

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



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Message from Mrs Taylor

It has been a wonderful week of learning as each class has begun their new **Domain Topic** for the term. Pupils are already showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they immerse themselves in new areas of study:

- **Nursery & Reception:** *What's in the Garden?*
- **Year 1:** *Prehistoric Britain*
- **Year 2:** *Celts and Romans*
- **Year 3:** *Ancient Greeks*
- **Year 4:** *Vikings*
- **Year 5:** *The Industrial Revolution*
- **Year 6:** *Early 20th Century*

In **Maths** this week:

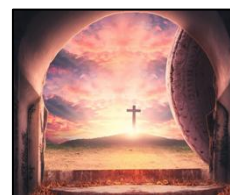
- **Nursery** explored repeated patterns.
- **Reception** recognised, ordered, and wrote teen numbers.
- **Year 1** began learning about multiplication.
- **Year 2** explored division by 10.
- **Year 3** measured length and perimeter.
- **Year 4** developed their understanding of decimals as fractions.
- **Years 5 and 6** focused on shape, including triangles and angles.

During our **Act of Worship** this week, we reflected on the story of the **Road to Emmaus**. We invited the children to imagine walking alongside the two apostles who felt sad and confused after Jesus' death. As they journeyed, Jesus came close and walked with them, although they did not recognise Him at first. Together, we explored how we can sometimes feel worried, lonely, or uncertain, but just like the disciples on the road, Jesus is always beside us, even when we do not realise it. When the apostles shared a meal with Jesus, their eyes were opened, and they recognised Him, filling them with joy and hope.

As we continue our own journeys, we are reminded:
You are never alone. Jesus walks with you.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Let us pray together:

Lord Jesus,
we give thanks for your life, death,
and resurrection.
We thank you for your love and
for giving us eternal life.
We pray that you will help us to follow you
with our hearts always.
Amen

St Joseph's Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focussing on the virtues of 'grateful and generous' 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
Grateful and Generous

To be **GRATEFUL** is to always appreciate the gifts and blessings we have been given.

To be **GENEROUS** is to give something to someone else, to share with someone else, willingly and happily, without expecting anything in return.

Attendance

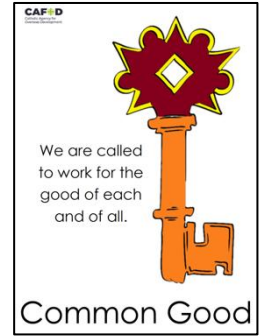
This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to year 5 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	91.5%	0.5%
Year 1	88.33%	0.00%
Year 2	87.78%	0.00%
Year 3	94.64%	0.00%
Year 4	92.76%	0.00%
Year 5	99.06%	0.31%
Year 6	90.32%	0.00%



Catholic Social Teaching – The Common Good

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, 'The common good means working together for the benefit of everyone, ensuring no one is left behind. It's about respecting the rights and responsibilities of all people and recognising that we're all connected.'



At school, we can live out the common good by including everyone in activities, helping each other, and behaving in a way that allows all to learn and grow. At home, we can show care by helping out, recycling, and respecting the environment.

Every little act of kindness contributes to the common good, and together, our actions can make a big difference.

Prayer Bags



We will be continuing to send home the Prayer Bags this term. Your child may receive a yellow Easter Prayer Bag or, during the month of May, a blue Mary Prayer Bag, as we particularly remember Mary, the mother of Jesus, during May. They will bring the Prayer Bag home to you for two nights to pray with. Once it is returned, the bag will then get passed on to another family. We would ask that you please take care of these bags as they are special and will be something that will unify the families in each class and across the whole school. We hope that you will enjoy the opportunity to spend time praying together as a family.

Chaplaincy Team – SVP Event



On Wednesday, the Chaplaincy Team went to the St Richard Gwyn SVP event for the St Vincent De Paul Society at St Helen's Parish Hall this week. The children shared what they have been doing to support the community and their role as Mini Vinnies. It was a joy to see the community come together and support each other. There was music to listen to, activities to take part in and for the team to meet other Chaplaincy members at St Helen's school and St Richard Gwyn. 'Da iawn pawb' a 'Diolch yn fawr' for all you do to support the most vulnerable in our community.

Dates for the Diary



April

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 – Years 4 and 5 Dinas Powys Music Festival – Samba workshop
 13th – Catholic Schools Netball Tournament
14th – Nursery and Reception Educational Visit to Porthkerry
15th – Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day
 19th – 22nd May Year 6 Cycling
 20th – May Procession and Picnic 3pm. All welcome.
21st – Year 5 Educational Visit to Rhondda Heritage Park

25th – 29th – Half Term

June

1st – 3rd Year 5 Llangrannog
4th – Year 1 Educational Visit to Fonmon Castle
 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 – Faith filled and Hopeful!

Nursery	Freya Watson	Year 3	Albie Todd
Reception	Ada Best	Year 4	Amelia Williams
Year 1	Millie Haincock	Year 5	Eva Shrubsole
Year 2	Doris Perkins	Year 6	Cory Howard



Weekly Good News Awards

Congratulations to this week’s winners!

Mrs Taylor’s Good News stickers are for pupils who are growing in confidence when solving mathematics problems – they select resources to help them, suggest the steps to take and choose the appropriate strategy to find the solution.



Nursery	Rowan Keenan Shen Kelly Zach Eley – Gambling Harry Wareham	Year 3	Dylan Walsh Sienna Wilkinson Lette Quick Molly Dix
Reception	Lily Davey Irene Nithin Oscar Murphy-Newport Joel Obanya	Year 4	Ollie Jarvis Amelia Barber Daisy Davey Noah Ford
Year 1	Roman Daly John Harlow Evana Jaison Osian Whittaker	Year 5	Steve Robin Abraham Dylan Wareham Isobella Ward Antonio Aviles-Richardson
Year 2	Carter Bartlett Isla-Mae Hilliard Ben Hooper Stream Rose Kingsley Cooling	Year 6	Dylan Dos Santos Aoife Burge Bobby Sawyer Macsen Blyth-Harper



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SAT 2 MAY 2026

12pm - 3pm

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