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*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

17th Hydref 2025

Events next week

21.10.25	w/s	Flu vaccinations	Am
22.10.25	Y6	Class Assembly	9.15am
22.10.25	Y1/2	Class trip to Dan Yr Ogof Caves	All day
23.10.25	w/s	Wacky Hair Day / Non Uniform Day	
24.10.25	w/s	INSET day – no children. Training day for staff	
		HALF TERM Monday 27th—Friday 31st October	

Today will be Ms Malpas' official last day with us at St Bernadette's. This will definitely not be a goodbye though as she will still be working at the school in some capacity and has already been booked for Monday to Wednesday next week. We thank her for her dedication and all her hard work and contributions to St Bernadette's over the years in her full-time role.

Mini Vinnies

On Wednesday, our Mini Vinnies delivered all of our harvest contributions to our local



food bank at St Philip Evans Church.

Thank you to all our families for their incredible generosity.

Football kits

A huge thank you to Mr Fox who provided St Bernadette's with new football kits for our St Bernadette's



football teams. They will be proudly wearing them at their next tournament. I am sure you will agree they are fabulous!

Dear Parents and Carers,

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



Beth am gael sioe ffasiwn?
What about having a fashion show?



Dw i'n gwisgo ... I'm wearing ...
Dyma Sam. Here is Sam.
Mae Sam yn gwisgo ... Sam is wearing ...
Mae e'n gwisgo ... He is wearing ...

Mae hi'n gwisgo ... She is wearing ...

Her Cymraeg Wythnosol CCD / CSC Weekly Welsh Challenge



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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



This week we have been thinking of how we become part of God's family and the way we celebrate entering God's family. It is through a very special celebration called Baptism.

The children acted out role-play of a Baptism. We looked at some of the symbols of Baptism - a white robe, oil, water and a candle. These symbols helped the children to recognise and to show others that we have now become members of the

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Stars of the week:
Cally has settled in extremely well. She is a very popular member of our class. Everything she does she gives it her all and partakes in absolutely everything. She is pure sunshine and a breath of fresh air.



Elias has made a great start to his year in nursery, he is always keen to learn and engages in all learning opportunities. He enjoys everything we do and it's a joy to see him develop his confidence. He engages in circle time. He has made lots of friends and we love his spark of enthusiasm.

Derbyn

Reception really enjoyed the dance workshop we had last week. The children were excited to learn the new moves and had lots of fun putting them together to create a whole dance. It was a great chance for the children to be creative, work together, and build their confidence while moving to the music.



Star of the week: Oliver

Oliver has really impressed us with how he has been trying so hard to develop his letter formation. He has shown a super attitude to learning this week - da iawn Oliver!

Blwydynn 1

This week, our wonderful Year 1 children have continued working on creating a very special space in our pond area — a **Reflective Prayer Garden**. With hearts full of curiosity and creativity, they ventured outdoors to collect natural artefacts such as leaves, stones, and twigs. These treasures from nature became the foundation of their reflective spaces, designed to inspire peace, thoughtfulness, and prayer.



One of the most touching parts of their work was crafting **crosses from sticks**, symbolizing their growing understanding of faith and the importance of reflection.

These handmade crosses now stand proudly in the garden, each one unique and made with care.

As part of their spiritual journey, the children listened to The Creed, sparking thoughtful discussions about the **visible and invisible** aspects of God's creation. Inspired by this, they painted vibrant images of visible things created by God — from the sun and stars to animals and flowers — onto the garden walls. These paintings now

brighten the space and serve as a joyful reminder of the beauty around us.

We are incredibly proud of Year 1 for their thoughtful contributions and the love they've poured into this project. Their prayer garden is not only a place for quiet reflection but also a celebration of faith, creativity, and community.



