

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



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Year 6 really enjoyed their visit from Animal Zone as part of the Rainforests Domain.



Message from Mrs Taylor

We have had a wonderful end to the Spring Term. This week, our pupils took part in our *Living Liturgies*, where they journeyed with Jesus through the events of **Holy Week**. Using our beautiful school grounds, the children were immersed in these sacred moments—waving palms as Jesus entered Jerusalem, sharing bread at the Last Supper in the hall, praying in our woods as we reflected on the Garden of Gethsemane, walking with Jesus as He carried the cross across the field and amphitheatre and finally celebrating His resurrection with streamers and decorated stones as we joyfully sang “*Alive, alive, alive for evermore!*” You can read more about these special liturgies below.

In **RE learning** this week:

- **Nursery** enjoyed Easter bingo, an egg hunt, and making Easter cards.
- **Reception** sequenced and retold the Easter story.
- **Year 1** explored the story of the Resurrection.
- **Year 2** learned about the Easter Vigil Mass.
- **Year 3** created leaflets about First Holy Communion.
- **Year 4** showed their understanding of the *Judgement of the Nations*.
- **Year 5** studied the Stations of the Cross and reflected on the Big Question, “*What is prayer?*”
- **Year 6** explored the meaning of Maundy Thursday.

Alongside this, pupils continued to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel challenge, and our Chaplaincy Government Group visited Hazelhurst Residential Home to share the toiletries generously donated by our families. We also enjoyed a fantastic iRock concert for parents on Thursday, and today we marked the end of term with a home-clothes day.

A special thank you to our wonderful Friends and Family Team, who kindly provided every child with an Easter egg to celebrate the end of the term.

I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 13th April.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



**Pasg Hapus Pawb!
Happy Easter everyone!**

Next Sunday 20th April is Easter Sunday. Let us live the joy of Easter throughout Eastertide!

Let us pray:

Lord,
Help us to recognise the risen Christ.
We see him in all those around us every day.
Help us all to grow in God’s image every day.
Help us to spread the Good News and in return we will all rise again to a new life.
Amen

Attendance

This week’s attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to year 6 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	90.95%	0.00%
Year 1	73.91%	0.00%
Year 2	90.00%	0.56%
Year 3	84.00%	1.67%
Year 4	86.21%	0.00%
Year 5	92.5%	1.25%
Year 6	96.13%	0.00%



Holy Week and Easter 2026
St Joseph's and St Mary's Parish
Penarth and Dinas Powys

Palm Sunday (28th/29th March)

Weekend Masses are at 5.00 pm (Sat) St Joseph's; 9.30 am (Sun) St Joseph's 11.15 am (Sun) St Mary's

The Sacred Triduum Maundy Thursday (2nd April)

7.30 pm Mass of The Lords Supper - St Joseph's (followed by Altar of Repose until 10.00 pm)

Good Friday (3rd April)

3.00 pm Solemn Liturgy - St Joseph's

Holy Saturday (4th April)

Morning: Sacrament of Reconciliation St Joseph's 10.00 am – 11.00 am

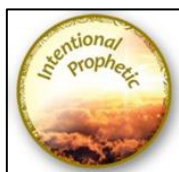
Evening: 8.30 pm St Joseph's Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday (5th April)

9.30 am St Joseph's; 11.15 am St Mary's



Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we focused 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.

During our Pupil Profile celebration this week, the pupils shared the different ways they had been **intentional** and **prophetic** this half term including creating Lenten promises, donating toiletries to the vulnerable in the community, preparing for our Holy Week Liturgies making posters to show the spiritual mercy of CAFOD, creating actions to do during Lent, using artwork to express what it means to be intentional and prophetic, role playing scripture, sharing ways they can be a light to others and writing prayers to St Joseph asking for his guidance.



Congratulations to the winners of the Intentional and Prophetic certificates!

Happy Easter from F+F!



Every pupil will bring home an Easter treat today donated by the F&F team. Thank you for all of your support!

Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday

This week, Years 1 and 2 led us in our Palm Sunday Living Liturgy. We remembered how Jesus came into Jerusalem, riding on a donkey. The crowd waved their palms and shouted 'Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' They shouted 'Hosanna!' a Hebrew word that means 'Save!' because they knew that Jesus had come to save them. We all shouted Hosanna and waved our palms.



Maundy Thursday

Year 6 led us in our Maundy Thursday Living Liturgy. We remembered how, before sitting down for the Passover meal, Jesus washed the feet of his disciples giving us an example of how we should serve others. We then remembered the words of Jesus at the Last Supper when he gave us his body and blood and shared bread together. Finally, we joined Jesus in prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and watched as he was arrested by the soldiers.



Good Friday

On Thursday, Year 5 led us in our Good Friday Living Liturgy. We followed Jesus after his arrest as he was questioned by Pilate and Herod and condemned to death. The crowd shouted 'Crucify Him! Crucify Him!' We walked with Jesus as He carried his cross, falling 3 times, meeting his mother Mary and Veronica in the crowd and when the soldiers stripped him of his garments. Finally, He was nailed to the cross. He said, 'Forgive them Lord. They do not know what they are doing' and he died.



