

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



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Pupils in Years 4- 6 thoroughly enjoyed the author Catherine Fisher's workshop in school this week.



Message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another positive and busy week at St Joseph's, with pupils continuing to learn, grow, and live out our school values each day. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically in their learning and enjoying time together both in and beyond the classroom. Don't forget to follow us on Instagram @stjpenarth, where we regularly share updates, celebrations, and photographs of school life.

In our Act of Worship this week, we reflected on Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Just as a shepherd lovingly cares for and protects his sheep, Jesus watches over us and guides us with love. We thought about how Jesus used His voice to teach, heal, encourage, and bring hope to others. Today, we continue to hear His voice when we follow His commandment: *"Love one another as I have loved you."* We listen to Jesus and follow Him when we show kindness, care for others, and serve those around us.

Looking ahead, we are very much looking forward to our annual **May Procession** on **Wednesday 20th May at 3.00 p.m.**, which will take place around the school grounds in honour of Our Lady. Families and friends of the school are warmly invited to join us for this special celebration, followed by our **Family Picnic** on the school field from **4.00-5.30 p.m.** Families are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, and picnic food to enjoy together. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult during this event. If you are unable to attend, children should be collected at the usual time of **3.55 p.m.**

Also coming up:

- **Friday 15th May – Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day** (details below)

Finally, I would also like to remind families that, if you need to collect your child early from school, you must inform the school office and provide a reason for the early collection. Pupils are entitled to full-time education and should remain in school until **3.55 p.m.**, unless alternative arrangements have been agreed in advance.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life.
Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



Remembering our blessed Mother during May, please pray this litany for Mary with your child this week:

gweddia drosom ni/ pray for us

Mary so happy: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so patient: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so hopeful: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so wonderful: gweddia drosom ni
Mary so courageous: gweddia drosom ni
Mary, Queen of Heaven: gweddia drosom ni
Mary, Mother of God: gweddia drosom ni.

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

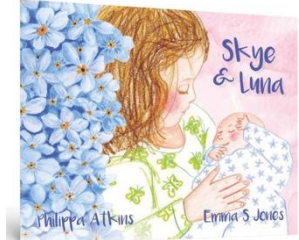
Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	89.5%	0.00%
Year 1	89.17%	0.42%
Year 2	87.63%	1.08%
Year 3	97.86%	0.71%
Year 4	93.79%	0.34%
Year 5	93.44%	0.31%
Year 6	95.48%	0.32%



Thank you!



A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our **Martha's Dancing Heart Day** - we raised a fantastic **£270** and had a lot of fun dancing! The money raised will be split between The Welsh Heart's Children's Charity and Luna's Light CIC. Luna's Light provides creative ways to remember tiny lives, and their book 'Skye & Luna' (in Welsh and English) will be available in school for the children to read. It is a beautifully illustrated, locally created, children's book about loss, love and hope.



The Luna's Light Annual Shoreside **Silent Disco** will take place at **Penarth seafront on May 9th** and we have been given a special discount code for 20% off adult tickets if you would like to join in the fun. You can book tickets here <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/lunas-light> and use the code **SCHOOLS20**.

More details about the Disco can be found on the poster below.

Before School Wrap Around Provision



We're pleased to share that from **6 May 2026**, our before-school wraparound provision, currently provided by Nightingales

Nursery, will be brought **in-house and run directly by the school**.

Our **Early Breakfast Club** will run from **7:30am – 8:50am**, at a cost of **£7 per session**. It offers a calm, safe and enjoyable start, so children feel settled and ready for the school day.

We'd love to welcome more children to the club and support busy families with a reliable childcare option in a familiar setting.

Booking is now available via ParentPay, with options for both regular and ad-hoc sessions.

If you have any questions or need help with booking, please contact the school office on 029 2070 2864 or office@stjosephsrcadmin.com

Please note:

- The 8:30am – 8:50am club will continue at £1 per session
- Free breakfast provision will also continue from 8:50am – 9:20am

Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day – Friday 15th May



On **Friday 15th May**, we will celebrate Seren a Sbarc Day. Seren a Sbarc are our Siarter Iaith Welsh superheroes who help us to speak Welsh.

Pupils are invited to come to school dressed as a **superhero or in home-clothes with something red**, if possible.

Throughout the day, the pupils will take part in a variety of activities including learning the Seren and Sbarc song, listening to the Miwsig y Siarter Iaith playlist, drawing the Seren a Sbarc superheroes, creating comic strips, writing their own song, poem or rap and playing Welsh playground games.