"We can't see a whisper, but we can hear it." - Mila

"We can't see a bird tweeting." - Frankie

"We can see clouds, but we can't see the wind. We can see it blowing the trees, but it is invisible." - George

"I can't see a dog barking." - Gracie-Leigh



Seren Yr Wythnos: *Reina - Reina has shown fantastic effort in her maths this week! She's been confidently using part-whole models to support her subtraction work and has impressed us all with her determination and focus. Keep up the brilliant work, Reina — we're so proud of you!*

Blwyddyn 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about stewardship' and what it means for caring for God's world.

We have considered what we could do to care for God's world in our own lives and in the life of our local community.

These were our thoughts and ideas.

"I can make good choices". *Billie*

"I can take care of things that have been given to me". *Benji*

"If I make a mistake, I can try to fix it". *Isla L*

"I can say sorry when I do something wrong". *Nile*

"I can look after God's plants and animals". *Imogen*

"I can recycle my rubbish into the right bin". *Perez*

"I can switch off lights and other electrical things when I am not using them". *Ephraim*

"I can be kind by helping others and sharing". *Eve*

"I can help people who have no food or money". *Sylvie*

In year 2 we decided that we can use our gifts and talents to do good things.

We offered all our thoughts up to God and promised to do our best to look after his beautiful world, just like Pope Francis asked us in his special letter 'Laudate Si'.



Seren yr Wythnos: *Eve*.

Eve is a wonderful little girl. She is so enthusiastic about her work and school and has a fantastic bubbly personality. Bendigedig *Eve*!

Blwyddyn 3

This week has been an exciting one for Year 3! We had the fantastic opportunity to participate in a rugby session led by a brilliant coach from Old Iltydians. The children were absolutely buzzing with enthusiasm as they dived into learning essential rugby skills.

Throughout the session, we focused on developing our communication skills, passing, catching, and of course, teamwork! It was wonderful to see the students work together to enhance their abilities while having a great time. We tried our hands at various games, including "hot potato," which had everyone in fits of laughter, as well as a fun running game where we had to place the ball down before scooping it up again and passing it on.

One of the highlights was playing an under-and-over game that honed our teamwork even further. It was amazing to see how well the children collaborated, cheering each other on and celebrating each other's successes.



Many of our pupils left the session buzzing with excitement and are now considering joining a rugby club outside of school! It's wonderful to see such interest in sport, and I encourage all of you to support them in exploring these opportunities.

