



Learn, Live, Believe

*St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School
Ysgol Gynradd Gatholig Santes Bernadette
We are a Christ centred community reaching out to
others. We learn, grow and celebrate together.*

Weekly Newsletter

23rd Hydref 2025

Events coming up in November at St Bernadette's

Date	Year Grp	Event	Time
Monday 3 rd Nov	Whole School	Start of Eco Fortnight	
Thursday 6 th Nov	Rec-Y6	Mass – 'Jubilee Year of Hopes'. All our families and friends are welcome to join us	9:15am
Monday 11 th Nov	Y5	Class Assembly – Remembrance	2pm
Monday 11 th Nov	New to Nursery	Open evening for January intake	3:30pm
Thurs 13 th Nov	Whole School	Book Fair in the school hall	8.30am & 3.30pm
Monday 17 th Nov	Y6	Closing date for applications to High School	
Monday 17 th	Y5/6	Open Your Eyes week – career opportunities	
Wednesday 19 th Nov	Y6	Trip to Crucial Crew – Health and Safety training	12.30
Sunday 30 th Nov		First Sunday of Advent	

We wish all our families and friends a safe and happy half term next week. Please remember that tomorrow – Friday 24th October is a staff training day. The school will be closed.

Thank you to our families and friends who joined us at Mass at St Philip Evans church last Saturday 18th October for the parish 5:15pm mass. It was joyous to see so many and thank you to our parents who have sent in such lovely messages. Our next school Mass will be at 9:15am on Thursday 6th November at St Bernadette's. All our families and friends are very welcome to join us.

Our next parish Mass will be 5:15pm on Saturday 16th May 2026. **Please note the weekend Mass times at St Philip Evans Church are: Saturday 5:15pm and Sunday 10:30am.**

Da iawn Bl4—You have the highest attendance this week! Very impressive

Attendance & Punctuality for September

Class	NAM	NPM	Reception	Year1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year 6
Attendance	88.7%	76.6%	93.8%	89.8%	91.5%	93.1%	95.1%	92.1%	94.1%
Late	2	0	7	13	6	15	7	8	7

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

Come to the BOOK FAIR

and earn FREE BOOKS
for our school!



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Dear parent/carer,

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be returning to St Bernadette's on Thursday 13th November.

The book fair will be a great opportunity to browse and purchase a range of diverse, colourful and imaginative books.

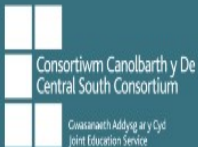
Books can be purchased with cash or card payments. Look out for further information about timings after half term.



We're excited to let you know that each week we'll be sharing a Welsh language challenge for you to enjoy at home with your child. These fun activities are a great way to practice Welsh together and help build confidence in using the language as a family. We encourage you to take part, have fun, and make Welsh a part of your everyday routine. Whether it's learning a new phrase, singing a song, or playing a simple game – every little bit helps!

Diolch for your support

Criw Cymraeg



Sawl aderyn neu greadur bach wyt ti'n gallu gweld yn yr ardd neu drwy'r ffenest? Beth am gadw cofnod dros wythnos? Beth ydy'r enwau Cymraeg am y creaduriaid wyt ti'n gweld?

Her Cymraeg
Wythnosol
CCD

CSC Weekly
Welsh
Challenge

Dydd Llun	Monday
Dydd Mawrth	Tuesday
Dydd Mercher	Wednesday
Dydd Iau	Thursday
Dydd Gwener	Friday
Dydd Sadwrn	Saturday
Dydd Sul	Sunday



How many birds or mini beasts can you see in your garden or from your window? Why not keep a record for a week? What are the Welsh names of the creatures you see?





Monster Phonics information for parents

As you may be aware, St Bernadette's are now using **Monster Phonics** to support reading development from **Nursery to Year 3**. This fun and engaging programme uses colourful characters and a structured approach to help children learn phonics more effectively.

To help you support your child's learning at home, we've included a link below with **advice, tips, information, and helpful videos** for parents:

<https://monsterphonics.com/phonics-support-for-parents/>

We will also be holding a **parental engagement event after half term** to introduce Monster Phonics in more detail and answer any questions you may have. **Watch this space for more details!**

Thank you for your continued support.



We're using Superhero Spelling KS2 Programme to teach engaging spelling lessons.

At **St Bernadette's**, we are now using **Superhero Spelling** to support children's spelling in Year groups 4-6.

Designed to build on phonics knowledge, it embeds essential spelling rules through fun and memorable activities led by a **cast of superheroes** and powerful memory cues. Each lesson is interactive, with a mix of age-appropriate activities that promote active learning. Children also benefit from partner work and talk

time to reinforce their learning.

