



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

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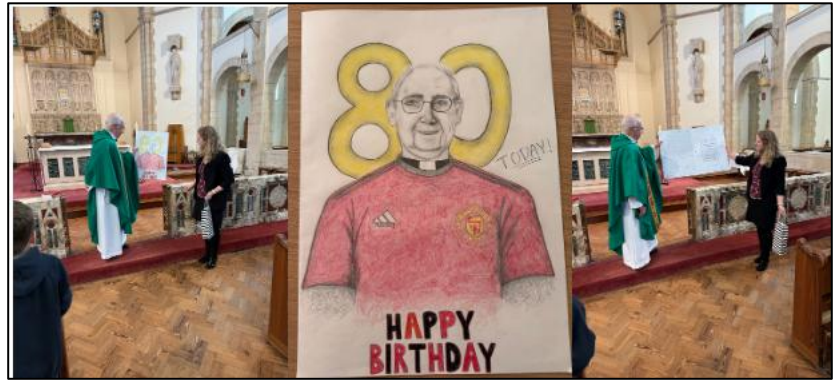
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**21<sup>st</sup> November 2025**



*This week, we wished Mgr. Boardman  
the happiest of 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays.*

**Message from Mrs Taylor**

We've had another fantastic week of rich learning experiences here at school. Year 5 enjoyed an engaging educational visit to Cosmeston, while Years 3 and 4 attended Mass where they presented Mgr. Boardman with a special card and gift to celebrate his 80th birthday. Our Year 5 Class also led a beautiful Liturgy focused on the Feast of Christ the King, which will be celebrated in the Church this Sunday. On Tuesday, we marked Universal Children's Day with an inspiring act of worship led by our Diversity Government Group. They helped us reflect on children's rights to health, education, and play, and prayed especially for those whose rights are not protected around the world. This week, we took part in Switch Off Fortnight as part of our ongoing commitment to sustainability. Our Infant classes recorded a video or created a photo collage of how they plan to save electricity in their classroom such as switching off lights or turning off screens. In the juniors, the pupils entered a poster competition on the theme "Reduce Electricity," with the aim of encouraging others to save energy around the school. The Eco Government Group will judge the entries and display the best posters. Throughout the week, Eco members also carried out spot checks at break and lunchtime, looking out for lights left on in empty rooms, laptops running unnecessarily, and screens or boards left switched on. Finally, today we came together for our Jubilee Celebration Day – a special time of thanksgiving and renewed hope for our whole school community. Further details about today will be shared in next week's newsletter.

This week, we also said goodbye to **Mr Channon**. We are very grateful for his hard work and dedication to Year 4 during his time with us. On Monday, Miss Whelan will return to our Year 4 class following her maternity leave.

On Monday next week, we are holding our **open evening for Nursery and Reception pupils** from September 2026. Please share the poster at the end of the newsletter with any family or friends that may be looking for school places next year. A reminder to our current Nursery parents that you will need to apply to the Vale for a place in Reception class. Applications open on 28<sup>th</sup> November. You will be able to apply here:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

**Next Friday is a home-clothes day with donations for the bottle and/or teddy stall gratefully received.** F&F are also holding a Cake Sale after school on this day– please see the poster below.

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

**Prayer of the Week**



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November was Universal Children's Day. In our Act of Worship this week, we thought about the rights that all children have and that there are children in the world who do not have these rights. Say the Our Father together, for all the children in the world:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be Thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.**

**Pupil Profile Virtues**



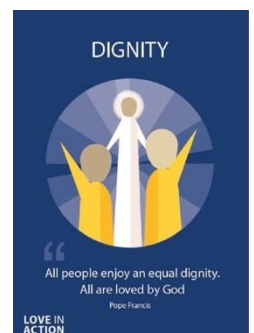
**Pupils in St Joseph's RC Primary School  
are growing to be . . .**

**learned**, finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good. To be educated is to be learned – to know about God's creation and about people who are part of it. But facts and skills are of little value unless we have wisdom also – the ability to see what is important and what is not.

**Catholic Social Teaching – Human Dignity**

This half term we are learning about the Catholic Social Teaching principle, **'Human Dignity'**.