Easter Sunday

Finally, Years 3 and 4 led us in our Easter Sunday Living Liturgy. We joined the women as they entered the tomb to find that Jesus was gone. The angel appeared and proclaimed, 'Do not be afraid! Jesus is Risen!' We all shouted 'Alleluia!' We laid our decorated stones on the tomb as we sang 'Alive, Alive, Alive for evermore!' We will place our decorated stones in the prayer garden after Easter to remind us of the good news that Jesus has risen from the dead.



Dates for the Diary



April

13th – Pupils return to school for the summer term
 14th – Diversity Government Group to St Richard Gwyn –
 Becoming a School of Sanctuary
 1th – Year 4 Educational Visit to Brecon Beacons
 23rd – Year 6 Crucial Crew
 28th – Colorfoto Class photos
 29th – Years 4 – 6 Author Visit: Catherine Fisher: The
 Candleman

May

4th – Bank Holiday Monday – school is closed
 5th – St Joseph's Before School Wrap Around provision begins
 6th – Year 5 Dinas Powys Music Festival – Samba workshop
 13th – Catholic Schools Netball Tournament
 19th – 22nd May Year 6 Cycling
 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 –Grateful and Generous!

Nursery	Aleri Davies	Year 3	Gino Meletti-Herniman
Reception	Livvy Stolzenberg	Year 4	Noah Davies
Year 1	Harri Dibble	Year 5	Ava Morgan
Year 2	Zackary Sulley	Year 6	Reuben Griffiths



Weekly Good News Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have shown the virtues of faith, hope and love during Lent.

Nursery	Jaxon Gully Shen Kelly Jacob Murray Henry Jenkins	Year 3	Freyja Leonard-Smith Lette Quick Olivia Bounds Dylan Walsh
Reception	Margot Drake Zain El Hammoud Grace McDermid Joel Obanya	Year 4	Ffion Parker Caleb Cummings Eldaah Berly Dylan Carroll
Year 1	Regan Ruckley Evana Jaison Alana Valvo Milo Mulchonick	Year 5	Eva Shrubsole Olivia Buinimasi Alphonsa Manayani Lucas Bartlett
Year 2	Carter Bartlett Mia Watts Alfie Langley Hallie Ayres	Year 6	Elizabeth Yerokun Kayleigh Solomon Archie Jones Manuel Jojan

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



Did you know....



...The F&F money raised support the school each year by

- ✓ Providing **£2000** a year towards classroom stationery
- ✓ Paying for the autumn term of Year 1 violin lessons **£500**
- ✓ Supporting Year 4 swimming lessons **£650**
- ✓ XL workshops for the Whole School **£600**
- ✓ **£100** per class to reduce the cost of educational visits



The vision going forward includes...

- ✓ Buying additional football nets for the junior field
- ✓ New Bikes
- ✓ Outdoor library bookcase
- ✓ Picnic benches for infant playground
- ✓ Additional 5m climbing wall
- ✓ Bike racks



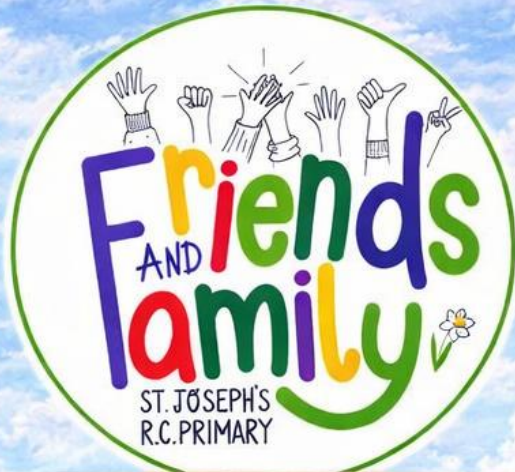
And hopefully in the future on a larger scale of projects...

- ✓ providing an all-weather surface on the infant playground grass
- ✓ Providing additional educational aids for the nature garden/
providing a garden of learning/possible pathways



And as always providing fun events throughout the year for the children!

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From the whole of the F&F team,

we hope you have a

Wonderful
Easter Break and

your children have enjoyed

their **Easter eggs** from F&F

Join us for...



EARLY BREAKFAST CLUB

7:30 -
8:50am

Busy mornings? Give your child a calm, happy start to the day

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Games, Lego and puzzles
- Arts and crafts
- Healthy breakfast with fruit, cereal and toast
- Led by Mrs Peach



HOW TO BOOK

- £7 per session
- Starts May 6
- Book regular sessions or ad-hoc days via ParentPay



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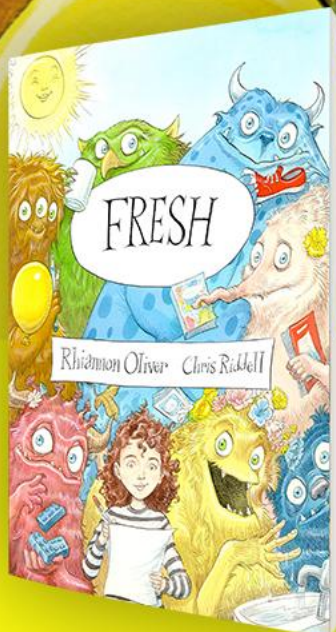
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FROM CHRIS RIDDELL
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