

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



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*Congratulations to our netball team for their outstanding performance at the Catholic Schools Netball Tournament.*



15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Message from Mrs Taylor

It has been another busy and exciting week at St Joseph's, with pupils enjoying a range of enriching learning opportunities both in and beyond the classroom.

This week, Year 2 enjoyed an educational visit to Cardiff Castle, where they brought their history learning to life by exploring the castle grounds and discovering more about life in Roman times. Our Nursery and Reception pupils had a wet but wonderful day at Porthkerry Park, enjoying outdoor learning and exploring the natural environment together. We were also very proud of the pupils who represented the school at the Catholic Schools Netball Tournament, showing great teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event. Da iawn as well to everyone who took part in our Seren a Sbarc Welsh Language Day, celebrating and promoting the Welsh language across the school community.

A reminder that our annual **May Procession** will take place on **Wednesday 20th May at 3.00 p.m.** in honour of Our Lady. Please provide your child with one flower or a small plant to process with and lay at the feet of Mary during the celebration. Following the procession, we warmly invite all family members to stay for our **Family Picnic** on the school field. Families are welcome to bring blankets, chairs, and a picnic to enjoy together. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you are unable to attend the picnic, children should be collected at the usual time of **3.55 p.m.**

Looking ahead, our **F&F Sponsored Bounce** will take place on **Friday 5th June**. This is a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for the school and support improvements that will benefit all of our children. Friends and family are invited to sponsor pupils as they complete their bouncing challenges:

- **Nursery & Reception:** Sponsored Bounce
- **Years 1–6:** 100ft inflatable assault course

Bounce, race, and raise! Further details can be found below.

Take care and God bless,  
**Mrs Taylor**

### Prayer of the Week



The Feast of the Ascension was on Thursday this week. This feast is celebrated forty days after Easter Sunday (therefore always on a Thursday). We remember how Jesus told his disciples to go out into the world sharing the good news. Then Jesus was taken to heaven to be with God. We are also called to share the good news of Jesus.

Jesus is Lord in heaven, but he is also Lord in our hearts.

Say this prayer together:

God of light and life,  
we know that your Son Jesus is with us always.  
May we show your love and care for others in all that we do  
so that we may spread your good news.  
Christ Jesus, you sent out your disciples to spread your word.  
Encourage us also to go out and share your good news with  
others  
through our words and our actions.  
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

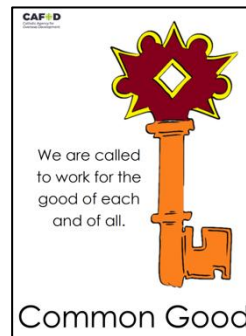
This week's attendance figures for each class are:  
Well done to year 6 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	95.00%	0.00%
Year 1	82.92%	0.83%
Year 2	90.53%	0.53%
Year 3	95.71%	0.36%
Year 4	95.17%	1.03%
Year 5	93.13%	0.00%
Year 6	96.77%	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.

### Years 1 – 6 Sports Day



This year's Sports Day for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 will take place on **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> June** from 9.45am – 11.45am.

### Term Dates 2026 - 2027

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2026/2027

Term	Begin	Half term		End	No. of School Days
		Begin	End		
Autumn 2026	Tue 1 Sept 2026	Monday 26 Oct 2026	Friday 30 Oct 2026	Friday 18 Dec 2026	74
Spring 2027	Monday 4 Jan 2027	Monday 8 Feb 2027	Friday 12 Feb 2027	Friday 19 Mar 2027	50
Summer 2027	Monday 5 April 2027	Monday 31 May 2027	Friday 4 Jun 2027	*Tuesday 20 July 2027	71
TOTAL					195

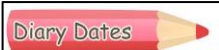
**Tue 1 Sept 2026, Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 July 2027 will be designated INSET days for all LEA Maintained Schools.**

**Pupils will return to school on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.**

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## Dates for the Diary



### May

19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May Year 6 Cycling  
 20<sup>th</sup> – May Procession and Picnic 3pm. All welcome.  
 21<sup>st</sup> – Year 5 Educational Visit to Rhondda Heritage Park

**25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> – Half Term**

### June

1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 5 Llangrannog  
 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Educational Visit to Fonmon Castle  
**5<sup>th</sup> – F&F Sponsored Bounce Event (see poster below)**  
**5<sup>th</sup> – World Oceans Day**  
 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> – Healthy and Confident Week  
 9<sup>th</sup> – Years 1 to 6 Sports Day; Rotation activities 9.45am;  
 12.00 Picnic lunch; 1pm Races  
 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Manor Adventure  
 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Refugee Week  
 16<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.45 – 11.45am

### June

18<sup>th</sup> – Diversity Government Group to Trinity Centre  
 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Cluster Leavers' Mass - Cathedral 10.30am  
 25<sup>th</sup> – Cardiff City Primary Stars Programme begins (Years 3 -6)  
 26<sup>th</sup> – F&F Summer Fair  
 30<sup>th</sup> – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 30<sup>th</sup> – Years 4- 6 HMRC Tax workshop

### July

1<sup>st</sup> – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am  
 7<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm  
 8<sup>th</sup> – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm  
 10<sup>th</sup> – Rhiannon Oliver Author Visit  
**13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.45pm**  
 17<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of the Summer Term for pupils

**INSET Day - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

### Pupil Profile Virtues – Attentive and Discerning!

<b>Nursery</b>	Jonah Morgans	<b>Year 3</b>	John Murray
<b>Reception</b>	Frankie Leach	<b>Year 4</b>	Caleb Cummings
<b>Year 1</b>	Roman Daly	<b>Year 5</b>	Steve Robin Abraham
<b>Year 2</b>	Elliot Morgans	<b>Year 6</b>	Lucy Terry



### Weekly Good News Awards

This week's Good News stickers are for pupils who have grown in confidence using the Welsh language, as we celebrate Seren a Sbarc Day!

**Congratulations to this week's winners!**



<b>Nursery</b>	Aleri Davies Lola Langley Fergus McDermid Freya Watson	<b>Year 3</b>	Seren Griffiths Dylan Todd Dylan Walsh Sienna Wilkinson
<b>Reception</b>	Jorgie Jarvis Margot Drake Mia Dos Santos De Jesus Zakariya Varma	<b>Year 4</b>	Dylan Carroll Tomos Parker Ella Roblin-Richards Scarlett Chan
<b>Year 1</b>	Sophia Burnett Evana Jaison Emilia Aviles Archie Barber	<b>Year 5</b>	Alys Holt Nia Holt Samuel Mba Christian Murray
<b>Year 2</b>	Stanley Hawkins Stream Rose Kingsley Cooling Doris Perkins Xavier Buinimasi	<b>Year 6</b>	Ashton Ruckley Bradleigh Roodhouse Layla Knapper Amelia Davies



**BIG FUN  
BIGGER  
DIFFERENCE!**

**5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**  
**LET'S BOUNCE, RACE & RAISE!**

**NURSERY &  
RECEPTION  
SPONSORED  
BOUNCE!**



**YEAR 1 - YEAR 6  
SPONSORED  
100FT INFLATABLE  
OBSTACLE  
COURSE!**



**HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL  
EVERY BOUNCE. EVERY STEP. EVERY POUND COUNTS!**  
★ **EVENT WITHIN SCHOOL HOURS** ★



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OUR SCHOOL!  
EVERY DONATION  
MAKES A  
DIFFERENCE!** 

**TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE!**