



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

26th Medi 2025

PARENT GOVERNOR AT ST BERNADETTE'S

We are delighted to announce that our new parent Governor is Mr Philip Bryant. It was a close-run race and we were pleased to see so many people vote. Our thanks go to Mr Zimba, Mrs Makan and Dr Callard-Langdon who also put their names forward. We are very grateful that we have such exceptional parents prepared to support our school.

The Governing Body at St Bernadette's for 2025-26 now consists of:

Governor Type	Name
Foundation	Paul Newbury
Foundation	Maureen Haigh
Foundation	Mary Affley
Foundation	Patricia Slack
Foundation	Dr Maxwell Davies
Foundation	Richard Moore
Foundation	Sarah Jenkins
Head Teacher	Suzanne Williams
Local Authority Governor	Patricia Arlotte
Parent Governor	Phillip Bryant
Non-Teaching Governor	Emma Preece
Teaching Governor	Katie Nicholson

In 2024-25, Mr Paul Newbury was our Chair of Governors and Mrs Maureen Haigh, our Vice Chair. Votes will take place at next week's Governing Body meeting to decide on these posts for 2025-26

CAFOD HARVEST DAY AT ST BERNADETTE'S

Thursday 2nd October is our Cafod Harvest Day and we will be collecting for our local Foodbank at St Philip Evans Church who have asked for donations of: **Biscuits, UHT Milk, Sponge Puddings, Sweets & Chocolates, Condiments, e.g. Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Snacks e.g. crisps, cereal bars etc, Squash, Shampoo & Conditioner, Washing powder, deodorant and Washing up liquid.**

All donations would be very much appreciated. Can they please be brought to school by Friday 3rd October. Thank you for your support .



You are welcome to join us for the masses, prayer services, and concerts for your children listed below. Assembly dates will follow. Please be aware, there have been some changes of days and times may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

October 2025	November 2025	December 2025
2 nd Y3&Y4 Harvest Prayer Service 9.15am	6 th Jubilee Mass 9.15am	2 nd Y3 & Y4 Advent Prayer Service 9.15am
2 nd CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day	11 th Y5 Class Assembly 2pm	3 rd Christmas Fair 3.15 – 4.30pm
3 rd M&M Productions - Alice in Wonderland	11 th Reception Application Open until 13th January	10 th Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play 9.30am
14/15 th Parents evening N-Y6 3.30-6pm	13 th -20 th Book Fair - School Hall	12 th Nursery/Reception Nativity 10am + 2pm
16 th Individual photos/family photos day		17 th Y5&Y6 Christmas Carol Concert 2.15pm
18 th St Bernadette's will join the parish for 5:15 pm Mass at St Philip Evans Church		
21 st Flu nasal spray vaccination		
22 nd Y6 Class Assembly 9.15am		
24 th INSET DAY. School closed to children		

📖🗨️ MONSTER PHONICS & SUPERHERO SPELLINGS LAUNCH DAY! 🗨️📖

What a Super-Monstrous Day!

On Wednesday, our school transformed into a world of *superpowers and silly sounds* as we officially launched **Monster Phonics** and **Superhero Spellings**! The children looked fabulous dressed as their **favourite monsters and superheroes**. They were ready to learn, laugh, and *power up their spelling skills*.

🗨️ Monster Hunt Madness

Our young learners took part in a thrilling **Monster Hunt**, searching high and low for hidden phonics monsters around the school. With clues to solve and characters to find, the hunt was a fantastic way to bring phonics to life in a hands-on, adventurous way.

💃💃 Cool Blue Disco & Jade Rave

The celebrations continued with two unforgettable dance parties!

The **Cool Blue Disco** had everyone grooving to icy beats and shimmering lights.

The **Jade Rave** brought a burst of red energy, music, and non-stop dancing!



🗨️ Why Monster Phonics & Superhero Spellings?

