



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**

**11th April 2025**

**We wish everyone a blessed and peaceful Easter break and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 28th April**

### **HOLY WEEK AT ST BERNADETTE'S**



This week the children have been teaching each other all about the events of Holy Week, the final week of Jesus' life on earth. On Tuesday BI1 a 2 taught us about Palm Sunday, where Jesus arrived into Jerusalem to cheering crowds who laid down their branches in praise. This day reminds us to be joyful .

On Thursday, BI3 a 4 reminded us of the events of the Last Supper, where Jesus washed the feet of the disciples. We are invited by Jesus to copy his loving ways and remember the words said at the Last Supper every time we go to Mass.



Today our oldest children, BI5 a 6 took us through Jesus' Passion and Crucifixion. They reminded us that even at His most difficult times, Jesus prayed. Jesus loves us all so much that He was willing to walk the road to the cross and die for us.

The children will celebrate the joys of the Resurrection on their return to school at the end of April.

### **HOLY WEEK & EASTER TRIDUUM 2025 at St Philp Evans Church**

SUNDAY 13th April - PALM SUNDAY 10.30 am Mass of Palm Sunday

THURSDAY 17th April - MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY 18th April - GOOD FRIDAY 3.00 pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

SATURDAY 19th April - Holy Saturday No 5.15 pm Mass 8.30 pm - Easter Vigil

SUNDAY 20th April- Easter Sunday 10.30 am – Mass



We all need support at sometime or other. Family gateway is a support agency that is available to anyone living in Cardiff.

## Cardiff Family Gateway

The Family Gateway is a contact point for any professional, parent, child or young person to get the information, advice and assistance you need in Cardiff.

The Family Gateway Contact Officers are available to listen to your situation, identify what support is best for you and can help you access it.

The Family Gateway team can help you find support services including money advice, housing, welfare benefits, child behaviour, childcare, school attendance, health and well-being, parental support and much more.

The Family Gateway team work alongside Family Help and Support 4 Families when and where families need additional support.

Contact the Family Gateway on 03000 133 133, via email [ContactFAS@cardiff.gov.uk](mailto:ContactFAS@cardiff.gov.uk) or social media.

Find out more on [Cardiff Family Gateway](#).



<https://www.cardiffamilies.co.uk/>

There are three areas that families can access:

- ◆ Cardiff Family Help Team – An early intervention providing information, advice and assistance for 0-18 year olds
- ◆ Support 4 Families – Family support service can work with families facing more complicated issues

**Bl1 you did it! You have the highest attendance this week Da iawn!  
I am super proud**

### Attendance and Punctuality this Week 7th April—11th April

Class	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>87.5%</b>	97.5%	98.3%	93.8%	95%	91.3%	94.2%	95.8%
<b>Late</b>	3 pupils	4 pupils	2 pupils	3 pupils	1pupils	5 pupils	0 pupils	8pupils

# Lent 2025



The children have been very active in fulfilling their Lenten observances.

## Prayer

The Stations of the Cross have been prayed throughout the school and all of KS2 have attended mass at St. Philip Evans Church. Beautiful prayer services and writing prayers for others have meant the children have spent time during the season of Lent.



## BIG LENT WALK

Well done to all the children who have participated in the BIG LENT WALK raising money for CAFOD. Walking with buddies to the park, walking to mass and pyjama walks are just some of the events that have been held during Lent. Thank you for all the sponsorship money and donations that have been made. So far £380 has been raised for CAFOD!



A huge thank you to all of our families and businesses that have made donation to our Easter Egg Raffle and to the children who have bought raffle tickets.

## Meithrin

This week in nursery we have been celebrating "The Easter Story". We have re-enacted Palm Sunday by waving our Palm leaves and shouting "Hosanna"



We have also been remembering the events of the Last Supper just as Jesus did with his friends. We decorated crosses with images from God's wonderful world.



**Stars of the week:** All of Nursery

This term the nursery class have been superstars. They have all been working hard on their phonics and numbers.

They have been making new friendships but mostly they are having fun!

