

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



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Pupils at St Joseph's are healthy and confident!



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Message from Mrs Taylor

This year's Sports Day for pupils in Years 1 to 6 took place on Tuesday. We had a fantastic day of fun, games, exercise and competition. We were thrilled that so many of our parents, carers and families were able to join us despite the uncertain weather. A big 'Thank you' to all the staff for their organisation, preparation and hard work on the day and to the Friends and Family Team for providing refreshments. We are now looking forward to our Nursery and Reception Sports Day on Tuesday. A video montage of photos from Sports Day will be made available next week.

The total points and winning house were:

St Tydfil	1927
St Teilo	1981
St Cadoc	1708
St Non	1815

Congratulations to St Teilo house!

In addition, the pupils took part in Healthy and Confident Week with a range of activities in different year groups including cross country, badminton, cricket, football, mini athletics and music and movement. Our Health and Wellbeing Government Group also led our infants in the Four Challenges Competition and our juniors in Catterpillar rounders. A massive 'Thank you' to all involved but particularly to our parents Mr Abbott and Mr Deacon, who led the badminton workshops in Years 2, 3 and 4; to Ms Funsalski for leading our dance workshops; Elin Morgan for running mini athletics and Bethan Shrubsole for the music and movement workshops. I am so grateful for your support.

Next week, we are marking 'Refugee Week' and our Diversity Government Group have planned a variety of activities including leading an assembly, a 'courage' competition and they have invited Oasis Refugee Centre to speak to the pupils about the important work they do.

On Friday, Diversity Government Group are asking us to wear home clothes and to donate toiletries for Trinity Church Refugee Centre as part of our 'Day of Many Colours' celebration. Please make sure the home-clothes worn are suitable for the sponsored bounce!

Take care, and God bless,
Mrs Taylor

Prayer of the Week



In the Catholic Church, June focuses on the 'Sacred Heart of Jesus'. The heart is a symbol of love and this week, as part of our Reconciliation Liturgy, we remembered God's love and mercy for us all. God loves us so much that he sent his Son Jesus, who died for us to save us from sin and give us eternal life.

Say together:

Dear Sacred Heart of Jesus,
I love You so much and I give You my heart.
Help me to love God.
Help me to love my neighbour as a child of God.
Help me to love myself as a child of God.
Amen

Prayer of the Week – Pupil Profile Virtues



This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of 'Attentive and Discerning' as part of our ongoing work to develop the St Joseph's Pupil Profile.

Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School are growing to be:
attentive to their experience and to their vocation;
and **discerning** about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

To be **ATTENTIVE** means that we take the time to NOTICE the big and small things in our lives, each day. We NOTICE how others respond to what we do and say. We PAY ATTENTION and LISTEN to God and others when they are speaking to us. To be **DISCERNING** means that we are able to choose better what is good for us and for others. It helps us to choose God's will for us. It helps us to become the person God has called us to be.

Attendance

This week's attendance figures for each class are:
Well done to year 2 who achieved the highest attendance this week and to all families who arrived at school on time.

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	96.67%	0.00%
Year 1	85.83%	0.83%
Year 2	98.42%	2.11%
Year 3	87.93%	0.34%
Year 4	97.92%	0.00%
Year 5	89.7%	0.61%
Year 6	96.13%	0.00%



Congratulations!



Congratulations to John and Dylan who made their First Holy Communion last Saturday.

We are so proud of you!

Pope John Paul II once wrote about First Holy Communion:
"Dear friends, there is no doubt that an unforgettable meeting with Jesus is First Holy Communion, a day to be remembered as one of life's most beautiful."

"The Eucharist, instituted by Christ as the Last Supper on the night before his passion, is a sacrament of the new covenant, the greatest of the sacraments. In this sacrament, the Lord becomes food for the soul under the appearance of bread and wine."

May the blessings of Christ be upon you always.

