



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: 24th March 2025

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

A busy week again this week with lots going on. On Monday we had another successful parent information afternoon. This time we shared information about ALN and also had the Vaccination Team available for any questions and concerns. A huge thanks to Mrs Tuff for organising and leading this. On Monday we also took part in the Big Lent Walk. Our children enjoyed their trip around the playground whilst raising money for CAFOD. Thank you to our generous parents for the money raised which will go to those less fortunate than ourselves.

On Tuesday the 'Rock Steady' group were practicing in the hall ready for their concert next Tuesday. From the sounds coming from their practice session, it looks like it is going to be amazing!

On Wednesday Dosbarth Illtyd Sant and Dosbarth Teilo Sant had a fabulous Teddy Bear hospital workshop. Our children had a great time learning about First Aid and health in a fun way. Our Parent and Carer prayer group continues to meet on a Wednesday morning. 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 each week. We meet 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 community would like our group to pray for any special intention. Please put your intention in the prayer box and we will pray for you. The intentions will then be folded up and put on our prayer wall in the foyer. Our pupil prayer group also continues to meet each Wednesday at playtime to pray for our pupils, our parents and families and all those who help us in our school community. We are also now busily organising our new outdoor Jubilee Prayer Area. We are nearly ready to move our statue of St Joseph in to the prayer garden ... watch this space!

Some parents may find the link below about Mass useful. These are a series of short videos prepared by the Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth Ministry of explanations of parts of the Mass e.g. blessing with holy water on entering the church, genuflecting, Entrance Procession, veneration of the altar, vestments, readings, etc.

"Wonders of the Mass" - INDEX: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLieCJC88WbxFGdcuTO_iCw3i1ttc3tHGZ.

On Thursday Dosbarth Tydfil went to St Joseph's Church to celebrate Mass. Many thanks to the parents who helped to supervise the children as they walked over. Our children sang beautifully and were, as always, extremely well behaved and reverent. On Thursday also, Deacon Mark came in to visit our Chaplaincy group again, where our children prayed and explored scripture together. A huge thank you to Deacon Mark for coming in and joining our children in their Faith journey. Also this week we have been informed by Asda that we have raised £166.85 in the Asda Rewards app. Many thanks to Mrs Tuff for registering us. This money will go towards playground resources for all pupils.

Staff changes

As you know, with mixed emotions I will be stepping down as Head Teacher after a wonderful time here and retiring at Easter. I am so very pleased to inform you that Mrs Wheeler has agreed to take over to lead our school as Head Teacher when pupils return after Easter. Also, Mr Cobb will step up as Acting Deputy Head teacher. As a school we thrilled and delighted as this will ensure continuity and that we maintain our high standards following on from our Estyn inspection.

CLASS PRAYER OF THE WEEK

This week's class prayer is from the children of Teilo Sant

Dear God,
Thank you for Jesus who died on the cross for us,
Thank you for washing away our sins,
Amen

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

Well Done to St Illtyd who had the highest attendance this week. WELL DONE!

St Non AM - 93.73%	St Gwynno – 91%
St Non PM - 90%	St Cadoc – 98.33%
St David – 98.40%	St Tydfil – 78.62%
St Illtyd – 88.33%	St Dwynwen – 85.81%
St Teilo – 98%	

DIARY DATES

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

MARCH 2025

Monday 31st – Friday 4th April St Dwynwen Cycle Week – to participate, pupils will need a bike in good working order, a helmet and bike lock – more information will follow

APRIL 2025

Tuesday 1st April 2025 Rock Steady Concert – come along and watch the fabulous concert performed by our budding musicians and rock stars !!!

Friday 4th April 2025
Monday 7th April 2025 8 Pupils from St Gwynno going to Nazareth House with Miss Westgarth Nursery to Year 2 Pupils – Flouride Varnish – please ensure you have sent your consent form back

Tuesday 8th 2024 Whole School Photograph – don't forget to wear the correct school uniform and your biggest smile !!!!! (if your child has PE on this day, please ensure they come to school in their uniform and bring their PE kit with them)

Thursday 10th April 2025 Headteacher's Retirement Assembly at 10am – all welcome
Headteachers Retirement Mass at 2pm – all welcome

Friday 11th April 2025 **INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils**

