

FEBRUARY

Dear All,

It has been a very busy couple of weeks for all at St Joseph's. We have had Safer Internet Week where the children considered the safe and sensible use of AI in their lives. We have also explored Children's Mental Health Week where we reflected on and discussed the importance of belonging and how belonging means that you feel loved and accepted for who you are. The children have also started their preparations for St David's Day which they are very excited to share with you!

What's been happening in our classes - [Beth sy'n digwydd yn ein dosbarthiadau](#)

Nursery



Love is in the air at our Nursery. We began with Dydd Santes Dwynwen a famous Welsh princess. The children enjoyed exploring the sensory tray which included hearts, funnels, love spoons, and moulds. The love theme continued for Saint Valentine. We melted chocolate

to make heart shaped goodies along with bespoke cards using our thumbs to create beautiful heart flowers, for the 'special' people we love.

Reception/Year 1



This month in Reception and Year 1, we have been exploring how ingredients change when they are mixed together and heated. The children enjoyed baking and decorating Valentine's biscuits, developing their understanding through hands-on cooking activities.

As part of our learning about Welsh traditions, we learned about Saint Dwynwen and listened to the story of Dwynwen and Maelon. Inspired by the story, we investigated how quickly ice melts through our play, linking this to the ice that Maelon was trapped in.

We also marked Safer Internet Day with a whole-school assembly. The children learned about artificial intelligence (AI) and discussed how to think carefully about whether information created by AI can always be trusted.

Year 1/Year 2



We have had so much fun exploring reversible and irreversible changes - we broke up the chocolate, melted it down and made it into a different shape for our Valentine's chocolates. We enjoyed exploring how heat and cold changes foods / liquids, we loved talking about other changes by experimenting at home for homework too!

In Maths we have been learning about measure, looking at length and height and this week Mass. We used the pan balance to find out which objects were heavier or lighter, then measured the mass with non-standard units, finding the total amount of cubes a small object weighs.

Here's to the next exciting half term!

Year 2

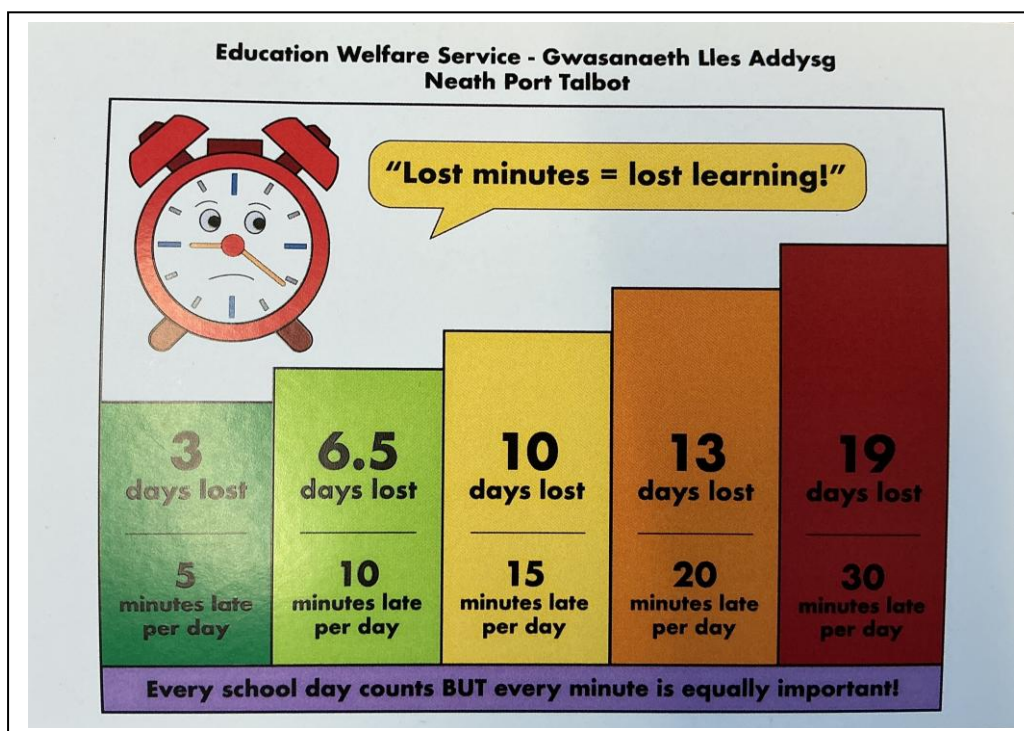


Year 2 have been working on money this month. They have visited our local shop and set up a shop of our own and a cafe. We have had great fun playing in it! We have written reports about endangered animals and started thinking about Lent in R.E. We are ready for an extremely busy half term which will include our Easter Service.