Seren a Sbarc Day 2025

Dates for the Diary



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 – Home clothes
 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

June

8th – 12th – **Healthy and Confident Week**
 15th – 19th – **Refugee Week**
 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
 24th – **Year 6 Cluster Leavers' Mass - Cathedral 10.30am**
 25th – **Cardiff City Primary Stars Programme begins (Years 3 -6)**
 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
 10th – **Rhiannon Oliver Author Visit**
 13th – **Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.45pm**
 17th – Final Day of the Summer Term for pupils

INSET Day - Monday 20th July

Pupil Profile Virtues – Curious and Active!

Nursery	Esmae Flavin	Year 3	Charlie Moreton
Reception	Roman Pugsley	Year 4	Dylan Carroll
Year 1	Joey Lyle	Year 5	Archie Russell
Year 2	Mia Watts	Year 6	Ashton Ruckley



Weekly Good News Awards

Congratulations to this week's winners!

Mrs Taylor's Good News stickers are for pupils who have made excellent progress in spelling. From simple CVC words to words with silent letters and those with prefixes and suffixes.

Nursery	Jacob Murray Frankie Griffiths Shen Kelly Ella McNamara	Year 3	Dylan Todd Alayna Jubin Molly Dix Aleia Goodall
Reception	Oakley Jones Zain El Hammond Ada Best Livvy Stolzenberg	Year 4	Aika Ferrer Elisabeth Goma Camps Jaimes Ayana Varma Flossie Abbott
Year 1	Erin Spear Regan Ruckley Maxi McAuley Milo Mulchinock	Year 5	Finley Todd Stanley Best Mirabelle Challis Sonny-Rae Flavin
Year 2	Xavier Buinimasi Hallie Ayres Elise Knapper Alfie Langley	Year 6	Martha Graham Lina Jay Izzy Cheetham Joey Burnett





Luna's Light

SHORESIDE SILENT DISCO

9TH MAY 6-8PM

PENARTH SEAFRONT, RNLI SLIPWAY

FIRESIDE S'MORES, REFRESHMENTS ON SALE,
ALL PROFITS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING FAMILIES EXPERIENCING CHILDLLOSS



LUNA'S LIGHT APPEAL STARTED AS A WAY FOR ONE FAMILY TO HONOUR THEIR BABY LUNA BY HELPING OTHERS FIND WORDS, HOPE, AND CONNECTION THROUGH THE CHILDREN'S BOOK 'SKYE & LUNA'. WE BEGAN WITH PRINTING THE FIRST BOOKS AND SINCE THEN LUNA'S LIGHT HAS GROWN INTO A MOVEMENT OF COMPASSION FOR FAMILIES FACING BABY LOSS.

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA THE LINK AND THE QR CODE

ADULTS £10, CHILDREN 5-16 £5, 0-4 FOC

A TICKET FREE WILL BE ADDED AT PURCHASE

TICKET INCLUDES HEADSETS (NOT AVAILABLE FOR UNDER 4S)

AND FIRESIDE S'MORES

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EXTRA COST

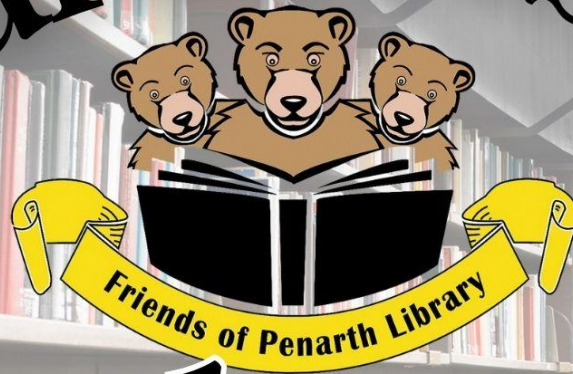


IMAGE @HALFWIT05



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Penarth Library



Cake & Book Sale Saturday

16th May 2026

10.00-12.00

T:02920 708438



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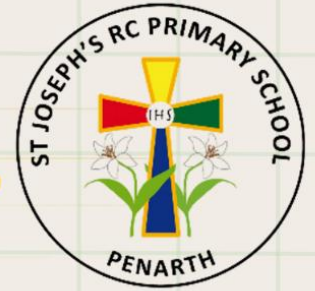


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Join us for...



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

