



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

9th Mai 2025

WE ARE DELIGHTED TO WELCOME OUR NEW POPE—LEO XIV

Speaking from The Vatican in St Peter's Square yesterday, he brought a "greeting of peace", and encouraged people to "help us, and help each other, build bridges". Please remember to keep him in your prayers.



LOVING AND COMPASSIONATE.

This week at St Bernadette's we were introduced to our pair of virtues for this half term from the Jesuit Pupil Profile: **Loving** and **Compassionate**. The children were shown the story of 'Blind Bartimaeus' and reminded of the stories of 'The Prodigal Son' and 'The Good Samaritan' each showing examples of how people have been loving and compassionate. At St Bernadette's we are going to try to be loving and compassionate to each other.



B12 Da iawn! You have managed to achieve the highest attendance this week!

Attendance and Punctuality this Week 5th May—9th May

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Attendance	88.5%	83.8%	88.8%	97.5%	96.3%	94.2%	94.2%	92.5%
Late	0 pupils	1pupils	4pupils	6pupils	1 pupils	3pupils	1pupils	3pupils

Catholic Mastermind 2025

It's been a week of celebration, for sure, at St Bernadette's! A new Pope. The Prayer Liturgy to honour Mary. Winning Catholic Mastermind 2025! HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our St B team consisting of 3 year 6 boys: Seb, Olly and Archie. You showed your breadth of knowledge, speed of thinking and general knowledge. We are all so proud of you!

This year, we had 11 schools across our Catholic cluster competing in questions about Victory in Europe, Maths, Spellings, Religion, Memory, Flags, Literature and Famous Faces. Before getting started, we warmed up our brains with some brain gym exercises, stopped in the middle for some light refreshments and ended with photos with our winning certificates and prizes.



Cynefin Coffee Club

And cake sale

School Hall

Tuesday 13th May at 2.45pm

to 3.30pm

- Short presentation led by the Diversity Group
- All money raised will go to school funds
- Celebrate the Cynefin work from the whole school

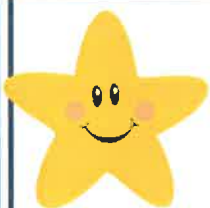
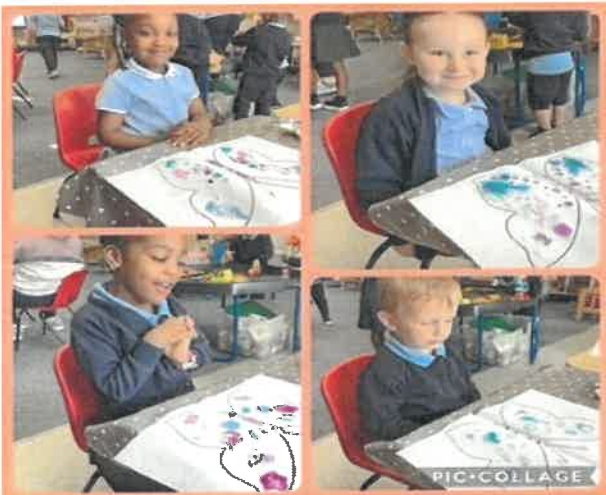


Meithrin

We have had a very busy week again in nursery. We have been working very hard on our counting and sorting skills, ordering the fruit from our story this week "The Hungry Caterpillar".

The nursery children have been looking at symmetry and creating patterns using paint to paint our butterflies.

They have also been using Lego to build different versions of "The Hungry Caterpillar".



Stars of the week: Samantha & Bruno

Samantha has really grown in confidence over the past few weeks. She is willing to answer questions and is making lots of friends and joining in all the activities.

Bruno has made lots of progress this week. He has been working on his numbers and answering more questions confidently.

Derbyn

We were very excited this week to receive a letter from Farmer Duck! Farmer Duck needed our help to scare away the birds who were eating all the seeds he was planting! We looked at different pictures of scarecrows and thought about what features a scarecrow needed. We looked at the algorithm of making a scarecrow, if we didn't get it right the first time, we just debugged our algorithm and tried again!



Scarecrow making

We have been thinking about how May is the month of Mary. We thought about what made Mary so special and on Thursday we presented flowers to Mary in our whole school prayer service.

Isabelle - "Mary said Yes to God"
Shania - "Mary trusted God"
Leo - "Mary is the Mother of Jesus"



Stars of the week: George - Da iawn George! George has been very helpful this week and we have been really impressed with his manners.

Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the May procession for Our Lady on Thursday. The sun shined upon us as we gathered, sang songs, and shared a Litany and Prayer for Mary, our Mother. We placed our flowers and seeds around our Lady and took a moment to reflect on what Mary means to us. Once we returned to class, we researched all the names used for Mary. Here are some of our favourites...

Our Lady

Mother of Christ

Eyes of the Sea

Immaculate Conception

Mother of Jesus



We then looked at some of the Litany's written by the children in Year 6. We learnt that a Litany has a rhythm, somewhat like a poem. We wrote some of our own.

Mary, Mother of our Lord

Pray for us

Mary so kind

Pray for us

Mary who loves us

Pray for us

Maria

Mother of Jesus

Pray for us

Mother of our hearts

Pray for us

Mary so beautiful

Pray for us



Alfie

Mary, the Immaculate Conception

Pray for us

Mother of all children

Pray for us

Mother of the seas

Pray for us

Pure and kind Mary

Pray for us

Billie



Seren Yr Wythnos: Ephraim - Ephraim has truly impressed us with his maths this week. He works so hard and has absolutely smashed his multiplications this week. Bendigedig!

Blwydynn 2

Blyddyn 2 were very excited last Friday as they were having their first pBuzz lesson. A pBuzz is a little bit like a trombone. The 'p' stands for plastic and the 'Buzz' is for the sound it makes.

We did a range of musical warm ups, played rhythm games and they learned how to hold and blow into our instrument. We all learned how to play the note 'F' and we were able to join in and accompany a famous song by George Ezra called 'Shotgun'.



'I really enjoyed my lesson'. Tommy

'It was great fun and I like the way it sounded'. Isla

'My lips tickled as I made a buzz sound to play it'. Logan

'It was so much fun, I want to get one to play at home'. Lorenzo

Watch this space as we will be keeping you updated on our progress.

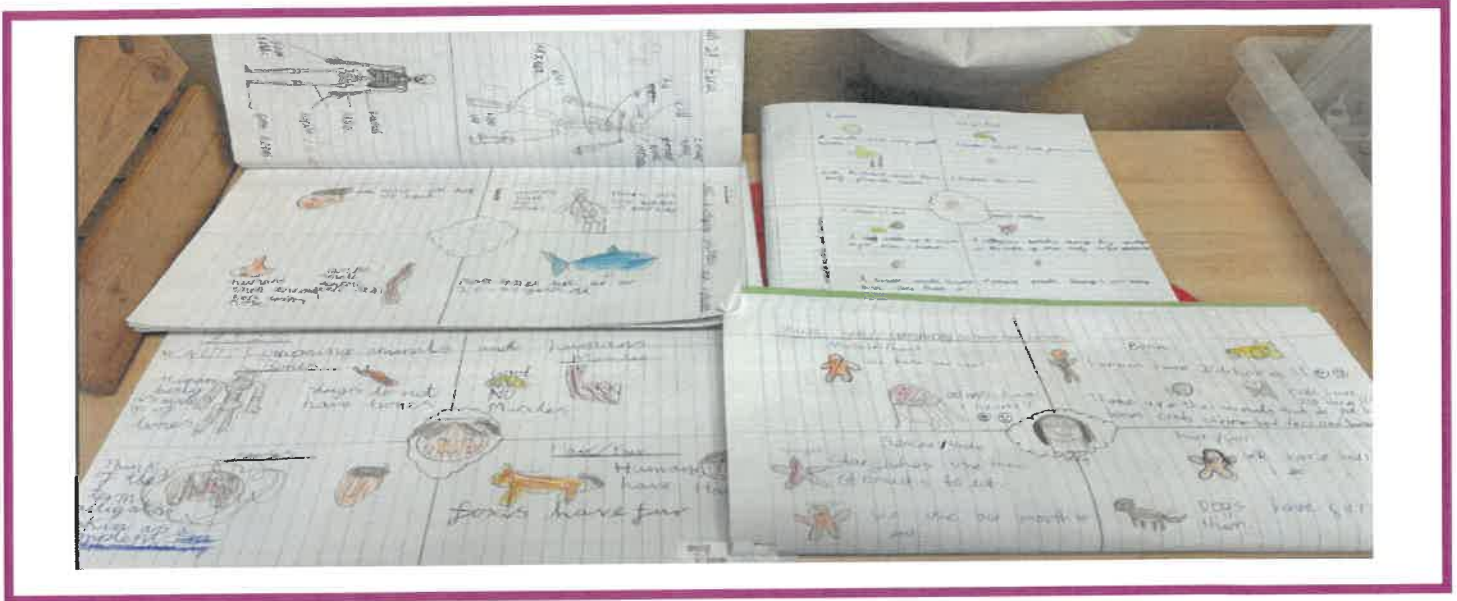


Stars of the week: Noah.