You are made in the image and likeness of God. You are special, unique and important to God. Treat everyone with the dignity and love they deserve. Care for each other, help those in need, and stand up for what is right, just like Jesus taught us.

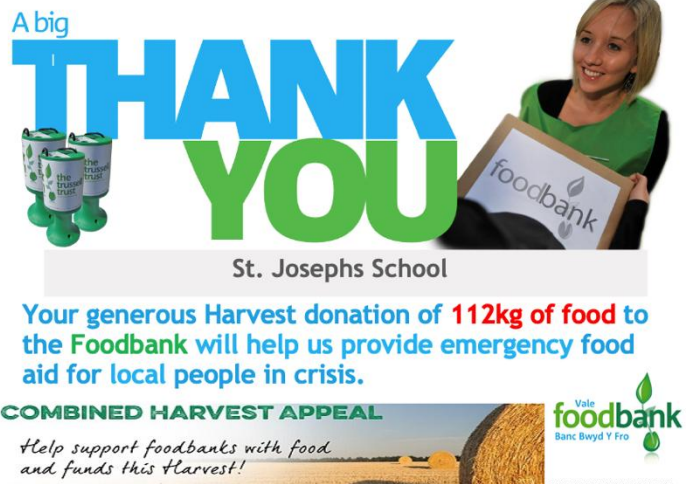


### Attendance

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

Class	Attendance	Late
Reception	95.14%	2.16%
Year 1	85.33%	0.89%
Year 2	82.35%	1.18%
Year 3	93.55%	0.97%
Year 4	91.72%	1.03%
Year 5	98.33%	1.00%
Year 6	86.77%	0.32%

### Foodbank 'Thank you'!



A big **THANK YOU**

St. Josephs School

Your generous Harvest donation of **112kg of food** to the Foodbank will help us provide emergency food aid for local people in crisis.

**COMBINED HARVEST APPEAL**

Help support foodbanks with food and funds this harvest!

Vale foodbank  
Banc Bwyd Y Fro

### Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Business Sponsorship



Week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> December, all year groups will be taking part in a Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge. During the Challenge, the pupils will develop the characteristics of the Four Purposes of the Curriculum for Wales, most notably those of a Creative and Enterprising Contributor. They will generate ideas for an enterprise project, gain an understanding of a simple business structure and enterprise roles and responsibilities, think creatively to design an advert to sell their product, explore how to price their product and calculate their production and other costs and create a finished product, which is quality assured. The products will be advertised in a Christmas Catalogue which will be sent to all parents, staff and governors.

Parents and carers will be given the opportunity to purchase a product made by their child. In addition, we will be selling the products in a **Christmas Market on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December from 3pm in the school hall.**

To help support our Enterprise Challenge, we are looking for eight businesses or families who would be willing to donate £20 to a class, to set their business up and begin to buy the materials they need to create their products. In exchange, the business can provide us with an advert or logo for their company or the family name will be shared in the Christmas Catalogue and on the class market stalls.

If you own, work for, or know a business who would be interested in supporting one of our classes in our Enterprise Challenge or would like to support as a family, please contact me at [office@stjosephsrcadmin.com](mailto:office@stjosephsrcadmin.com)

### Dates for the Diary



#### November

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Youth Mass at St Mary's, Dinas Powys 11.15am (Please wear school uniform)**

24<sup>th</sup> – Open Evening for September 2026 - Nursery and Reception pupils

25<sup>th</sup> – Years 1, 2 and 5 to Mass

**28<sup>th</sup> – Home Clothes Day – Donations of Bottles and Teddies for the F&F**

28<sup>th</sup> – Reception Class September 2026 Applications Open

28<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 Educational Visit to St Fagan's

#### December

1<sup>st</sup> – Creative and Enterprising Christmas Challenge Week

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 4 Educational Visit to Techniquet

3<sup>rd</sup> – Advent Service at St Richard Gwyn High school, 4pm

4<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Educational Visit to Techniquet

5<sup>th</sup> – F&F Christmas Fair

#### December

6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at St Augustine's Christmas Tree Festival

9<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 2pm

10<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 and 2 Christmas Concert 10am

11<sup>th</sup> – Nursery and Reception Christmas Celebration 10am

12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Choir to sing at Ty Dewi Sant Residential Home

**14<sup>th</sup> – Advent Service (Led by Years 3 and 4) – 2pm**

15<sup>th</sup> – Termly St Joseph's 100 Club Draw – See ParentPay for details

15<sup>th</sup> – Choir to sing at Parkside House Residential Home

15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Market 3.00pm

16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

17<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service

19<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of the Autumn Term

#### January

5<sup>th</sup> - INSET Day

6<sup>th</sup> – First Day back for Pupils



Does your child turn 3 between September 2025 and July 2027?

