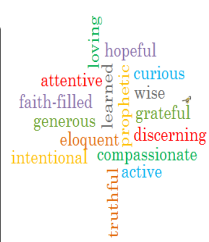




# St Joseph's Primary Weekly Update

*"We grow together in God's Love as we pray, learn and play"*  
*"Dyn ni'n tyfu gyda'n gilydd mewn cariad Duw wrth i ni weddio, dysgu a chwarae"*



## Week Beginning: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Please also see Class Dojo messages and 'My Week' on our School Website

Welcome back and Blwyddyn Newydd Dda !

It was lovely to see all the children's smiling faces on Monday, back in and ready to learn. On Tuesday when 'Rock Steady' were back in with us again. We have some talented musicians at St Joseph's and they are ready preparing for their next rock concert.

On Wednesday Future Stars were back in with our Wednesday outside provider after school club. All other school clubs will resume next week. As usual they are oversubscribed. Letters of the children who have places will be sent out ASAP.

Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues on a Wednesday also. We meet each Wednesday in the annex at 9.00 – 9.15. It is a really lovely way to start the day. Thank you again to all who attended this week. It is lovely to see governors, parents and staff coming together to pray this week. Each Wednesday morning just after 9.00. All are welcome.

We have tea and coffee afterwards too. If you are unable to come to the parent's and carers prayer group, there is a box outside the HT office if any members of our school

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR JANUARY 2025

Things to look out for on the horizon.  
**Further details to follow on Dojo:**

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
We are holding our parents Safeguarding Meeting at 2.30pm in the Hall! Tea and coffee will be served and it is a great way to find out about how the school manage safeguarding your children whilst you enjoy a cuppa!
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
Coffee Afternoon presented by the Governors of the school and the Parents Association. All come to come along and find out the role of the Governors and what amazing work the PA do to raise funds for our school.
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**  
St Teilo Class Mass in Church at 9.15am – All welcome
- **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025**  
St Dwynwen Class Mass in School at 2.30pm – All welcome
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
St Illtyd and St David Prayer Service in school at 2.30pm – All welcome

### CLASS PRAYER OF THE WEEK

This week's class prayer is from a child in Dosbarth Dwynwen Sant.

Almighty God  
We come before you today in gratitude  
For the opportunity to gather together as a school community  
We thank you for the blessings of education  
And for the privilege to learn and grow together  
Guide us, Lord in the spirit of respect, kindness  
and  
co-operation  
Amen

### ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well Done to Dosbarth St Non PM Sant who has achieved 100% this week !!!! WELL DONE !

St Non AM - 83.64%	St Gwynno – 93.33%
St Non PM - 100%	St Cadoc – 93.33%
St David – 91.67%	St Tydfil – 94.33%
St Illtyd – 92.75%	St Dwynwen – 96.77%
St Teilo – 92.67%	

We are **all** responsible for ensuring that children and adults at risk are kept safe. This means everyone in our St Joseph's community.

### **How do we Safeguard at St Joseph's?**

Staff safeguard by doing the things below:

Understand what is meant by safeguarding

Recognise the different types of abuse and their signs, symptoms, indicators and behaviours that may indicate a child or adult is being abused or is at risk of harm

Understand what to do if we are concerned about a child or adult at risk

Understand our own role and responsibility with regard to suspicion or disclosure of abuse

Understand our **duty to report** a concern or incident when we become aware of it

If a child discloses that they have been harmed we **MUST** report this to the Designated Safeguarding Person or Headteacher immediately as we have a duty of care. This is then referred to the Multi Agency Referral Hwb. Please also look at the information on our web site on the parent's dropdown under 'Safeguarding'

### **Keeping safe online**

**Social Media** - All parents should be aware that children under the age of 13 are technically not allowed to have social media accounts on platforms like Facebook, Instagram, or Snapchat due to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA). However, many children do have accounts with parental consent, so it's crucial for parents to monitor their children's online activity closely and ensure they understand the risks associated with social media, such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content, and privacy issues. Additionally, parents should learn about privacy settings and parental controls available on various platforms to help protect their children online. Please see the following website for more information:

[Social media guides - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Please also see the information on our web site on the parents drop down under 'Online safety'

### **Cymraeg Campus**

Cymraeg Campus is our new welsh language charter that is taking place in schools across Wales. We have recently Gained the Bronze Award. 😊

The aim of Cymraeg Campus is to:-

- improve levels of welsh within the school
- increase pupils enjoyment of welsh
- Celebrate our nationality and all things welsh

As part of this we have a Welsh Phrase of the week each week. This week's phrase is:

**Mae hi'n amser mynd adref nawr**  
**It is going home time now**

You can add other words and just use the sentence base words eg Mae hi'n amser bed/story/tea/etc nawr. 😊

Please practice with your child and use it whenever you can.

### **We are a Gold Rights Respecting School**



As a Catholic school, along with our faith and values, the concept behind the RRS journey is at the core of what we teach and how our children develop. RRS is all about protecting the rights of our children and their families and has supported us to highlight equality, diversity and inclusion throughout the curriculum. In our rights respecting school, children learn about their rights and the responsibilities that are implied. Our children learn that if they have rights, they need to respect the rights of others. Please talk about these rights with your children.

**This Month's Right for November is: Article 24**

**"You have the right to food and water and to see a doctor if you are ill"**



## Our Values and Virtues

As a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Cardiff, we have embraced the Catholic Schools' Pupil Profile, which teaches the children a set of eight pairs of virtues to be internalised and cultivated -enabling them to grow in wholeness as fully rounded individuals in the image of God. Each half Term we explore ways in which we can develop in our virtues and values. Please discuss these virtues with your child and how they can incorporate them in to their lives. The virtues we are looking at this half term are:

### *"Grateful and Generous"*

*Pupils are growing to be grateful for their own gifts, and the blessings of each day; and generous with their gifts, becoming men and women for others.*

As always, check our [ClassDojo](#) for school messages and upcoming dates for activities by clicking next event > view all > on the horizon for all events. Check X (formerly Twitter) and Our Week on the school website for class photos of activities and events.

### ARTICLE 28 (UN Convention of the Rights of the Child)

**"You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can"**

