

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



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Message from Mrs Taylor

A big **thank you** for your support with recent events such as the **Eisteddfod**, **World Book Day**, and today's **home-clothes day** as part of our **Lenten observance**. We have received a wonderful number of **toiletry donations**, which our **Chaplaincy Government Group** will turn into gift bags for the residents of **Hazelhurst Nursing Home**. Thank you for helping our pupils to put their faith into action.

This week, **Years 4–6** enjoyed a **STEM assembly and workshop** for **British Science Week**, kindly facilitated by **Mrs Goodall**. Pupils learned about careers in construction, apprenticeships, and how the industry supports nature. They then worked in pairs to design their own **eco-friendly homes**, developing creativity and innovative thinking.

From **16th–27th March**, our **Health and Wellbeing Government Group** are encouraging everyone to take part in the **Big Walk and Wheel** challenge. Pupils are invited to **walk, scoot or cycle** to travel to school where possible. Even taking part for one day makes a difference, and we will see which class is the most active over the two weeks!

We have also invited the **Educational Psychology Service** to host a **parent workshop** on supporting children's emotional development. The session will take place in the **school hall on Tuesday 17th March from 3–4pm** and will be led by **Dr Luran Eckloff**. If you would like to attend, please email alnco@stjosephsrc.com or inform the school office.

A quick reminder regarding **electronic watches** such as VTech devices. Please ensure that pupils are not taking photographs of others using these watches and delete any images if necessary.

On **Wednesday 18th March**, we will celebrate **St Joseph's Feast Day** with a **whole-school Mass at 2.45pm**. Families are warmly invited to attend.

Finally, please check the **Dates for the Diary** section below for newly added events, including the **May Procession and Family Picnic** and **Sports Day**.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week

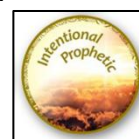


During Lent, we are invited to grow closer to God through prayer, reflection, and acts of love. It is also a time when we remember the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity—recognising that we are one human family and that we are called to care for one another, especially those who may be in need. By sharing what we have and working together, we help to build a world that reflects God's love and justice. The following prayer reminds us that, through kindness, generosity and unity, we can help ensure that everyone has what they need and that each person has the opportunity to flourish.

Say this prayer together:

Loving God,
Help us to work together
to share what we have
so that everyone has what they need.
Help us to build a better world
where each of us can become the best person we can be.
Amen

Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of '**intentional** and **prophetic**' 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 **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

When we are **INTENTIONAL** we deliberately choose to live in a certain way. We don't just follow the crowd. We listen to God's voice deep inside us and choose to live by the values of Jesus.

When we are **PROPHETIC** we show by our words and actions that we choose to live the Good News of Jesus.

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	Late
Reception	97%	1.5%
Year 1	83.04%	1.3%
Year 2	90%	0.56%
Year 3	91.67%	0.00%
Year 4	96.9%	0.34%
Year 5	90.63%	0.31%
Year 6	80.65%	0.00%

Catholic Social Teaching – Solidarity

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, **'Solidarity'**. Solidarity means we believe in showing we care. In the Bible, St Paul writes a letter to the Galatians and says- 'All of you are one in Christ.' The Scripture tells us that God created us as one global family. It is important we show our brothers and sisters in need around the world that that we care.



We can show we care in many ways ...

- spending time with someone who is lonely
- offering to help someone in need
- praying for the needs of others
- and through fundraising to help charities like CAFOD.

Amazon Wish List – Thank You for Your Support



Following the recent letter from the Governing Body about the school's financial situation, we have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity of our parent community. Many parents have asked how they might support the school or whether there are particular resources we need.



In response, we have created an Amazon Wish List with items that would benefit our pupils and classrooms. If you would like to contribute, please scan the QR code to access the list. You may need to log in to Amazon, then simply choose an item and select "Laura Taylor, Penarth Vale of Glamorgan Gift Registry Address" for delivery.

If possible, please also include a gift note so we know who to thank. Thank you for your continued support — it is greatly appreciated.

Cluster Lent Service

This week, the pupils in Years 2 and 4 and our Chaplaincy Government Group joined with pupils from St Helen's Catholic Primary School and St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School for the cluster service, 'Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.' Congratulations to the pupils in Year 4 who led the 'Resurrection' on Wednesday at St Helen's Catholic Church, Barry and the pupils in Years 2 and 4 who led 'Palm Sunday' and the 'Resurrection' on Thursday at St Joseph's RC Church, Penarth. It was wonderful to join together as three schools to remember this most important story.