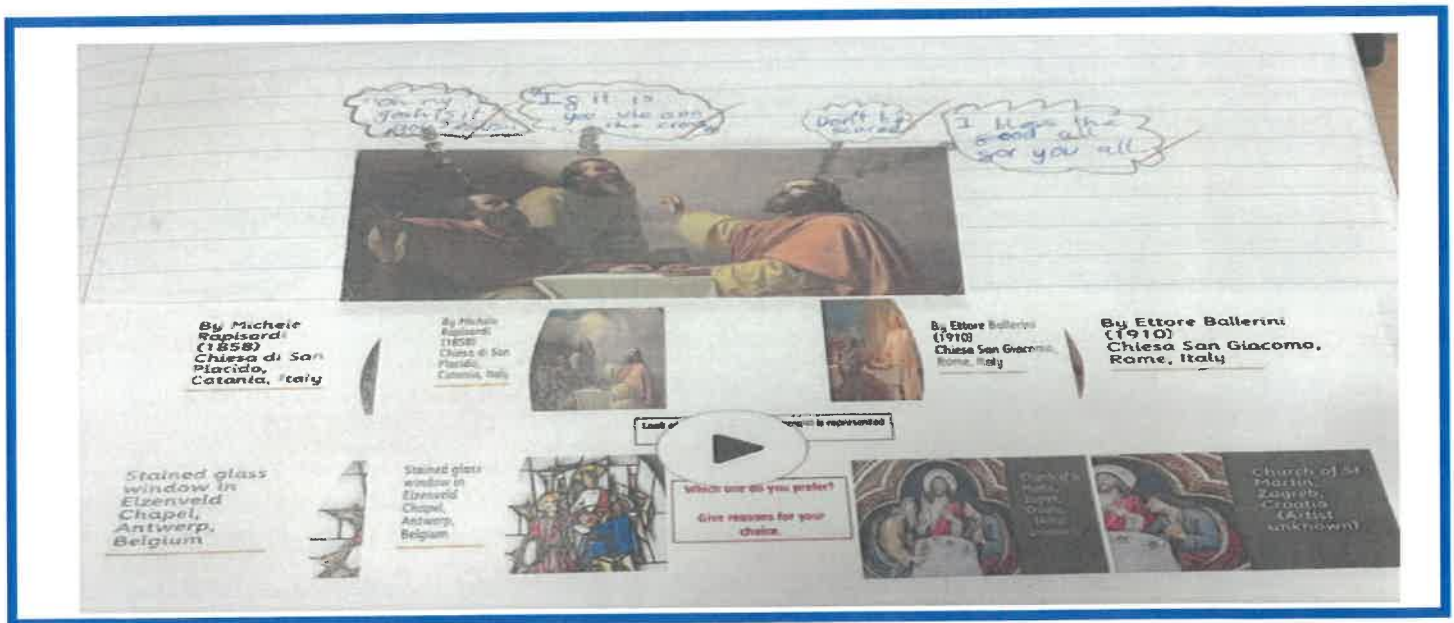
Noah is a fantastic little boy who works very hard and gives his best to everything. He is a delight to teach in year 2. Ardderchog Noah.

Blwyddyn 3

This week Bl3 have been delving deeper into their predator topic. We have started to plan and prepare our predator fact file. As a class, we explored a crocodile fact file highlighting the key features. In science, we identified the similarities and differences between humans and animals. We used the chrome books to gather information and share our findings.



In RE, we have been exploring different scriptures in the Gospel. We used our IT skills to capture and record our opinions on different artworks from around the world.



Seren yr Wythnos: This week in BL3 our star of the week is Arlo. He tried exceptionally hard to gather facts and produced a fantastic piece of work! Keep it up! We are so proud of you.

Blwyddyn 4

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 4! We kicked off our topic 'Burps, Bottoms and Bile' by diving into the quirky world of 'Demon Dentist'. The children are loving the story, filled with excitement and lots of giggles. It's been brilliant to see their imaginations sparked by the characters and events.

As we read on, the children began to think about their own dental adventures.

Inspired by the book, they got creative and wrote their very own short dentist scenes. It was delightful to see their unique ideas come to life, from mischievous tooth fairies to humorous patients. The laughter echoed through the classroom as they shared their stories with each other.