Attendance - Presenoldeb

As a school, we are keen to work with families to promote good attendance. Regular attendance is vital for your child's learning, progress and wellbeing. Children who attend school consistently achieve better academic results, develop stronger friendships, and build the skills they need for future success. Even a few days of missed learning can make it harder for your child to keep up and feel confident.

Punctuality is also vital; when learners arrive late at school can be very disruptive for the child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. **Please remember the start of the school day is 8.50am.**



Attendance for the month of February:

Nursery	91.97%
Reception/Year 1	83.3%
Year 1/ Year 2	97.1%
Year 2	94.3%
Whole School attendance to date	94.6%

Health and Safety

Please can I remind everyone that cars should NOT be driven down or parked in the lane at the start or the end of the day. This is to ensure the safety of children and their families as they enter and exit the school site. Your cooperation in this matter would be gratefully received.

Nursery Places for September 2026

St Joseph's Catholic Infant School Governing Body are currently accepting applications for our Nursery for September 2026. If you have a child or know a child who will be three before September 2026 contact the school for an application.

Also, if you are aware of family or friends who may be interested in giving their child an education rich in Catholic ethos, please encourage them to contact the school on Tel: 01639 882579



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL PORT TALBOT

THE ONLY INFANT SCHOOL IN NPT! SMALL AND WELCOMING PROVISION FOR 3-7 YEAR OLDS

Spaces available for September 2026

CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO ARRANGE A VISIT AND MEET THE STAFF

BUS TRANSPORT AVAILABLE (LIVING A CERTAIN DISTANCE FROM SCHOOL)

BREAKFAST CLUB AVAILABLE FROM 8:10AM

WRAPAROUND CARE BY FUNKY FOOTSTEPS

NURTURING OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

WATER STREET, SA12 6LF

St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School
Rooted in Christ
• Ysgol Baganod Joseph Sant •

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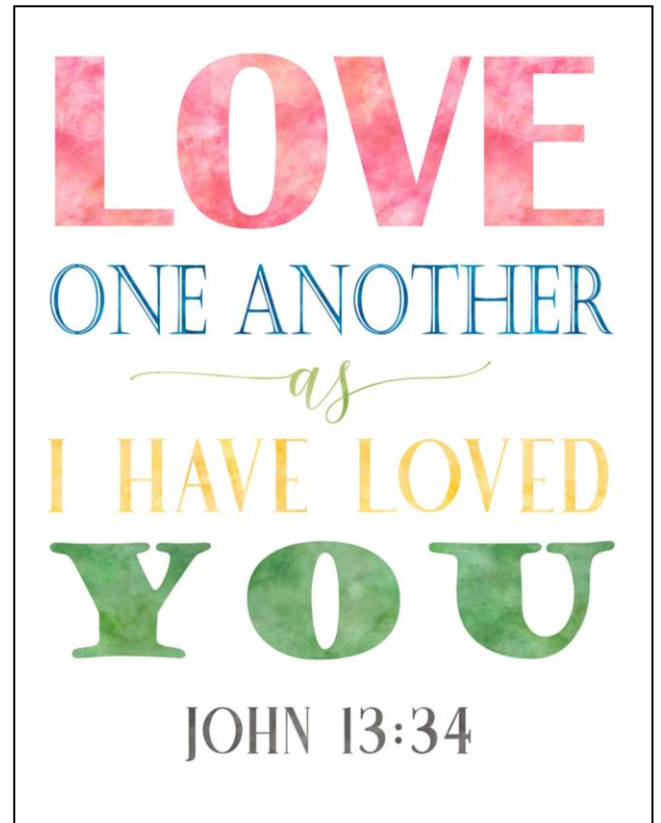
Diary Dates - Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur

Monday 2nd March	<p>St David's Day Celebrations - Children are invited to wear their Welsh costumes.</p> <p>9.30am - Whole school Eisteddfod will take place in St Joseph's Church Parish Hall. Parents and carers are invited, and the PTA will be providing refreshments.</p>
Wednesday 4th March	St David's Day Mass at St Joseph's Church at 9.30am. Children are invited to wear their Welsh costumes.
Monday 16th March	Family Engagement Session - Mrs Turner's class. 9.15am
Tuesday 17th March	Family Engagement Session - Mrs Owen's class. 9.15am
Wednesday 18th March	Family Engagement Session - Mrs James' class. 9.15am
Thursday 19th March	Feast of St Joseph. The children can wear red on this day. We will be attending Mass and having a small party to celebrate our feast day.
Tuesday 24th March	Easter Service at St Joseph's Church in the afternoon. Details to follow.
Tuesday 24th March	Family Engagement Session - Nursery 9.15am
Friday 27th March	<p>Easter Bonnet parade</p> <p>Nursery Parade at 9.30am - Please make and bring an Easter bonnet. The children can wear their special clothes.</p> <p>Nursery to Year 2 at 1.30pm - Please make and bring an Easter bonnet. The children can wear their special clothes.</p>
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Break
Monday 13th April	Start of Summer term - children back in school.