These exciting programmes are designed to make phonics and spelling **fun, engaging, and memorable**. By using colour-coded monsters and superhero themes, children can better understand sounds, spelling patterns, and tricky words — all while having a blast!



We're thrilled to see how enthusiastic our pupils are and can't wait to watch their reading and writing skills soar!

Look out for information on our Parent information event coming up soon.



Meithrin



In the Nursery, this week we have been looking at floating and sinking. This involved practical water play, encouraging children to observe, predict, and discuss why objects float or sink. We had a large container of water and discussed concepts of floating sinking, heavy, and light, and looked carefully at our object's shape size and material.



Charlie - "It's magic when it floats."

Shannelle - "It's floating because it's made out of plastic."

Teddy -" The rock sank because it's heavy."



We have also been thinking about how we all look different and God loves our differences and made us all in His image. Using mirrors to explore the way we look. We looked at the colour of our eyes and hair. And made images of our friends to help us see the differences. God made each of us and

we are all different and special and 'good.'



"Indeed it is very good" (Genesis



Stars of the week:

Morning - **Frankie**, a great member of the morning nursery. He is both kind and caring. He is a real all-rounder, a great listener and an enthusiastic learner contributing to all of the learning taking place every morning.

Afternoon - **Aiden** he has shown the Early Years team he is a very keen learner, he gives 100%. He listens and answers questions. He is a good friend and is a pleasure to teacher and a superb friend.

Derbyn

This week we had a fantastic time celebrating our Monster Phonics Launch Day! The children were very excited to get to know the Monster Phonics characters through lots of fun activities.

We made our own Monster Phonics character masks, went on a treasure hunt to find all of the monsters, and even enjoyed a lively disco with our nursery friends. The day was filled with laughter, creativity, and plenty of monster magic!

The children are already beginning to talk about the different Monster Phonics characters, and we can't wait to continue our phonics journey together.



Stars of the week:

Louis - He's impressed us with his excellent manners and the way he approaches every activity with enthusiasm.

James - He's been giving Monster Phonics his best effort this week and is trying so hard with sounding out new words. Well done!

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This week, our Year 1 children embarked on a beautiful journey of discovery and reflection as they explored the wonders of God's creation in our newly named **Prayer Garden**.

Nestled beside the pond area, the Prayer Garden has become a peaceful space where children can connect with nature and reflect on the beauty around them. Using natural items such as leaves, stones, and flowers, the children helped create a reflective prayer space that celebrates the awe-inspiring world God has given us.



Together, we paused to give thanks for the intricate details of creation—from the ripples in the water to the buzzing of insects and the gentle rustle of leaves. It was a truly special moment of gratitude and wonder.

We're so proud of how thoughtfully and respectfully the children engaged with this experience. The Prayer Garden will continue to be a space for quiet reflection, prayer, and appreciation throughout the year.

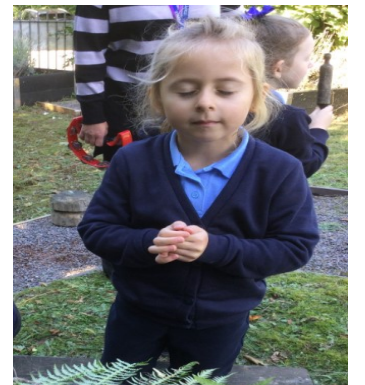
"I want to give thanks for my friend Victoria." - Giovanna

"I want to say thank you for Penguins." - Taurus



"I want to say thank you to God for Elephants." - Grace

"I want to say diolch for the green flowers." - Adam



Seren Yr Wythnos: Mila



This week, Mila has truly shone in her phonics and writing! She's been working incredibly hard, showing fantastic focus and determination every single day. Her confidence is growing, and it's been wonderful to see her sounding out words and forming sentences with such enthusiasm.

Blwyddyn 2

An Unexpected Visit from the Giant!

