



Dear All,

We have had a wonderful end to a very busy Spring term! This month we have celebrated: St David's Day and were delighted we could share this with parents and families; the Feast of St Joseph where we celebrated our Feast Day with Mass and party food and this week we have been preparing for Holy Week and Easter. The Year 2 children led us beautifully and solemnly through the events of the holiest



week of the Church's year: Jesus riding into Jerusalem on a donkey on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, Jesus' death on Good Friday and finally His rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Diolch yn fawr Bwlyddyn 2 for leading our Easter service with such reverence.

On behalf of the staff and Governors, I would like to wish you all a Happy and Holy Easter and a restful break! **We will welcome you all back to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.**

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

### **Nursery**

In Nursery we have been listening and talking about the season of Lent and Easter, and how we must grow in 'Love for Jesus.' The Children reenacted Palm Sunday and participated in Collective Worship all focused on Jesus' public ministry. On a lighter note, we made Easter cards, bunnies and sweet treats for the Easter Baskets



**Reception/Year 1**



March has been a wonderfully busy and exciting month in our Reception/Year 1 class! We had a fantastic time celebrating Saint David's Day, and throughout Welsh Week the children enjoyed a variety of activities including food tasting, painting, data handling, and learning all about the life of Saint David.

The children have also really enjoyed exploring Jesus' journey through Holy Week. They confidently retold the stories of Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday using a range of creative media. We ended the spring term on a high with a special visit from the Easter Bunny and our lovely Easter Bonnet Parade.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter break—we look forward to welcoming you back refreshed and ready for the summer term!

## Year 1/Year 2



We have been busy in maths counting in tens, making groups of tens and counting on from tens.

During Welsh week we made graphs to show the different Welsh Emblems that we found and loved making delicious Welsh cakes too!

To finish the term, we welcomed the Easter Bunny in for a visit, we all received an Easter Egg.

## Year 2



Wow! What a half term! In maths we have been learning about measuring. We enjoyed finding things to measure and weigh around the classroom. We have found out about reversible and irreversible changes in science. We had a wonderful family engagement session making Easter cards. We even managed to squeeze in a visit from the Easter bunny. But the highlight of the term was our Easter Service. The acting, singing and reverence from the children telling such an important story was outstanding. Da iawn, pawb!

### 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.

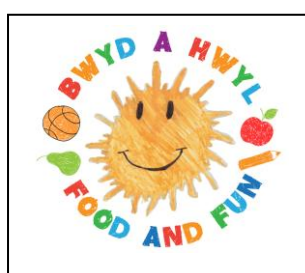
Punctuality is also vital; when learners arrive late at school it can be very disruptive for the child, the teacher, and the other children in the class. **Please remember the start of the school day is 8.50am.**

### Attendance for the month of March:

Nursery AM	83.8%
Nursery PM	88%
Reception/Year 1	94.5%
Year 1/ Year 2	93.5%
Year 2	97.7%
<b>Whole School attendance to date</b>	<b>93.6%</b>

## Diary Dates - Dyddiadau'r Dyddiadur

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Bonnet parade  Nursery Parade at 9.30am - Please make and bring an Easter bonnet. The children can wear their special clothes.  Nursery to Year 2 at 1.30pm - Please make and bring an Easter bonnet. The children can wear their special clothes.
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer term - children back in school.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Road Safety Walks with the Road Safety Team
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Wear Blue as part of Autism Awareness. Donations for this event will go to support Jesse Jefferies-Storey.
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Nurture course (10 weeks) Details to follow
Week commencing 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Deaf Awareness Week
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Family Mass at St Joseph's Church, 10am
Monday, 25 - Friday, 29 May	Half Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	School INSET day - school closed to the children.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Bikes and Scooters Road Safety training
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School INSET day - school closed to the children.



### Food and Fun

Unfortunately, this summer we will NOT be able to run the Food and Fun sessions during the Summer Holidays. The school's flat roof needs to be replaced, and this has been scheduled to be complete during the 6-week break. Many thanks for your understanding on this matter.

### Diolch yn Fawr - Velindre Cancer Centre fundraising - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Thank you all for your generous donations and support for our Wear Red day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February. We raised £126 for Velindre Cancer Centre who support those receiving treatment for cancer and their families.





## St David's Day Eisteddfod

As I mentioned at the start of this newsletter, we were delighted to share our Eisteddfod with parents and families on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the Church Hall. Each class shared Welsh songs, singing beautifully and celebrating the Welsh language with all. We also announced our competition winners for each year group. Our first competition was a home task where children designed some Welsh

bunting. The winners for this competition were chosen by our pupil voice group, Criw Cymraeg. Our second competition was for handwriting and good letter formation. **Llongyrfarchidau to all our winners!** On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March we joined the Junior school in St Joseph's Church for a St David's Day Mass. As always, our children were very well behaved and showed great reverence throughout the Mass.