Discover our fun cast of superheroes: <https://youtu.be/WjXCAOagkf8>

As a parent your child will receive weekly spellings. Weekly dictation sentences integrate these spelling words, offering both practice and a self-check process. The programme places extra focus on statutory words in weeks 6 and 12 of each term, ensuring a comprehensive understanding. With its powerful blend of visual, auditory, and kinaesthetic approaches, Superhero Spelling makes learning to spell an enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Meithrin



In the Nursery we have been thinking about Diwali.
We found out that-

- Diwali is a very important festival celebrated by many people around the world.
- It is often celebrated by Hindus, Sikhs and others but can be celebrated by other religions too.
- It is sometimes called the 'festival of lights'.

Stars of the week are



Sofia - She has been an absolute knock out at circle time, she regularly contributes at carpet time and can retrieve lots of information from other sessions for example authors of all our featured stories from Eric Carle to Mick Inkpen. She is a fantastic dancer and enjoys the mathematical session. Staff from the rest of the school have said how well mannered she is, Well done Sofia!



Margot has had a great start in afternoon nursery - she is a keen contributor to circle times and has a great enthusiasm for song, music and dance. Margot is a fantastic 'story costumer' with her ability to sit in star, look and listen. She has a great sense of humour and often found laughing her socks off at funny things in the nursery. We are delighted with her progress!

Derbyn

Diwali

This week we have been learning about Diwali and enjoyed learning about how Diwali is celebrated. We learned a Diwali dance, listened to stories about Diwali, made diyas, and firework pictures.



Star of the week: Luca - Luca has impressed us with how hard he has been trying this week. Da lawn Luca!

Blwydynn 1

On Wednesday, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils embarked on a thrilling adventure to the Dan Yr Ogof caves — and what a day it was! With the sun shining brightly overhead, spirits were high as we set off to explore one of Wales' most fascinating natural wonders.



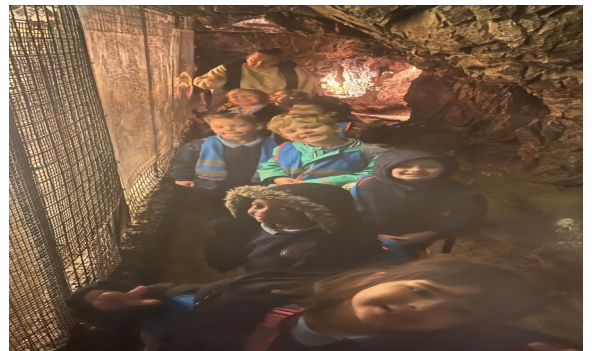
Inside the caves, the children were amazed by the dramatic rock formations, winding tunnels, and sparkling underground chambers. It was a brilliant opportunity to learn about geology and the history of the caves in a hands-on, awe-inspiring way.



After our cave exploration, we ventured onto the famous Dinosaur Trail. The children were delighted to come face-to-face with life-sized models of dinosaurs, from towering carnivores like the Tyrannosaurus Rex to gentle herbivores like the Triceratops. There were plenty of roars, gasps, and excited chatter as we walked among these prehistoric giants.



The trip was a fantastic blend of education and adventure, and we're so proud of how curious and enthusiastic our pupils were throughout the day. A big thank you to all the staff and parent helpers who made the trip possible.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Star of the week: George - George was a fantastic role model on our school trip this week. He was a great listener who was enthused by all the wonderful things he saw around him. We are so proud of him and he truly set a good example to all the other children. Ben-digedig!

Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time at Dan Yr Ogof caves. We explored 2 caves, looking at the rock formations and holes. The children also got to walk around the dinosaur trail and loved seeing the mechanical Dinosaurs! After lunch, we got to get up close to the farm animals and play in the playground. A lovely day for year 2!



PIC-COLLAGE



Seren yr Wythnos: Elis for his enthusiasm and hard work when retelling the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. Good job Elis!

Blwyddyn 3



Noah: "I liked seeing and exploring the different animals. The turtle was my favourite, I liked the different textures when you felt it. The tarantula can kick its hairs at you when it feels threatened".

Albert: "I like the snake because I was able to explore its different colours. I liked that I was able to touch the snake, it felt slimy. I also loved the toad because it was jumping around and made me laugh".

Lucas: "I liked holding the snake, it crawled all over me and even tried to move over to my friends. The toads were jumping extremely high it really made me laugh".