Overall, this week was not just about reading but also about sparking creativity and having fun with words. I can't wait to see where our next adventures will take us!



Star of the Week: I am thrilled to nominate Rory as our Star of the Week!



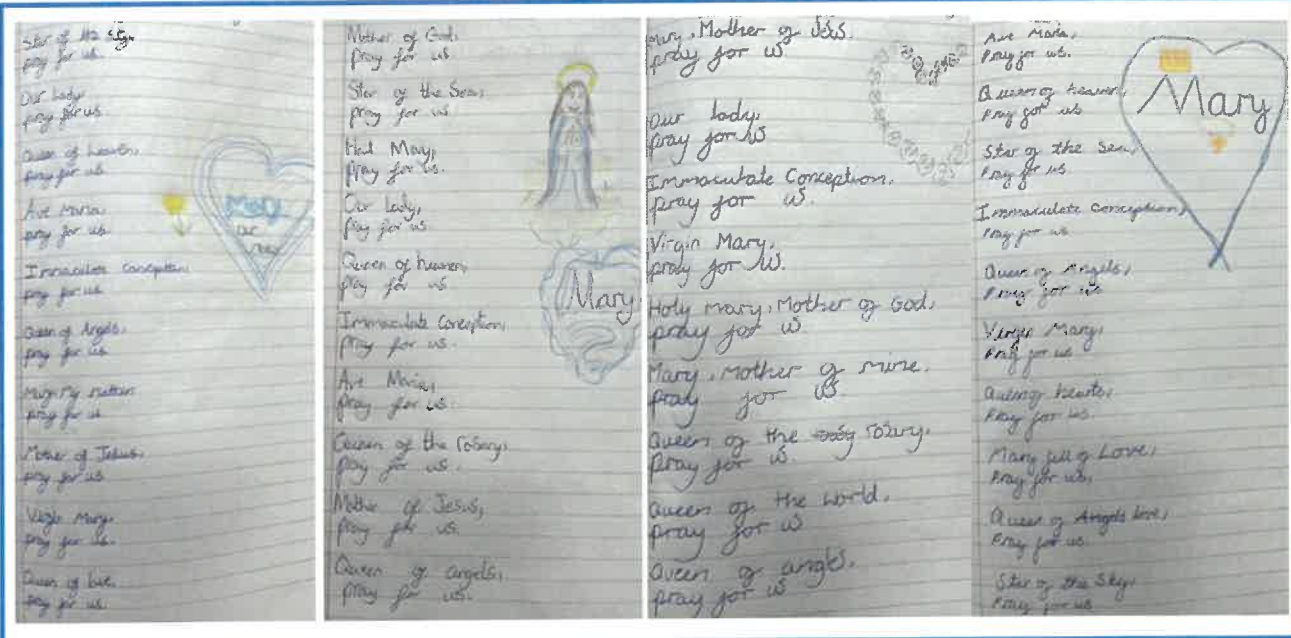
He has truly excelled in all areas of his learning this term. Rory's positive mindset shines through every day, making him a joy to have in class. Whether he's working on projects independently or collaborating with his peers, he consistently demonstrates effort and enthusiasm. His ability to engage with the material and support his classmates creates a fantastic learning environment for everyone. Keep up the amazing work, Rory!

Blwyddyn 5

This week we celebrated May, the month of Our Lady by taking part in a whole school May procession. We brought in seeds and flowers to help create our beautiful Mary Garden. We listened to scripture readings and prayers and we say hymns that remind us of our lady.



After the May procession, we reflected on Mary, Jesus' Mother and all of the titles and names she has been given. We remembered stories from the Bible where Mary put her trust in God and said 'yes' to Him. We wrote beautiful litanies to our Queen of Heaven.



Seren yr wythnos is: Theo who has been a role model in all ways this week. He has contributed fully to class discussion and been a leader in his paired and group work. He has given 100% in all of his work and shown a fantastic sense of humour with his peers and teachers. Da iawn Theo!

Blwyddyn 6

This week we created Blitz mixed media art. We used watercolors and paper building templates to create our pictures.



Science - Investigating Air Resistance

We have been exploring air resistance this week. Firstly, we created Spitfire paper planes and observed how they flew. Next, we worked in groups to create 3 different designs of planes to test which plane would travel the farthest.



Da iawn to this member of our class who has achieved bronze and gold medals during her taekwondo tournament last weekend. Keep up all of your hard work, we love hearing about the achievements of our class from outside of school!