Year 2 walked into an exciting surprise this week—giant footprints, golden eggs, and a mysterious trail of beans scattered across the classroom! Alongside these strange clues was a letter from none other than Jack himself, warning that the Giant is angry about his missing hen and harp. Naturally, this sparked lots of curiosity and imaginative questions from the children: *Where is the Giant now? Is he coming back?* The classroom buzzed with excitement as the mystery unfolded, setting the stage for some fantastic storytelling and creative thinking in the days ahead.



Seren yr Wythnos: Sylvie for her fabulous RE work this week on Noah. Well done Sylvie!

Blwyddyn 3

We're thrilled to share that Year 3 had the best time during our Monster Phonic Launch Day! The excitement in the classroom was palpable as we delved into the world of different monsters. Each monster has its own unique way of helping us understand various sounds, making spelling fun and engaging.



The children loved discovering how these imaginative creatures can assist them in mastering their phonics. We've seen great enthusiasm for our new learning theme, and it's wonderful to witness the pupils applying the rules they've learned to their everyday writing.

As we continue on this learning journey, we're eager to explore more about our monster friends and enhance our understanding of sounds. Stay tuned for more updates, and thank you for your continued support!

Stars of the week: Lucas

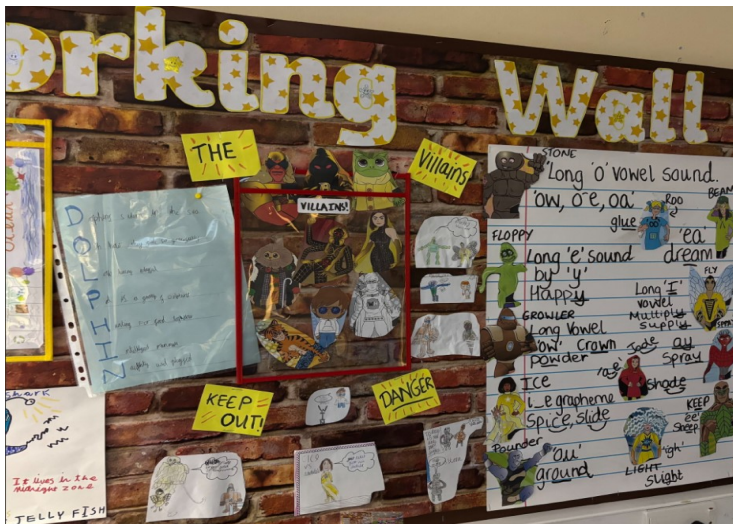


We're thrilled to announce that Lucas is our Star of the Week! Lucas has shown tremendous enthusiasm for learning our phonics, and it's been fantastic to see his engagement. He has been contributing wonderfully during the whole school assembly, sharing his ideas and supporting his classmates. Notably, Lucas has taken the initiative to help others use the phonic monsters, making learning the rules much more enjoyable for everyone. Da iawn! Keep up the great work.

Blwydynn 4

This week in BI4 we have been sharing and discussing our own family tree. We looked at our families and discussed what similarities and differences we have compared to one another. As a class, we compared our family trees with Jesus' family tree. We identified lots of significant figures, leading us back to Abraham. Using our prior knowledge, we discussed what we already knew about Abraham and used the family tree to identify other religious people.

In numeracy, we have been learning all about place value. We have explored numbers in the thousands, breaking them down into the different columns. In maths, we have started to use our place value knowledge to solve worded problems.



Our superhero launch day was a great success! All the children enjoyed dressing up in bright colours as their chosen superhero. We even created our own comic strips! In the afternoon, we took part in our jade rave, promoting our first weekly spellings of the 'Long A' sound. In the classroom we have thoroughly enjoyed meeting all the superheroes as well as the Villains!



Star of the Week:



Star of the week this week goes to Ala. I have been thoroughly impressed with her numeracy skills this week. Ala has shown great resilience and a real positive attitude to her numeracy. Her eagerness to learn and overall attitude towards her learning has been excellent. Da iawn Ala. Keep it up!