Are you looking for a Catholic education in an excellent school with fantastic outdoor grounds?

If so, your child will be eligible for a part-time place, 5 mornings a week, from their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Parents/ Carers can apply directly to the School, at their earliest convenience.

If you would like to visit St Joseph's, we are holding an Open Evening for interested families on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 5.30pm.**

Application forms for our wonderful purpose-built nursery are available on our school website: [stjosephsrc.com](http://stjosephsrc.com), or from our school office.

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Is your child starting Reception Class in September 2026?

Are you looking for a Catholic education in an excellent school with fantastic outdoor grounds?

If so, we would like to welcome you to our Open Evening for interested families on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 4pm – 5.30pm**

Applications for our wonderful school can be made through the Vale of Glamorgan Admission website:

<https://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/en/living/schools/admissions/primary/Primary-School-Admissions.aspx>

Opening date: 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Closing date: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

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**Christmas Table Top Sale**

St Pauls Community Centre

Areot Street

Penarth

Sat. 29th November 2025

1pm-4pm

**Lots to see....**

**Raffle-Teddy Tombola-Name the Bear**

**Preloved, Handmade, New Items**

**Refreshments-Sweets-Santa**

Raising money for  
The Dog's Trust



### Message from F&F - Sweet treats for a sweeter playground 🍰



We're just shy of the funds we need for a brand-new trim trail in the infant's playground and a climbing wall for the juniors. Help us reach the finish line at our **bake sale on Friday 28 November.**

#### 🕒 Krispy Kreme pre-orders are now live

Order your box using the link below. The cutoff is Monday 24th at 8pm 🕒 Boxes can only be collected at 4pm on Friday 28th — please keep this in mind when ordering 🙏 **PRE-ORDER [HERE](#)**

#### 👩🍳 Bakers, we need you

If you can donate a cake for the sale, let us know [here](#).

Please see the poster below!

Thank you so much for your support! 🙏



**BUY SOME SWEET TREATS, HELP US  
FUND A TRIM TRAIL AND CLIMBING WALL**



## **KRISPY KREME DONUTS**

**£11.50**

Boxes of 12 original glazed ring donuts  
**Pre-order only** through the online shop.



## **DONATED CAKES + BAKES FROM £1!**

Lots to choose from! Available on the day - cash or card. **Cake donations needed on the day.**



## **WHEN & WHERE?**

**FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER, AT PICKUP TIME**

# Winter viruses are coming back...

Including stomach viruses and respiratory viruses such as Flu and RSV



## Stay off School or Childcare

### If your child:

- Feels too unwell to attend.
- Has a high temperature/fever (above 38°C).
- Has vomiting or diarrhoea.
- Feels unwell and has a rash.

**Speak to your GP if you are worried** about your child's health.

**Your local pharmacist can advise** on minor ailments.

## Ready to go back

### If your child:

- Followed advice of a healthcare professional, if given.
- No longer has a high temperature/fever.
- Is 48 hours clear of vomiting and/or diarrhoea.

## No need to stay home

### If your child:

- Just has sniffles and mild symptoms (e.g. mild earache, tummy ache, headache, common cold).
- Does not have a high temperature/fever or rash.
- Feels well enough to attend.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Let the School/Nursery know why your child is off.
- Protect others - **'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it!'**
- Encourage children to catch their coughs, and throw away used tissues.
- Encourage children to wash their hands regularly.
- If unwell, avoid contact with vulnerable people e.g. young babies, the elderly, and people who are immunocompromised.
- **'Call ahead, Stop the Spread'** - ring your GP or Out of Hours Service before attending if your child has a rash and temperature - let them know about the rash.
- Having a flu vaccine will help protect your child from flu.



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