EASTER HOLIDAYS – MONDAY 14TH APRIL TO FRIDAY 25TH APRIL SCHOOL OPENS ON MONDAY 28TH APRIL 2025

Mon 28th – Wed 30th April 2025 Year 5 Residential Trip to Manor Adventure

MAY 2025

Thursday 1st May 2025 St Illtyd Prayer Service at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome

Monday 5th May 2025 **May Day – School Closed**

Thursday 8th May 2025 St Teilo Class Mass at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome

Wednesday 14th May 2025 St Teilo Class Assembly at 2.50p – all family and friends welcome

Thursday 15th May 2025 St David Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome

Wednesday 21st May 2025 St Cadoc Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome

Thursday 22nd May 2025 May Procession at 2.00pm – all family and friends welcome

Friday 23rd May 2025 School Group Photographs

HALF TERM – MONDAY 26TH TO FRIDAY 30TH MAY 2025

JUNE 2025

Wednesday 4th June 2025 St Tydfil Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome

Wednesday 11th June 2025 St Gwynno Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome

Thursday 12th June 2025 St Tydfil Class Mass at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome

Monday 16th June 2025 for 2 weeks Year 4 Swimming begins – every day for 2 weeks

Wednesday 18th June 2025 Sports Day

Thursday 19th June 2025 St Cadoc Class Mass at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome

Monday 23rd June 2025 Year 6 Transition Music Day and Evening at Corpus Christi High School

Wednesday 25th June 2025 St Illtyd Class Assembly at 2.50pm – all family and friends welcome

Monday 30th June 2025 Year 6 Transition Day at Corpus Christi High School

JULY 2025

Wednesday 3rd July 2025 St Gwynno Class Mass at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome

Wednesday 16th July 2025 Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 2.30pm – all family and friends welcome to this celebration of our young adults moving to High School

Thursday 17th July 2025 Year 6 Leavers Mass at 2.15pm in school – all family and friends welcome to join us for this celebration

Monday 21st July 2025 **Last Day of School – school open**

SUMMER HOLIDAYS – TUESDAY 22ND JULY 2025 TO MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2025

SEPTEMBER 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 INSET DAY – School Closed to Pupils

Wednesday 3rd September 2025 School Open

What will I do this Lent to grow in my faith?
 Go to a weekday Mass / Stations of the Cross Every Friday of Lent
 following 9.15 am Mass Please feel free to join the Rosminian
 community at St Joseph's Church

POLITE REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS - Any child who is late after 8.55am MUST use Heathfield Road Entrance to come into school, for security reasons. North Road Gate will be locked at 8.55am every morning and therefore if you are on the premises after this time, you must leave via Heathfield Road.

IMPORTANT - there are a number of children regularly coming in late to school without an adult. Any child who arrives after 8.55am MUST be accompanied by an adult who will need to sign their child in at the school office.

Please be reminded that if your child is late 10 times or more, a fixed penalty fine may be issued.

School begins at 8.55am (gates open to welcome pupils from 8.45am).

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

Last week's phrase continues but we would like children to practice numbers for the answers :

Sawl ... sy'n yma

How many ... are there here?

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20

Please practice discussing and counting with your child and use it whenever you can. Eg Sawl books sy'n yma?

We are a Gold Rights Respecting School



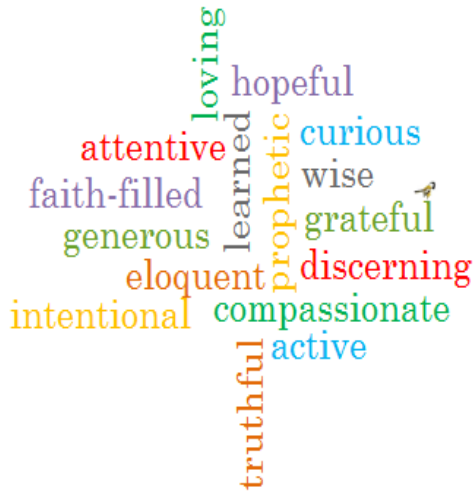
As a Catholic school, along with our faith and values, the concept behind the RRS journey is at the core of what we teach and how our children develop. RRS is all about protecting the rights of our children and their families and has supported us to highlight equality, diversity and inclusion throughout 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 March is:

Article 7

"You have the right to a name and nationality"

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:

"Attentive and Discerning"

Pupils 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 .

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"

