

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



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Pupils in Years 4 and 5 enjoying their Samba Workshop as part of the Dinas Powys Music Festival.



Message from Mrs Taylor

I hope you all had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Despite it being a shorter, four-day week, we have achieved a great deal across the school. This week, Years 3 and 5 visited St Joseph's RC Church to celebrate Mass together, while pupils in Nursery to Year 2 began learning songs for their upcoming Celebration of Music and Dance in July. Our Years 4 and 5 pupils also enjoyed an energetic and engaging Samba workshop as part of the Dinas Powys Music Festival.

We were also pleased to welcome our Governors into school for a self-evaluation afternoon. During the visit, members of the School Cabinet confidently shared a presentation celebrating the school's achievements so far this year, along with their hopes and priorities for the remainder of the summer term. Governors also spent time exploring pupils' progress and learning in Welsh and Maths across the school.

In **English** this week:

- **Nursery** pupils revised Level 2 sounds.
- **Reception** recognised and wrote Level 3 digraphs.
- **Year 1** drafted instructional writing.
- **Year 2** completed their instructions on how to make a Celtic roundhouse.
- **Year 3** identified the features of a newspaper report.
- **Year 4** practised using adverbial phrases of time.
- **Year 5** worked collaboratively to collect and analyse information and evidence.
- **Year 6** explored the language and themes used in their class novel, *Goodnight Mister Tom*.

In my Celebration of the Word this week, we reflected on Jesus' words: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Jesus spoke these words to His friends when they were feeling worried and uncertain. We thought about how we can sometimes feel anxious too — about school, friendships, family, or things we do not understand. During these moments, we are reminded that Jesus walks beside us, listens to our prayers, and fills our hearts with peace and hope.

A reminder that our **Early Breakfast Club** runs from **7.30am–8.50am** at a cost of **£7 per session**. Booking is available via ParentPay, with options for both regular and ad-hoc sessions. Please note that the 8.30am–8.50am Breakfast Club continues at £1 per session, and our free breakfast provision begins at 8.50am.

Take care and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



We continue to remember our blessed Mother Mary during May. At home, say this special prayer to Mary together – the Hail Holy Queen:

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping
in this vale of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.
Pray for us, O holy Mother of God that we may be made
worthy of the promises of Christ.

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

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	95.60%	0.63%
Year 1	89.06%	0.00%
Year 2	93.42%	0.00%
Year 3	97.96%	0.00%
Year 4	100.00%	0.00%
Year 5	94.12%	0.78%
Year 6	98.79%	0.40%



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 2026*

May Procession and Picnic – 20th May



On **Wednesday 20th May at 3.00 p.m.**, we will be holding our annual May Procession around the school grounds in honour of our Lady. All family members and friends of the school are very welcome to join us. Please provide your child with one flower or a small plant that they can process with and lay at the feet of Mary on Wednesday 20th May. Any plants donated will be later planted around our school grounds by pupils in the Gardening Club. Thank you.

Following the May Procession, we are inviting all family members for a Family Picnic. Families are welcome to bring blankets, chairs and a picnic to enjoy on the school field. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to join us for the picnic, your child must be picked up at the usual time of 3.55pm.

Years 1 – 6 Sports Day



This year's Sports Day for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 will take place on **Tuesday 9th June** at St Joseph's RC Primary School. We hope that many parents and carers will be able to join us either for the day, for lunch and/ or for the afternoon track events. Please ensure your child is wearing a T Shirt in their house colour, a sun-hat, sun cream and has a water bottle.

Sports Day will begin at **9.45am** with a rotation of activities in the pupils' house teams. At lunchtime, around **12pm**, pupils will be able to join their parents and carers for lunch on the school field. A picnic can be brought from home and/ or you can order a baguette from the school kitchen for your child. Hot dinners that can be eaten in the hall will also be available. The afternoon track events will begin at **1.00pm**.

The date for **Nursery and Reception Sports Day** is **Tuesday 16th June** from 9.45am – 11.45am.

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Dates for the Diary



May

- 12th – Year 2 Educational Visit to Cardiff Castle
- 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
- 5th – **F&F Sponsored Bounce Event**
- 5th – **World Oceans Day**
- 8th – 12th – Healthy and Confident Week
- 9th – Years 1 to 6 Sports Day; Rotation activities 9.45am; 12.00 Picnic lunch; 1pm Races
- 12th – 14th – Year 6 Manor Adventure

June

- 15th – 19th – Refugee Week
- 18th – Diversity Government Group to Trinity Centre
- 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
- 30th – Years 4- 6 HMRC Tax workshop

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 –Eloquent and Truthful!

Nursery	Theo Watson	Year 3	Aleia Goodall
Reception	Irene Nithin	Year 4	Daisy Davey
Year 1	Evana Jaison	Year 5	Eva Shrubsole
Year 2	Isla-Mae Hilliard	Year 6	Ashton Ruckley



Weekly Good News Awards



This week's Good News stickers are for pupils who have shown great enthusiasm and effort in their Domain learning – learning more about the world in which they live.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Jaxon Gully Ryx Tan Henry Jenkins Sophia Sulley	Year 3	Wyatt Thomas Gino Meletti-Herniman Seren Griffiths Molly Dix
Reception	Thea-Rose Baker Otis Williams Moli Newton-Walker Ada Best	Year 4	Aika Ferrer Lana Stolzenberg Erin Griffiths William Mackie
Year 1	Harri Dibble Alana Valvo Cara Pegg Ellen Jones	Year 5	Annabelle Hoover Antonio Aviles Richardson Ayaansh Prasad Olivia Buinimasi
Year 2	Jasper Challis Afan McAuley William Hoover Theo Davies	Year 6	Jac Newton Walker Lexie Morgan Izzy Cheetham Elizabeth Yerokun




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 CHILDOSS

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 FEE WILL BE ADDED AT PURCHASE
TICKET INCLUDES HEADSETS (NOT AVAILABLE FOR UNDER 15S)
AND FIRESIDE S'MORES
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT EXTRA COST





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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