### Say it in ... Cymraeg



Happy Saint David's Day	Dydd Gŵyl Dewi Hapus	Deeth Goo-eel Dehwee Ha-pis
Saint David	Dewi Sant	Dehwee Sant
I Patron Saint	Nawddsant	Nah-ooth-sant
Wales	Cymru	Come-ree
Leek	Cennin	Ken-inn
Daffodils	Cennin Pedr	Ken-inn Peh-dr
Flag	Baner	Ban-ehr
Cawl (Welsh dish)	Cawl/ Lobsgows	Kah-ool/ Lob-sgouse
Welsh cake	Pice bach/ Cacen gri	Pick-eh bach/ Kah-ken gri



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## Give Welsh a go!

## Rhowch gynnig ar y Gymraeg!

## Family Engagement Sessions

A big thank you to all the families that supported us and joined their child for their family engagement sessions last week. These sessions are a great way to support your child and have some quality time with them. Thank you to all the staff for organising and preparing these sessions.



## E-safety Zone March 2026



Concerned about screen time? It can have a big impact on your child's behaviour, sleep and mood.

Parentkind shares tips on how to be a positive digital role model on the link below.

[Online Safety Toolkit | Parentkind](#)



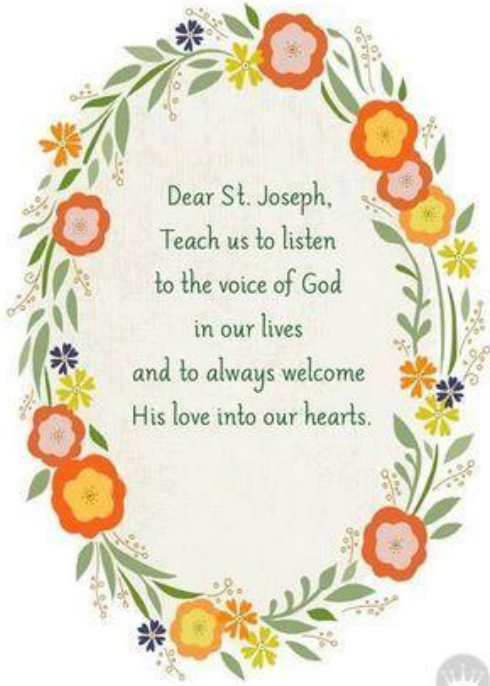
## St Joseph Feast Day - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

The 19<sup>th</sup> of March of the Feast Day of our school and parish patron saint, Saint Joseph. To celebrate this important day the children joined the parish and Junior school for a special Mass in the church. In the afternoon we had a small part on each class to celebrate the life and example of St Joseph.

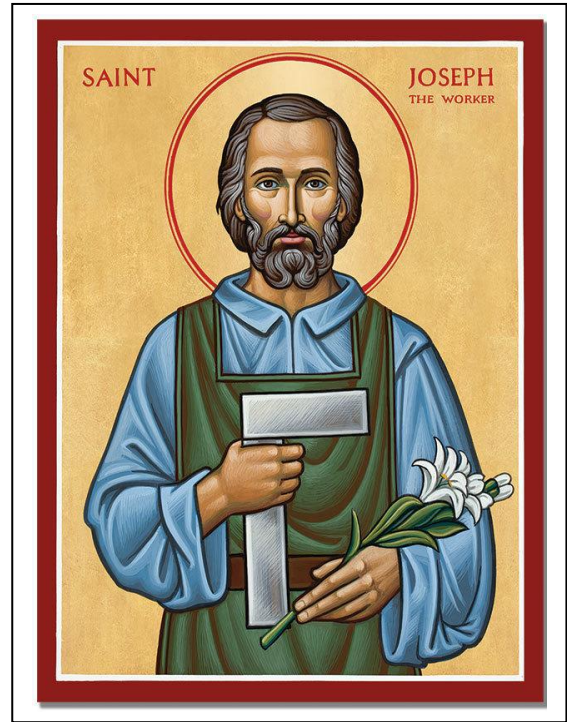
### A little about St Joseph

- St Joseph has two feast days - March 19<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> the Feast of St Joseph the Worker.
- St Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- St Joseph was chosen by God to be a trustworthy guardian and protector of Mary and Jesus.
- Joseph spent his life working hard as a carpenter. Joseph did not mind working hard. He was happy to provide for his family.
- Joseph showed a great commitment to God and did as God wanted him to, no matter how difficult it was. He was humble, gentle and wise.
- St Joseph is the patron saint of many countries including Mexico, Canada and Belgium.
- St Joseph is the patron saint of many things including fathers, craftsmen, immigrants, travellers, workers and expectant mothers.

