



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

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*Congratulations
to the school choir
who performed
wonderfully at the
St Augustine's
Christmas Tree
Festival on
Saturday.*

*You were all
fantastic!*



Message from Mrs Taylor

This week is the second week of Advent and in our liturgy on Monday we heard how John the Baptist, a prophet who wanted to tell everybody the good news of God's love, told the people to 'Prepare a way for the Lord!' We thought about what it meant to prepare a way for the Lord and how Christians do this during Advent.

A massive 'Thank you!' to our Friends and Family Team for their hard work in organising the Christmas Fair and to you all for supporting this wonderful celebration. It was a great success and I hope all who came enjoyed it.

This week, the pupils have been working hard on their Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge including learning about the roles and responsibilities of running a business, the importance of working out profit and loss and creating an advert for their products. This year's Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Catalogue will be sent home by email today. Money to purchase one of your children's products can be sent into school in a clearly marked envelope from Monday. The remaining products, for all classes, will be available to purchase at the **Christmas Market next Monday 15th December from 3.00pm-4.30pm in the school hall**. Pupils can also bring in their own money to purchase items from other classes at the market from 2.00pm. We hope to see many of you there.

This week, the Year 1 and 2 pupils were amazing in their production of 'Hey Ewe!' – we were so proud of them. My thanks to all the teaching staff and those at home who supported the pupils in learning their lines, providing costumes and practising the songs. Diolch yn fawr!

Also this week, our Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration was a wonderful opportunity for families to see their children sing some fantastic Christmas songs and take part in some Christmas crafts together. Thank you everyone who was able to attend.

This **Sunday 14th December**, we hold our annual Advent Service in St Joseph's Catholic Church at **2pm**. The service is led by years 3 and 4, with the choir supported by Years 5 and 6 and any younger siblings who would like to join us.
All are welcome.

Take care and God Bless – Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Some people thought that John the Baptist was the Messiah. People came from miles around to hear him preach and to be baptised. John baptised people in the river Jordan. When the one being baptised rises from the water, their first breath is like a new first breath of their life. They have repented and have new life with God. When we repent, we say sorry for the times we have not lived in the way Jesus wants us to.

Say this prayer together:

Merciful Father,
I am sorry for the times when I do things
that I know are wrong.
Fill me with Your spirit, so that I may follow Jesus always.
Help me to live with Jesus in my heart.
Help me to stay awake and be ready for His coming.
Amen.

Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity



This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, '**Human Dignity**'.

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. Care for each other, help those in need, and stand up for what is right, just like Jesus taught us.

Attendance

Well done to Year 6 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

This week's attendance figures for each class are:

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	81.62%	0.00%
Year 1	88.6%	0.44%
Year 2	91.76%	1.18%
Year 3	88.33%	0.67%
Year 4	94.14%	0.34%
Year 5	88.67%	1.00%
Year 6	95.16%	0.32%



FINAL WEEK OF TERM REMINDERS



Monday	Christmas Market – families invited from 3pm
Tuesday	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – Pupils are able to bring in items to decorate the dinner table.
Wednesday	Christingle Service for pupils 11am
Thursday	F&F Scavenger Hunt
Friday	Last Day of Term Home Clothes Day F&F Christmas Disco from 1.30pm

Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term, we focused on the virtues of **learned** and **wise** 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 . . .

learned, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

To be educated is to be learned – to know about God's creation and about people who are part of it. But facts and skills are of little value unless we have wisdom also – the ability to see what is important and what is not.

As part of our Pupil Profile virtues celebration, the children shared a range of thoughtful reflection activities based on being learned and wise. For example, by making Advent promises, role playing scripture, creating a learned and wise dance, presenting their research about Pope Leo, making word clouds and posters as well as sharing the meaning of being learned and wise through our Advent service and nativity concerts. Da iawn pawb!

Congratulations to this half term's Pupil Profile certificate winners!



Years 1 and 2 'Hey Ewe!'

The pupils in Years 1 and 2 were fantastic this week in their Christmas Concert, 'Hey Ewe!' You sang, danced and acted wonderfully. We were so proud of you. Thank you to the staff for all their hard work in preparing the children. Da iawn pawb!



Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration

It was wonderful to welcome family members from our Nursery and Reception classes this week for their Christmas celebration. We hope you enjoyed hearing the pupils sing the Christmas songs they have been learning and making Christmas crafts together.



Dates for the Diary



December

14th – Advent Service (Led by Years 3 and 4 and supported by Years 5 and 6) – 2pm, St Joseph's RC Church. All welcome.

15th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw – See ParentPay for details

15th – Choir to sing at Parkside House Residential Home

15th – Creative and Enterprising Challenge Christmas Market, School Hall, 3.00pm – 4.30pm. Money to purchase one of your children's products can also be sent into school in a clearly marked envelope. Pupils can also bring in their own money to purchase items at the market from 2.00pm.

16th – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day – Pupils are able to bring in items to decorate the dinner table.

December

17th – Reception – Year 6: Christingle Service led by the Chaplaincy Government Group.

18th – F&F Christmas Scavenger Hunt

19th – Final Day of the Autumn Term – Home Clothes Day

19th – F&F Christmas Disco (during school time)

January

5th - INSET Day

6th – First Day back for Pupils

11th – Joint Youth Mass with St Richard Gwyn High School, St Joseph's RC Church, 9.30am to celebrate the end of the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Four Purposes of the Curriculum –Enterprising and Creative Contributors!

Nursery	Ethan Adekunle	Year 3	David Robin Abraham
Reception	Ana Choto	Year 4	Aika Ferrer
Year 1	Erin Spear	Year 5	Alice Deacon
Year 2	Elise Knapper	Year 6	Izzy Cheetham



Weekly Good News Awards

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who are growing in the virtues of learned and wise; they find God in all things and are wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good of others.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Aleri Davies Zachaey Eley-Gambling Theo Watson Jonah Morgans	Year 3	Sienna Wilkinson Olivia Bounds Aleia Goodall Nate Mercer
Reception	Zakariya Varma Livvy Stolzenberg Joel Obanya Moli Newton Walker	Year 4	Andrea Nithin Tomos Parker Dylan Carroll Erin Griffiths
Year 1	Evana Jaison Emelio Aviles Alana Valvo Millie Haincock	Year 5	Mirabelle Challis Jax Perkins Eva Shrubsole Lucas Bartlett
Year 2	Mia Watts Hallie Ayres Stream-Rose Kingsley Cooling Stanley Hawkins	Year 6	Reuben Griffiths Manuel Jojan Kayleigh Jay Solomon Elsie Jeffreys