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Kaden for all of his efforts this week. Kaden, you impressed us with your determination and enthusiasm in creating your paper planes during our science lessons. Gwaith da!



Seren Yr ythnos

Nursery - Samantha & Bruno

Reception– George

Year 1– Ephraim

Year 2– Noah

Year 3– Arlo

Year 4– Rory

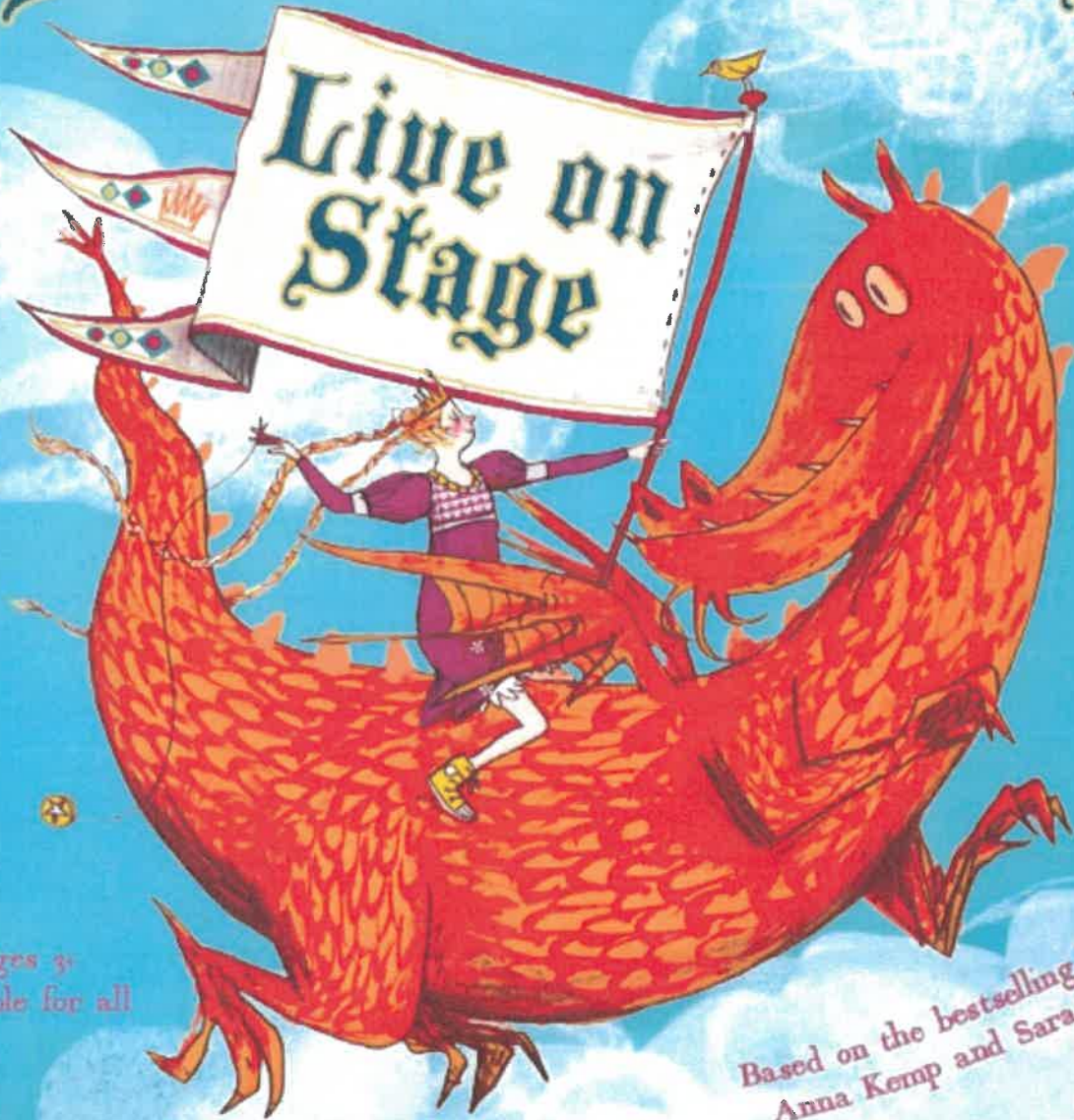
Year 5– Theo

Year 6— Kaden



Full House Theatre Presents

The Worst Princess



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suitable for all

Based on the bestselling book by
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