**Say this Special Prayer to St  
Joseph**



Dear St. Joseph,  
Teach us to listen  
to the voice of God  
in our lives  
and to always welcome  
His love into our hearts.



## 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	Noah, Keashiya, Thea, Valentina, Sophie
Reception/Year 1	Joel, Mason, Jesse, Arlo, Finn, Rose
Year 1/ Year 2	Hannah and Ellen, Nellie and Frankie, Ray and Thanviya.
Year 2	Herbie, Louie, Chris, Charlotte. Georgie

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

## Holy Week at St Joseph's Church

<b>Palm Sunday - Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	8.30am and 10am - Holly Mass and Blessing of Palms
<b>Maundy Thursday - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	7.00pm - Holy Mass of the Lord's Super with the Washing of the Feet
<b>Good Friday - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	11.30am - Stations of the Cross for Children 3.00pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7.00pm - Stations of the Cross
<b>Holy Saturday - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	7.30pm - Solemn Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	10.30am - Holy Mass of Easter Day

### Holy Week

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, Holy Week, is the most sacred time of year. During this special time, we enter into the passion of Christ, his crucifixion, death and resurrection.

While the season of Lent is a very important time in the Church, it is helpful to remember that our Lenten practices (prayer, fasting and almsgiving) are meant as preparation for the three days of the Triduum. The Triduum begins at dusk on Holy Thursday and continues through dusk on Easter Sunday.

### Maundy Thursday

Reading John Ch.13 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

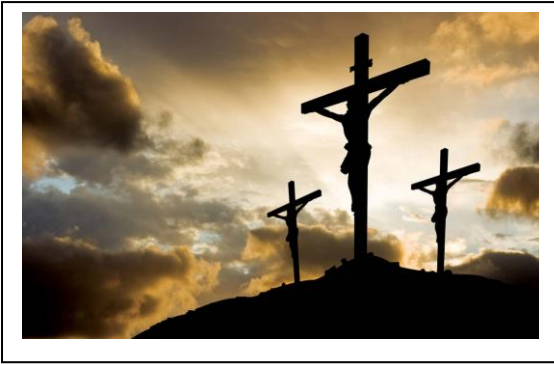
This reading describes the Last Supper, Jesus praying in Gethsemane, the arrest and trial. Imagine yourself in each scene, maybe as a disciple, maybe trying to understand the hostility in those who arrest Jesus, and try and understand the strength, character and love in Jesus who suffers this ordeal.



**Family Activity:** Talk about how Jesus is really present in Holy Communion and how sharing in his body strengthens us to become the Body of Christ and to follow him each day.

## Good Friday

Reading Matthew 27: 11-61 "It is finished." And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit"



Matthew describes many scenes, events across the first Good Friday. Good Friday is a sombre remembrance of Jesus' crucifixion and death on the cross. It is a day of fasting and penance and a time to examine all of the places in our lives where we fail to follow Christ and fall into sin.

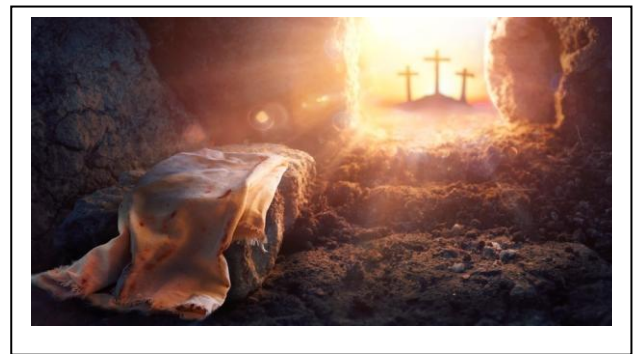
**Family Activity:** Pray the Lord's Prayer at bedtime on this night in remembrance for Christ's gift of salvation to all.

## Easter Sunday

Reading Luke Ch.24 "He is not here; he has risen!"

The most important first day of the Church's year. But it begins quietly. As the dawn breaks and lights come back to the world, two women go to the tomb. They went to mourn and maybe to complete the burial ceremonies which had not been done on Friday evening. In the quiet of the dawn, Jesus meets the grieving women and tells them to go and tell others. In God's plan, it is for us to spread this good news. There is still freedom for people to accept it or reject it.

**Family Activity:** Take a walk around your local community looking for signs of new life in springtime. Talk about how Jesus rising to new life brought us new life with Him.



## Let us Pray:

Thank you, God, for the joy and wonder of Easter Sunday: that Jesus is risen from the dead!

What an amazing thing to have happened!  
Be with us as we celebrate on this wonderful day.  
Amen

**Diolch am dy gefnogaeth**

*Mrs Murphy*