The pupils led their part excellently, with reverence and confidence. Well done everyone!



Reconciliation Service

This week, our school community gathered for a special Lenten Reconciliation Liturgy, prayerfully led by members of the School Cabinet. The liturgy began with the hymn Here I Am to Worship and a welcome reminding us that Lent is a time to slow down, reflect, and turn our hearts back to God, who loves us and always welcomes us when we are sorry.

We listened to a reading from the prophet Joel, which reminded us of God's mercy and loving invitation to return to Him, and the Gospel story of Jesus in the desert, where he faced temptation but chose to remain faithful to God. This helped us reflect on how we can make the right choices, even when it is difficult.



Through prayer, music, and a quiet examination of conscience, pupils were invited to reflect on their actions and ask for God's forgiveness. After praying the Act of Sorrow together, pupils returned to their classes to write their own "Sorry Prayers", which were placed prayerfully at the foot of the crucifix or on class prayer tables.

We thank the School Cabinet for leading the liturgy so thoughtfully and helping the whole school community reflect on God's mercy during this Lenten season.

Dates for the Diary



March

16th – Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight
 16th – CAFOD Assembly and Catholic Social Teaching workshops (Years 4 – 6)
18th – Years 1 and 3 Recycling Workshop
18th – Mass for the Feast of St Joseph 2.45pm. All welcome.
 19th – Feast of St Joseph
 23rd – St Joseph’s 100 Club Spring Draw
 23rd – Chaplaincy Government Group to visit Hazelhurst Residential Home
 26th – iRock concert for parents 10am
 27th – Last Day of the Spring Term

April

13th – Pupils return to school for the summer term
23rd – Year 6 Crucial Crew
28th – Colorfoto Class photos

May

4th – Bank Holiday Monday – school is closed
6th – Year 5 Dinas Powys Music Festival – Samba workshop
13th – Catholic Schools Netball Tournament
20th – May Procession and Picnic 3pm. All welcome.
25th – 29th – Half Term

June

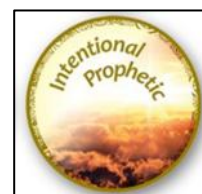
1st – 3rd Year 5 Llangrannog
9th – Years 1 to 6 Sports Day; Rotation activities 9.45am; 12.00 Picnic lunch; 1pm Races
12th – 14th – Year 6 Manor Adventure
16th – Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.45 – 11.45am
26th – F&F Summer Fair
30th – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am

July

1st – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am
7th – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
8th – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
17th – Final Day of the Summer Term for pupils
INSET Day - Monday 20th July

Pupil Profile Virtues – Intentional and Prophetic!

Nursery	Theo Watson	Year 3	Dylan Walsh
Reception	Demi Daly	Year 4	Eldaah Berly
Year 1	Alessio Bremner	Year 5	Charlotte Cummings
Year 2	Benjamin Hooper	Year 6	Elizabeth Yerokun



Weekly Good News Awards



Congratulations to this week’s winners!



Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who show solidarity in their actions; they work well with others, show kindness and generosity, encourage others and look out for others in our community.

Nursery	Frankie Griffiths Freya Watson Zack Eley-Gambling Jaxon Gully	Year 3	Dylan Todd Freya Leonard Smith Gino Meletti-Herniman Lette Quick
Reception	Ada Best Ana Choto Irene Nithin Jorgie Jarvis	Year 4	Marcus Mathew Riju Aika Ferrer Amelia Barber Lana Stolzenberg
Year 1	Millie Haincock Ellen Jones Alana Valvo John Harlow	Year 5	Alice Deacon Layla James Melvyn D’Silva Archie Russell
Year 2	Doris Perkins Zackary Sulley William Hoover Jasper Challis	Year 6	Alys Cirino Ethan Daly Elsie Jeffreys Lucy Terry

**Thank you to everyone who has purchased a gift for our school from the Wishlist!
We are so grateful!**



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£40 single day
£70 both days

EASTER RUGBY CAMP

(AGES 10-15)



Key information

- **Dates:** 9/10th April
- **Timings:** 9am-3pm
- **Location:** St Cyres School, Penarth

Snacks provided at break time.
Each child will need to bring a packed lunch
and water bottle.

To book, contact head coach George Hobbs
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About us

Front Foot Pathways is all about
enjoyment, skills and character
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All of our trusted coaches are DBS
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high level and have years of
experience coaching children.

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