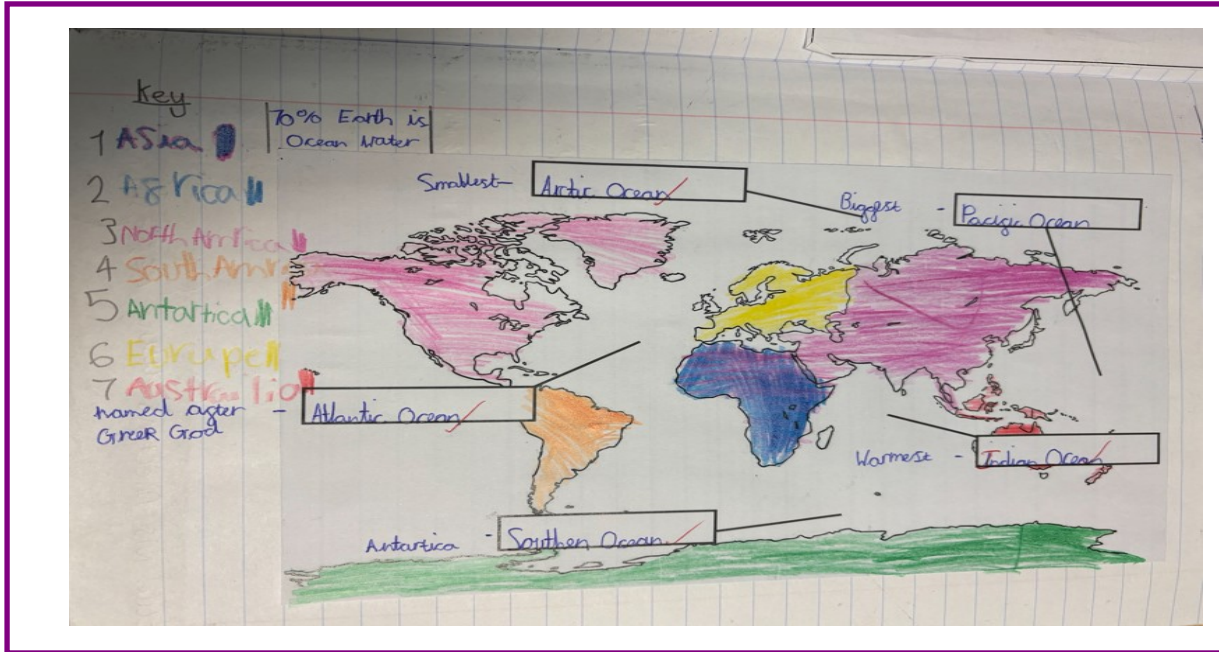


Stars of the week: Elisio

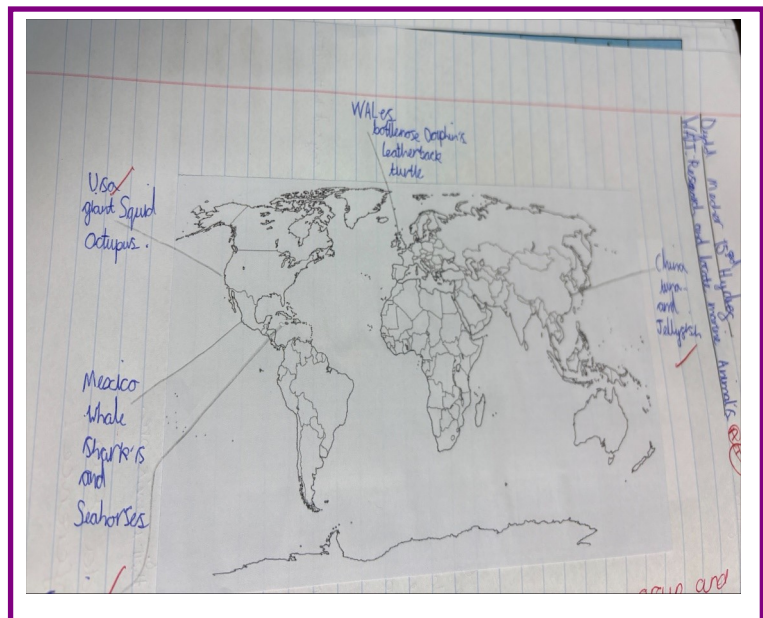
This week, we are thrilled to celebrate Elisio as our Star of the Week! He truly shines as a role model in our Year 3 classroom, consistently making the right choices and showing respect to both adults and his classmates. We've all noticed how attentive he is during meditation, using that time to focus and really prepare himself for the afternoon's learning activities. His dedication and positive attitude are inspiring to everyone around him. Well done, Elisio! Keep up the fantastic work; you're making a real difference in our classroom! We're so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 4

This week, Year 4 have been diving deep into our Blue Abyss topic! We have been learning about sea animals from around the world and using our map skills to locate and label where they can be found. The children have also been exploring the five main oceans and seven continents, ordering them from largest to smallest and discovering lots of fascinating facts along the way.



In Numeracy, we've been problem solving down under with some tricky Blue Abyss-themed questions. The children have been applying their addition and subtraction skills to solve real-life word problems and challenges. Everyone has worked really hard to explain their thinking and show their working out clearly. It's been a busy and exciting week of learning in Year 4 we can't wait to see what we discover next in our ocean adventures!