Stars of the week: Jozef

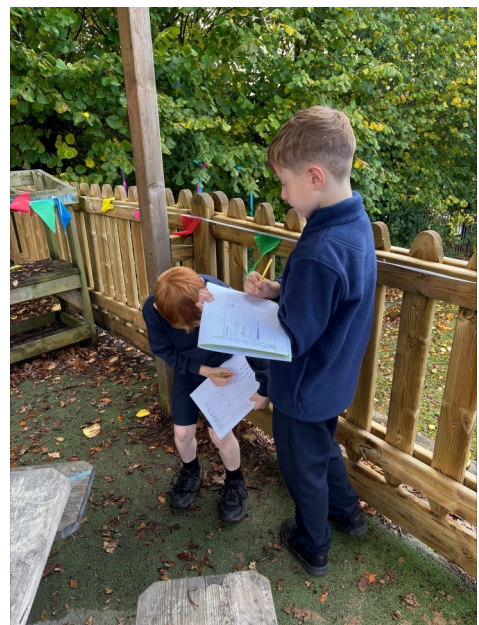
Jozef has been an excellent member of our Year 3 class. He has been working extremely hard with his numeracy skills and is showing great progress. Keep up the hard work Jozef

Blwyddyn 4

This week in B14 we have been using our scientific knowledge to explore the impact of litter around our school. We began by predicting what types of litter we thought we might find and where it would be most common. Then, we carried out a litter survey around the school grounds, carefully recording our findings using a tally chart. We were surprised by some of the results and used our data to think about why certain areas had more litter than others. As a class, we discussed what steps we could take to reduce litter and keep our school environment clean and safe for everyone.



In addition to our science work, we have also been exploring a new book called *It's a No Money Day*. This story helped us to learn about the word poverty and understand how living without enough money can affect people's emotions, needs and wants. Through our class discussions, we reflected on how poverty can impact families and communities in different ways.



We linked our learning to the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, especially the ideas of dignity, solidarity and the option for the poor. Together, we talked about how we can show kindness and take action to help those who may be struggling. Whether it's through giving, raising awareness, or simply showing compassion, we learned that small acts can make a big difference.



Star of the Week: Star of the week this week goes to Sophie. Sophie has demonstrated a great understanding when solving addition and subtraction sums. Her positive and resilient attitude has enabled Sophie to tackle more challenging problems. Da iawn Sophie. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

Blwyddyn 5

Our task this week in our Expressive Arts in Religion lesson was to create a piece of artwork to show how Christians can love and welcome asylum seekers and refugees. Before we began, we explored CAFOD's views and what Jesus taught us.

Catholic Social Teaching teaches us that 'We profoundly belong together and are fundamentally dependent on one another'.

In Mark's Gospel we are told to "Love your neighbour as yourself." Jesus taught us to love everyone, especially those who are in need. The parable of the Good Samaritan shows us how important it is to love everyone.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5. Seren Yr Wythnos this week is Elliot, who has shown tremendous efforts in all of his learning tasks. It has been a real pleasure to see him support to others both in and out of the classroom. He has been a real leader in group activities and in how he has led by example. It has been a pleasure to witness such a fantastic week Elliot, da iawn!

Blwyddyn 6

On Wednesday morning the pupils in Bl6 led the school in a collective worship service. We showed the school how we are trying to live more sustainably and enhance the wellbeing of our planet and everyone living on it. Our Catholic Social Teaching virtues



remind us of the importance of the common good and stewardship. Our mission was to encourage everyone to spend a minute thinking about how we could change something in our lives to make the world a just place.

Tuesday was our last hockey session at Cardiff Met, we have enjoyed seeing how the pupils have improved their skills and control over the past three weeks. We played small sided team games, took part in shooting and dribbling activities and have really adapted to using wooden hockey sticks. We are looking forward to applying our new skills during our games lessons at school.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Arayah-Hope for all of your efforts. You continue to be a role model to others through your consistent hard work and positive attitude. Gwaith da!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Sofia & Margot

Reception – Luca

Year 1 – George

Year 2 – Elis

Year 3 – Jozef

Year 4 – Sophie

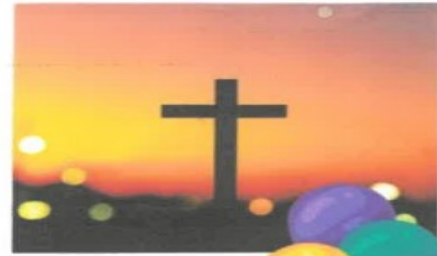
Year 5 – Elliot

Year 6— Arayah-Hope



St Philip Evans Church

*26th October in
the main hall*



40th Parish Anniversary

Teas and coffees

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food to share*



*Celebrated Mass will
be at 10:30am followed
by a shared lunch*



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