

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



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Enjoying our STEM workshop with Mrs Goodall last Friday!

Message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another busy and enriching week at St Joseph's, with pupils taking part in a range of meaningful learning experiences.

As part of our **Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight**, many pupils have been making active journeys to school—well done to everyone taking part and helping to reduce congestion while keeping healthy. Pupils also engaged in a **CAFOD Assembly and Catholic Social Teaching workshops**, deepening their understanding of how we can care for others and our world. In addition, **Years 1 and 3** took part in a **Recycling Workshop**, learning practical ways to look after our environment.

On **Wednesday**, we celebrated the **Feast of St Joseph** with a whole-school Mass. My thanks to Mgr. Boardman and all the family members who attended. Throughout Wednesday and Thursday, pupils learned more about St Joseph and reflected on his qualities. Each class contributed to a beautiful collaborative piece of artwork by writing these qualities on a lily, symbolising St Joseph and his virtues.

Next week, pupils will take part in our **Holy Week Liturgies**. Although Holy Week falls during the first week of the holidays, it is the most important week in the Church's year. During this time, we remember the events leading to Jesus' death and resurrection.

Throughout the week, pupils will journey with Jesus through these events in a very special and reflective way:

- Waving palms as Jesus enters Jerusalem
- Sharing bread at the Last Supper
- Praying in the Garden of Gethsemane
- Walking with Jesus as He carries the cross
- Receiving a stone at the foot of the cross, which they will later decorate to celebrate the Resurrection

These experiences provide a powerful opportunity for pupils to reflect deeply on the meaning of Holy Week and the hope of Easter.

Finally, if you would still like to donate toiletries for the elderly, our final collection date is on Monday.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



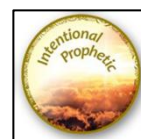
This week, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph. Let us pray to Saint Joseph for his help in all our work at St Joseph's. Let us ask him to protect and pray for all members of St Joseph's school community.

Say this prayer together:

Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to listen and trust in our dreams.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to be aware
and respond to what is happening in our world.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to be holy.
Lord, just like St Joseph, help us to teach and help others more.
Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to be warm and caring to others.
Lord, just like St Joseph,
help us to find peace and strength in you.
Lord, help us to follow the example of our school saint,
St Joseph.

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



Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	83%	0.00%
Year 1	71.74%	0.00%
Year 2	94.44%	0.56%
Year 3	95.33%	0.00%
Year 4	94.83%	0.34%
Year 5	92.19%	0.00%
Year 6	95.16%	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.



Big Walk and Wheel

Led by the Health and Wellbeing Government Group we are currently asking all our children and their families to get involved with the, **'Big Walk and Wheel.'**

Please encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. You could also part drive, park up safely and choose an active way of travelling to school. Even just one day makes a difference!

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside our school gates.

We will record all our results for each class to find out which class were the most active over the two weeks!

From the Health and Wellbeing Government Group



Celebrating the Feast of St Joseph



This week, our school community came together to celebrate the Feast Day of our patron saint, St Joseph. The day was a joyful opportunity for pupils to reflect on the life and example of St Joseph—his faith, humility, courage and dedication to God and his family.

Throughout the week, classes took part in a range of activities to deepen their understanding of St Joseph. Pupils explored his role as a loving father and a hardworking carpenter, reflecting on how his qualities can inspire us in our own lives. Creative activities, prayer, and discussion helped children to think about how they can follow his example by showing kindness, trust and perseverance.

On Wednesday afternoon, we gathered together for a beautiful whole-school Mass. During the celebration, we prayed for our school community and asked St Joseph to guide and protect us in all that we do. Each class brought a special offering, symbolising the many ways we can honour his life and values.

The Mass reminded us that St Joseph is a model of faith and service - someone who listened to God and responded with trust and love. As a school family, we continue to look to him as an inspiration, striving to live out these virtues each day.

CAFOD Assembly and Catholic Social Teaching workshops

This week, we were delighted to welcome visitors from CAFOD, who shared their knowledge and insight into the invaluable work the organisation carries out to support communities around the world. Their visit provided a meaningful opportunity for our pupils to learn more about global responsibility and the ways in which we can all contribute to making a difference.

Pupils in Years 4 and 6 took part in engaging workshops, where they explored CAFOD's projects in greater depth. Through these sessions, they developed a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by communities globally and the importance of working together to bring about positive change. Meanwhile, the whole school gathered for a special assembly, where CAFOD's mission and the values underpinning their work were shared and celebrated.



During the workshops, pupils considered how charitable donations are used in real-life contexts. They explored project budgets, discussed the costs involved in different initiatives, and reflected on how funds can be allocated to achieve the greatest impact. Year 6 pupils were challenged to manage a budget of their own, deciding how best to distribute funds across a range of projects. They demonstrated thoughtful decision-making, justifying their choices and carefully considering how their allocations could support communities in need.

This inspiring visit has helped our pupils to recognise that even small actions can make a big difference, reinforcing our shared commitment to care for others and the wider world.

Dates for the Diary



March

23rd - Big Walk and Wheel continues
 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 - Home Clothes Day

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

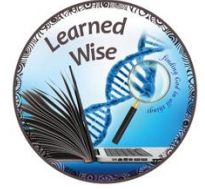
1st - 3rd Year 5 Llangrannog
 9th - Years 1 to 6 Sports Day; Rotation activities 9.45am; 12.00 Picnic lunch; 1pm Races
 12th - 14th - Year 6 Manor Adventure
 16th - Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.45 - 11.45am
 26th - F&F Summer Fair
 30th - Nursery - Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am

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 – Learned and Wise!



Nursery	Sophia Sulley	Year 3	Seren Griffiths
Reception	Joel Obanya	Year 4	Caleb Cummings
Year 1	Archie Barber	Year 5	Annabelle Hoover
Year 2	Xavier Buinimasi	Year 6	Layla Knapper

Weekly Good News Awards



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who follow the example of St Joseph and are caring, loving, honest, compassionate, understanding, hardworking and faithful.

Nursery	Aleri Davies Delilah Carroll Ella McNamara Jonah Morgans	Year 3	Nate Mercer Charlie Moreton John Murray Cora Spear
Reception	Roman Pugsley Thea-Rose Baker Mia Dos Santos De Jesus Livvy Stolzenberg	Year 4	Elinor Perkins Aika Ferrer Tomos Parker Noah Davies
Year 1	Osian Whittaker Roman Daly Sophia Burnett Cara Pegg	Year 5	Esmail O'Grady Emily Deacon Finley Todd Stanley Best
Year 2	Stanley Hawkins Isla-Mae Hilliard Benjamin Hooper Elise Knapper	Year 6	Leilani Goodall Izzy Cheetham Ashton Ruckley Joseph Walsh

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

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1DV80IY3HZKK0/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex



New QR Code



£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.

About us

Front Foot Pathways is all about enjoyment, skills and character development.

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