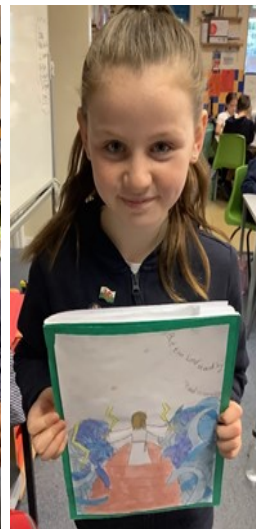
Blwyddyn 5

During our wellbeing sessions over the last 2 weeks we have been exploring the story of Jesus Calming the Storm. We listened to the story, explored different art pieces and then reflected on the storms we encounter in our own lives.

Finally, we created our own water colour pieces to present the story along with our own experiences and linked bible references to our work.



"I created Jesus in the storm with chaos around him, but he calms the storm. The bible quote I chose was 'but the Lord stood by me and strengthened me'. I chose this because Jesus is always with me even in the hardest times" Marnie

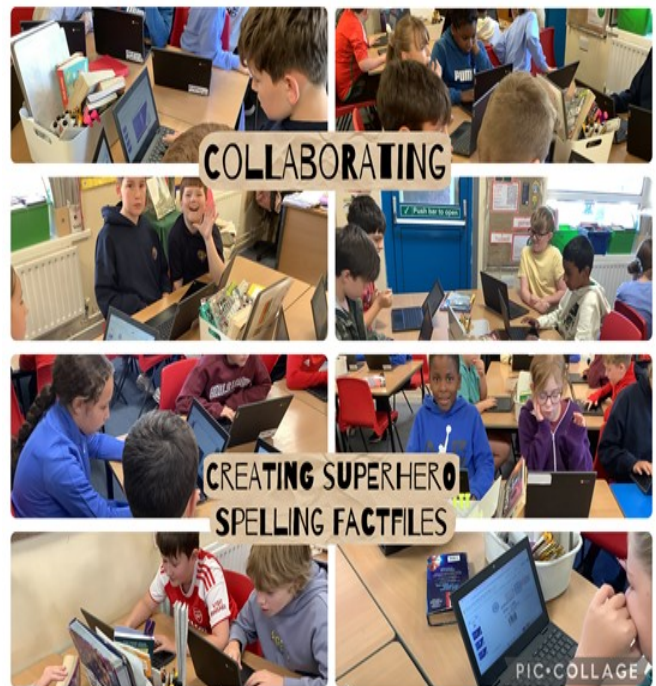


Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5 is Cassie who has excelled this week. Not only in her work but in her efforts, her positive attitude and her kindness and friendship with others. She has made a fantastic start to Year 5 and is a wonderful help to her teachers. Da iawn Cassie!

Blwyddyn 6

Superhero Spelling Launch

On Wednesday we enjoyed taking part in activities to launch the new and exciting spelling scheme. The pupils worked collaboratively to create presentations about the individual characters. With our new knowledge we then created our own comics using our imagination.



At the end of the afternoon we joined B15 for a rave in the hall. We celebrated by dancing and singing together.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Maya for all of her efforts this week. Maya, you have worked so hard during our maths lessons, applying skills using number lines to answer questions involving negative numbers. You have really impressed us! Gwaith da Maya.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Frankie & Aiden

Reception – Louis & James

Year 1 – Mila

Year 2 – Sylvie

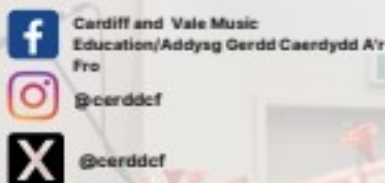
Year 3 – Lucas

Year 4 – Ala

Year 5 – Cassie

Year 6— Maya





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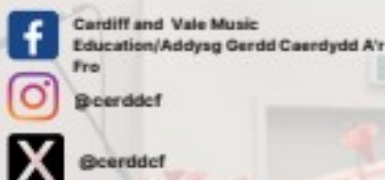
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