £50 when the first customer shops.

If you shop in Asda, please choose St Joseph's!

Dates for the Diary



September

16th – Year 1 School Hearing Screening
 17th – **Fairtrade Coffee Morning 9.30 – 10.30**
 18th – Colorfoto – Individual/ Sibling photographs
 20th – Fairtrade Day – pupils can bring in £1 to buy a bar of Fairtrade chocolate to take home.
 23rd – **Culture and Heritage Celebration and Exhibition of Learning – Parent and family members invited from 3pm.**
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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

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 Individual!

Nursery	Jorgie Jarvis	Year 3	Lana Stolzenberg
Reception	Regan Ruckley	Year 4	Rafael Pugsley
Year 1	Doris Perkins	Year 5	Amelia Davies
Year 2	Seren Griffiths	Year 6	Joseph Donovan



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor’s Good News Awards are for pupils who have made thoughtful and reflective contributions about their identity, ways that they belong and the importance of respecting others, making sure everyone feels included.

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Nursery	Margot Drake Oscar Murphy Newport Rowan Keenan Finley Ledsam	Year 3	Amelia Barber Elisabeth Gomà-Camps Jaimes Erin Griffiths Marcus Riju
Reception	Sophia Burnett Alessio Bremner Cara Pegg Roman Daly	Year 4	Alphonsa Manayani Alice Deacon Jax Perkins Fletcher Mulchinock
Year 1	Hallie Ayres Stream-Rose Kingsley Cooling Elliot Morgans Ben Hooper	Year 5	Lina Jay Joseph Burnett Lexie Morgan Dylan Hooper
Year 2	Kian Haitham Jonah Hickman Olivia Bounds Gino Meletti-Herniman	Year 6	Toby Hall Joseff Vella Jones Sienna Mifsud Ella Moreton