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## Easter Bonnets

The children made a fantastic effort with their Easter bonnets this week. They really enjoyed sharing their creations through our Easter bonnet parade. Da iawn Reception!



**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Diolch yn fawr to our Year 6 buddies who helped us with our Easter egg hunt this week. You were excellent role models and the Reception really enjoyed the egg hunt with you.



## **Stars of the week: Grace & Shania**

Grace - We are very impressed with how Grace was working hard to sound out new words in our Religion work this week. Da iawn Grace!

Shania - We have been so impressed with Shania's attitude to learning and her superb manners. She can always be relied on to be polite to both children and adults. Da iawn Shania!

## Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 held their very own Garden Sale this week to help raise funds for CAFOD. We discussed fundraising ideas a few weeks ago as part of our R.E topic. We wanted to help people in the wider world and voted on a Garden Party to raise funds for CAFOD.

Over the past few weeks, we have been creating pieces of art using digital images, canvases, and water paints. The finish was fantastic!

The children decided that they also wanted to run their own cake stall selling a variety of cakes and sweet treats.

I think everyone who attended would agree that the customer service was outstanding and that the children should be very proud of how well they displayed their money handling skills.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our families that attended as with your help we raised a brilliant £154.00.

We would also like to wish all of our families a well rested Easter break. Pasg Hapus!



**Star of the Week:** Perez - Perez is settling so well into life at St Bernadette's. He has only been with us for a few weeks, and he is already building positive relationships with all of his peers. Bendigedig Perez!

## Blwydynn 2

Year 2 have been thinking about all their special talents and qualities. We have all thought of kind and considerate words that we can say about each other in our class.

We found out that we are all special children of God and very important and special to each other.



### Stars of the week: Francesca

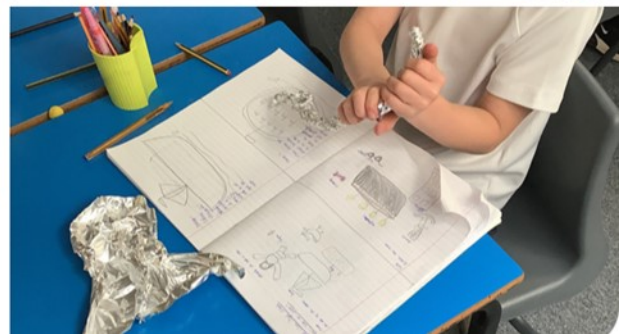
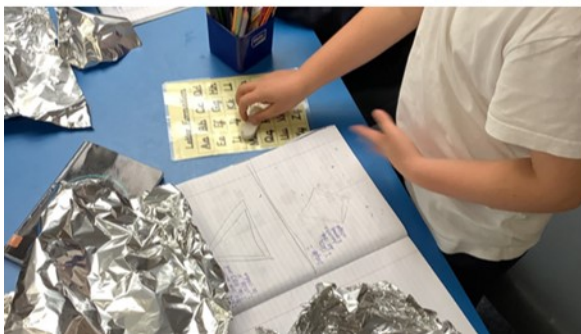
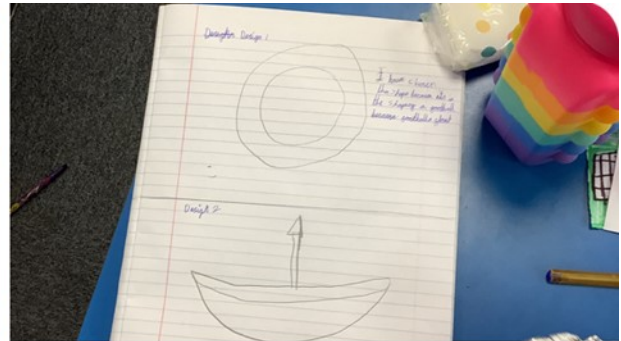
Bendigedig Fran. You have been working so hard and you have been an amazing friend to others.

## Blwyddyn 3

This week BL3 have finished their Roman battle stories. To conclude our Roman topic we created Mosaics and Colosseums demonstrating our artistic flare.