Star of the Week: Star of the week this week goes to Erin. Her fantastic biography captured the life and bravery of Eugenie Clark. Her resilience in her numeracy has demonstrated her dedication and resilience. Da iawn Erin. Keep it up. We are so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 5

Catholic Social Teaching is something we are called to live out. It promotes the message of the Bible, to love God, love others and care for His world. There are many characters who help us understand what this is like and year 5 decided to write their own quiz for year 3 to complete. It was fabulous seeing the children engage with each and learn more about Catholic Social Teaching.

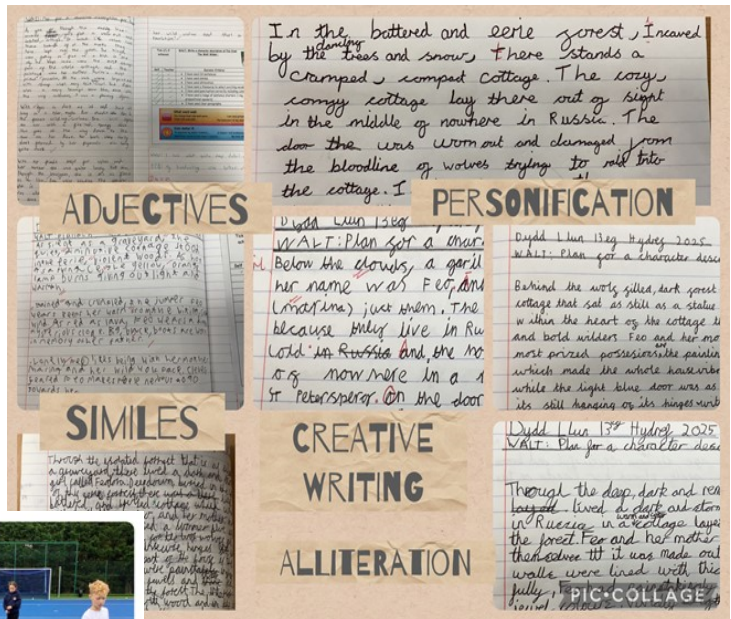


Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5 is Amelia Burley.

Amelia has shown incredible kindness, enthusiasm, and determination in everything she's done. We've especially noticed how Amelia has been a real team player, working brilliantly with her peers in Kinetic, during group tasks in Maths and Religion and being a wonderful friend at play times. We can always rely on Amelia to be there for anyone. Da iawn Amelia, we are so proud of you, your kindness and your hard work. Keep it up.

Blwyddyn 6

This week we have enjoyed applying our writing skills to craft a detailed character description of Feo from our class novel. We have been focusing on a range of features to improve the quality of our writing. We used green pens to edit our writing and shared our work with the class.



On Tuesday afternoon we walked to Cardiff Met again to take part in hockey small sided games. Next Tuesday will be our final week, we will enjoy bringing back the new skills and ideas to school.

Leo - "I enjoyed the game when people went around trying to get the ball off other people."

Oliver - "It was fun and I have learnt that there is a flat and a curved side to the hockey stick."

Olly - "I enjoyed tackling people to get the ball, I was safe by keeping the stick on the floor."

Louie - "I improved my dribbling skills using the flat side."

Maya - "I really liked it, I enjoyed the red light, green light game. I am improving my dribbling skills by playing that game."



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Joe for his efforts this week. We were impressed with your Big Write this week and how you used adjectives, similes and prepositional sentence openers. Keep up the good work

Joe. Da iawn!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Cally & Elias

Reception – Oliver

Year 1 – Reina

Year 2 – Eve

Year 3 – Elisio

Year 4 – Erin

Year 5 – Amelia Bur

Year 6— Joe





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<https://cardiffchildrensplayservices.co.uk/register>

This document is available in Welsh

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Hyb Llanrhymni - CF3 5NQ
15:30 - 17:25

Dydd Iau Hydref 30
Hyb Powerhouse Llanederyn - CF23 9PN
15:30 - 17:25

Dydd Gwener Hydref 31
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