School Rules

Mrs Turner, the Missio group and I have been talking about and devising some new school rules. The children were immensely thoughtful and very mature in their thinking and have devised 5 school rules for all to follow. They wanted everyone to live out the scripture quote 'Love one another as I have loved you' (John 13: 34-35) and felt that by everyone following the rules below we would be able to put this scripture into action.

1. Keep hands and feet to ourselves
2. Keep our classroom and school tidy
3. Listen and look when a grown up is speaking
4. Walk sensibly and quietly
5. Take turns to speak and hands up



The children have asked to receive a special certificate, to be presented alongside our Headteacher award, if they are following our new rules and living out our virtues.

Headteacher Awards - Gwobr y Pennaeth



Throughout the month we have had a number of children receive our Headteacher Award for great learning and fantastic behaviour. **Llongyfarchiadau** to each of you!

Nursery	Remie, Hugo, Ivy, Phobe, Zachary and Devin.
Reception/Year 1	Abishman, Juvana, Reuben, Owain, Mya and Jax.
Year 1/ Year 2	Noah C, Romy, Santiago, Anna, Noah H and Jesse B.
Year 2	Cohen, Jael, Bettie, Marcus, Carter D, Ann, Adam and Pola.



EVERY WEDNESDAY
DURING TERM TIME
1:30PM

St. Joseph's Infants Stay & Play



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ALL WELCOME!
BASED IN OUR DINNER HALL
WATER ST. PORT TALBOT



Drop in Sessions

Tried everything? Children don't come with a handbook but we've got your back!

We can help with....

- Positive Strategies to tackle behaviour
- Time for yourself
- Sleep/bedtime routine
- Toileting

Have concerns or questions? Come along for coffee and a chat to find out more about what we do and how we can help you.

Parents & Carers of St Joseph's RC Infant School
Come and join us in *The Cabin!*





Every Monday for four weeks.
Starting Monday 2nd March.
9:00 – 10:30am



Children & Families Team
Heath Port Talbot
Tîm Plant a Teuluoedd
Children's Services

Parent Communication.

Remember that SeeSaw is a great way to be kept informed about your child and to see what they are learning. The school website also has lots of information on it including key documents and dates. Please see links to our social media below.

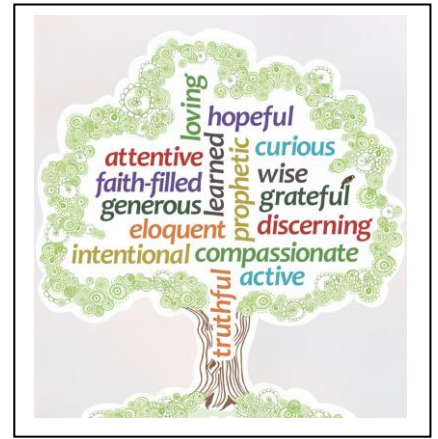
	<h3>School Website</h3>		
<p>Please contact your child's class teacher for details of how to join.</p>	<p>St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School</p>	<p>St Joseph's Infants (@stjosephsinfants) • Instagram photos and videos</p>	<p>St. Joseph's Infant School Port Talbot Port Talbot Facebook</p>
 <h3>Teachers2Parents</h3>		<p>Please ensure we have your most up to date number so we can message you via this service.</p>	

Catholic Pupil Profile

Prayer of the Week -

This half term we will be focusing on the virtues of **INTENTIONAL & PROPHETIC**.

Pupils in St. Joseph's Catholic Infant School are growing to be . . . **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.



When we are **INTENTIONAL** we deliberately choose to live in a certain way. We don't just follow the crowd. We listen to God's voice deep inside us and choose to live by the values of Jesus.

When we are **PROPHETIC** we show by our words and actions that we choose to live the Good News of Jesus.

Say this prayer together:

For the times we have rejected others:

Mae'n flin'da fi. Arglwydd, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Lord have mercy.)

For the times we have not protected God's world and shared our resources fairly:

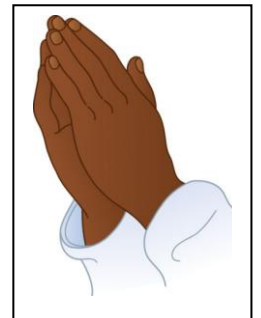
Mae'n flin'da fi. Crist, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Christ have mercy.)

For the times we have not been intentional and prophetic disciples:

Mae'n flin'da fi. Arglwydd, trugarha wrthym.

(I am sorry. Lord have mercy.)



At home:

Listen to God in your heart. He calls us to a life that is full of compassion, faith, hope and love. How will you choose today to be an **INTENTIONAL and PROPHETIC** disciple?

Diolch am dy gefnogaeth

Mrs Murphy