We also took part in our Maundy Thursday performance with year 4. We shared the story of the Last Supper and reflected in our classrooms to highlight the importance of this day in our Holy Week.

In science, we created boats using our knowledge of 'floating and sinking'. We explored the impact of size and weight on our boat designs. As a class we put our boats to the test and found out that the larger the surface area the more marbles we were able to fit into the boat!



### Seren yr Wythnos: Joel

This week in BL3 our star of the week is Joel. He has tried exceptionally hard in his numeracy this week, converting pounds and pence. Keep it up! We are so proud of you.



## Blwyddyn 4

We have had an exciting time in Year 4 as we round off our topic about the Normans! The children have engaged wholeheartedly with the history of this fascinating period, delving into the lives, battles, and culture of these influential figures. One of the highlights of our learning journey was our recent trip to Cardiff Castle, where we explored the impressive architecture and marvellous stories that make it such a special landmark.

During our visit, we learned all about 'coats of arms' and their significance in representing familial ties and values in medieval times. The students were particularly intrigued by the various symbols and colours that are often used, each telling a unique story about the person or family it represents. This sparked an idea within our class – why not design our very own coat of arms?

The children eagerly got to work, brainstorming ideas that reflect who they are as individuals and as a group. They drew inspiration from their personal interests, values, and even our shared experiences in class. It has been wonderful to see their creativity shine through as they put pencil to paper, each design telling its own story and reflecting the diverse personalities in our classroom.



**Lucia** – “After visiting castle Cardiff and learning about coat of arms, we decided to make our own coat of arms in class. We recycled cereal boxes to make them. Each design represents the person. During the Norman times the coat of arms were used to represent different people on a battle field when wearing their armour”.

**Marnie** – “We learnt a lot about families during the Norman times. We learnt that during war, the coat of arms were used to represent their background and who they belong to. People used different animals on their coat of arms to represent different feelings. For example, a deer = intelligence. A dog = Courage”.



**Star of the Week: Daniel.** Daniel consistently gives 100% in all tasks he completes, never shying away from a challenge. Daniel's hard work and commitment truly stands out in our Year 4 class. Not only does he excel academically, but he also sets a fantastic example for his classmates with his excellent manners and respectful attitude. His positive influence is felt by everyone around him. You're a true role model, and we're all so proud of you. Let's celebrate your fantastic achievements!

## Blwyddyn 5

This week, Blwyddyn 5 have taken part in their Lenten walk twice with morning and afternoon nursery. A fantastic time was had by all and lots of steps completed around the school playground and field.



Today Blwyddyn 5 a 6 presented their Good Friday service to the whole school, retelling the story of the crucifixion, beginning in the Garden of Gethsemane and ending at Jesus' death.



Seren yr wythnos is: Luke. Your overall efforts and enthusiasm towards our Good Friday service showed reverence and real maturity encouraging us all to follow. You were also an excellent role model to our younger children in nursery during the Lenten walk and we know you will be a fantastic buddy next year. Da iawn Luke we are very proud of you.

## Blwyddyn 6

Bl6 have worked very hard this week preparing for their Good Friday liturgy with Bl5. We were very impressed with how they conveyed the solemnity of this event. Your portrayal of Jesus' sacrifice through song, acting and readings left all the members of our school community including Fr Keith, moved and able to reflect upon what they had seen and heard. Da iawn, we are very proud of you.



**Star of the week:** Hannah for all of her learning efforts this week. Hannah, you have impressed us with your efforts across the curriculum and in your response to our preparations for our Good Friday act of worship. Da iawn Hannah, keep up all of your hard work!



# Seren Yr ythnos

Nursery - All of Nursery

Reception– Grace & Shania

Year 1– Perez

Year 2– Francesca

Year 3– Joel

Year 4– Daniel

Year 5– Luke

Year 6— Hannah





# Easter Weekend

We warmly invite you to join us to our Easter Fair. Take part in our egg-citing Easter egg hunt and Easter Bonnet Parade. There will be food, entertainment, tombola and raffle.

Every Moment



Thursday 17th April 11.00am - 1.00pm



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