Years 1 - 6 Sports Day

We were immensely proud of all our pupils during this year's Years 1–6 Sports Day. The day was filled with energy, enthusiasm, and outstanding displays of teamwork and resilience. The morning began with a rotation of field activities where pupils earned points for their house teams. Children took part in Spot Hop, Hockey Dribble, Bean Bag Throw, Hurdles, Egg and Spoon, and Netball Shoot. Each successful attempt added to their house's total score, and the excitement was clear as children cheered each other on and gave their best effort in every event. In the afternoon, attention turned to the track, with a series of competitive races. Pupils competed in sprints, skipping, sack races, egg and spoon races, and— for Years 5 and 6—the 400m sprint. The winners of each race earned valuable points for their house, and the determination and sportsmanship shown by all was truly inspiring. It was a fantastic day of fun, fitness, and friendly competition. A huge thank you to all staff and supporters who helped make the day a success—and to our pupils, who showed us once again how to compete with courage, kindness, and pride.



Dates for the Diary



June

15th – 19th – Refugee Week
 16th – Nursery and Reception Sports Day 9.45 – 11.45am
 17th – Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 to Mass
 17th – Cardiff and Vale Catholic Social Teaching Celebration
 18th – Diversity Government Group to Trinity Centre
18th - Cardiff City Football Stars Programme continues (Years 3 – 6)
 19th – Day of Many Colours – Home Clothes Day – Donations of toiletries for Trinity Church Refugee Centre
19th - F&F Sponsored Bounce!
 22nd – Nursery and Reception – Ambulance Visit
 24th – Year 6 Cluster Leavers' Mass - Cathedral 10.30am
 24th – Years 1 and 5 to Mass
24th – Reception Class Act of Worship 3.20pm
 25th – Cardiff City Primary Stars Programme begins (Years 3 -6)
 26th – F&F Summer Fair – Home Clothes Day

June

29th – New to Reception 2026 Parents Meeting 4pm
 30th – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am
 30th – Netball and Football Tournament – St Andrew's Major
 30th – Years 4- 6 HMRC Tax workshop
30th – New to Nursery 2026 Parents Meeting 4pm

July

1st – Nursery – Year 2 Celebration of Music and Dance 10am
 6th – Rhiannon Oliver Author Visit and Book Sale from 3.50pm
 7th – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
 8th – Years 5 and 6 Summer Production 6pm
9th - School Choir to perform in the YYD Summer Festival with Aber Valley Male Voice Choir
 13th – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw
 13th – Year 6 Leavers' Mass 2.45pm
 15th – Moving Up Morning
 16th – iRock end of year concert 10am
 17th – Final Day of the Summer Term for pupils
INSET Day - Monday 20th July

Pupil Profile Virtues – Grateful and Generous!

Nursery	Shen Kelly	Year 3	Freyja Leonard Smith
Reception	Demi Daly	Year 4	Daisy Davey
Year 1	Alessio Bremner	Year 5	Esmal O'Grady
Year 2	Hallie Ayres	Year 6	Martha Graham



Weekly Good News Awards



This week's Good News stickers are for pupils who demonstrated excellent talent, effort and sportsmanship on sports day and throughout Healthy and Confident week.



Congratulations to this week's winners!

Nursery	Santino Mifsud Harry Wareham Nancy Perkins Ryx Tan	Year 3	Jackson Ward Oliver Dziedic Alelia Goodall Blossom Ajileye
Reception	Lily Davey Livvy Stolzenberg Jorgie Jarvis Zakariya Varma	Year 4	Noah Davies Eldaah Berly Elisabeth Goma Jaimes Camps Luke Page
Year 1	Harri Dibble John Harlow Regan Ruckley Ellen Jones	Year 5	Antonio Aviles Richardson Emily Deacon Steve Robin-Abraham Lucas Bartlett
Year 2	Isla-Mae Hilliard Mia Watts Lenny Starling Ben Hooper	Year 6	Joseph Walsh Dylan Hooper Lexie Morgan Bobby Sawyer



SPONSORED OBSTACLE COURSE

POSTPONED

★ UNTIL ★

19TH JUNE

DUE TO POOR WEATHER FORECAST.

Apologies in advance
but we hope the
children will look
forward to completing
the course
in a few weeks time!

