



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

10th Ionawr 2025

Blwyddyn Newydd Dda!

All the staff and Governors at St Bernadette's, welcome back our families and friends. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you all a peaceful, happy and faith-filled 2025.

**Although Mrs Kearle has been gritting our pathways daily, please ensure you all take great care in the icy conditions when walking up and down school pathways.**

### Events coming up in January 2025 at St Bernadette's

Date	Year Grp	Event	Time
23.1.25	Y1/2	Prayer Service	9:15am
24.1.25	Whole school	Catholic Church Jubilee Launch Day for Schools	Assembly am
24.1.25	Whole school	Launch day for National Theatre Wales wellbeing workshops	Assembly pm

This half term, the two virtues we will be focusing on at St Bernadette's are:

### Grateful and Generous



**Grateful** for the gifts God has given to us, for the gifts of other people and the blessings of each new day. We are thankful for what we have and for the people around us for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day

**Generous** We are generous with our gifts and use them in the service of others. We are generous with our time and give of ourselves to serve others as God wants us to. We are generous with our actions, doing things to help other people and make a difference in the world.

*Generous God, Make our hearts like yours, always ready to give. Help us to see opportunities to give our time, so we can achieve amazing things together. Teach us to be grateful for all the good gifts in our lives and to be generous when giving to others. Amen*



**BY BEING GRATEFUL AND GENEROUS, THE CHILDREN AT ST BERNADETTE'S CAN MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE!**

# First Holy Communion in St Philip Evans Church

[sphilipevans.co.uk/holy-communion](http://sphilipevans.co.uk/holy-communion)

Applications for the next 2 cycles of First Holy Communion open this weekend. All sessions are for children & their parents will be held in the church.



*First Holy  
Communion*

**Tuesday Evening cycle** is from 6 to 7 pm, every Tuesday starting on 21st January to 18th February 2025.

First Reconciliation is on Tuesday 25th February.

**Saturday morning cycle** is from 10 to 11 am, every Saturday starting on 25th January to 22nd February.

First Reconciliation will be on Saturday 1st March.

The First Holy Communion Masses for children on these cycles will take place the weekend of 1st or 2nd March 2025.

These courses are the last of the catch-up courses and are for those children in Years 3 – 6.

Application forms for both cycles are available from Deacon Steve or Fr Keith after any Mass. When picking up a form you will need to state if you wish to be part of the Tuesday evening or Saturday morning group.

Please note:

- ◆ Completed forms should be returned to Teresa in the parish office. You may post the form through the presbytery letterbox and the form will be collected from there.
  - ◆ Spaces will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

If you have any questions, please talk to Deacon Steve or Fr Keith after Mass or contact Teresa in the Parish Office.

## Meithrin

This week in nursery we have welcomed our new friends to our class.

We have been exploring the PE equipment and working as a team to complete the course to keep us fit and healthy.

We have also been looking at people who help us and have been very excited to play and explore our role play area which is now a doctors surgery.



**Stars of the week: Sofia A and Hallie.**



Sofia has settled into the nursery life with ease. She enjoys the playing with playdough and is joining in with our carpet time. She is trying her best to sing our Welsh songs and use BSL.

Hallie is enjoying colouring and writing and she is joining in on carpet time and making new friends.

# Derbyn

## New Year Promises

We were delighted to see the children come back to school after their Christmas break. We talked about how people might make a New Year's Resolution. We thought about how we could show we are grateful and generous and how we can try and be closer to Jesus.



**Stars of the week:** Jessica and Sophia R have really impressed us with their attitude to learning and how they have worked really hard to develop their fine motor skills this week. Da iawn!

## Blwydynn 1

Bl 1 have been busy designing and creating their own landmarks from around Cardiff this week using blocks and other natural items. We have spoken about some of our favourite places to visit and used Google maps to locate them.

**"I like Cardiff Bay and I went on a scooter ride around there. I saw the big red building."** - Amelia

**"I like Roath Park and going on the big slide."** - Joshua

**"I went to the Castle and saw the big lights."** - Ryan

**"I went on a train with my family. There are two train stations that I saw."** Jelno.



We have used rulers and tape measures to measure the length of our buildings and recorded our designs on clipboards. We were quite the architects! Alfie said he "felt just like his Dad, a builder!"

We also made Herbivore soup and wrote a list of instructions for others to follow. We used bossy verbs and time connectives to make our instructions as clear as possible.



**Star of the Week: Benjamin** - Benjamin is a comical, enthusiastic and polite young boy who is working so hard on developing his handwriting. He is working hard in all of his phonic lessons and is making really good progress. Thank you for making us smile every day Benjamin! Bendigedig!

## Blwydynn 2

This week in year 2 we have been learning about the life cycle of people and how God created us to follow the cycle of life.

We listened to the story from Matthew's Gospel where Jesus said 'Let the children come to me.'

We sorted pictures into groups of how we grow throughout our lives.



Lilly-Mae - "We started with babies and found out they need lots of help to help they grow".

Fran - "We then went to children and talked about how they need help but not as much as babies".

Anton - "Teenagers were next. They need some help mostly to make good choices".

Albert - "Adults was the next group. They don't need any help and they have babies themselves to look after".

Lorenzo - "The elderly people need lots of rest as they are tired".

We said a little prayer and sang our special song. 'God made me, God made you.'



DEAR GOD,

Thank you for making me as a baby in my Mum's body.  
Thank you for helping my grow to the child I am today.  
As I grow up, help me to remember how much you love me.  
Amen



Stars of the week: **Jozef has been doing fabulous work in his maths with shape and symmetry. Ardderchog Jozef.**

## Blwyddyn 3

We have had a very active start to the week in BL3! At the beginning of the week we have demonstrated our catching and throwing skills in dodgeball. In the classroom, we have started to look at our new welsh tale story, The Red and White Dragon. Using our inference, we predicted in groups what we thought the story was about. We used clues from the text and images to back up our reasoning. In literacy, we have been using a thesaurus to identify a range of adjectives to describe the red dragon. To help us develop a better understanding of the story we used drama to retell the story. In groups, we acted out the story and identified the main characters. In numeracy, we have been putting our multiplication and division skills to the test.



Next week, we are looking forward to creating a dragon description of our red dragon to help us with our story writing.

A special mention to our star tennis player in BL3! We wish you the best of luck in your welsh camp in the next few weeks!



**Seren yr Wythnos:** This week in BL3, our star of the week goes to Erin. Her role as the narrator in our drama was exceptional! We are so proud of you!



## Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 have been working with Violins this week, we have been reading music and playing along to different genres. We have worked extremely hard in our first week back and we are all ready for a nice restful weekend to recharge for next week.



Star of the Week: Freja has started 2025 extremely well. Freja has worked hard in all areas of her learning, working both independently and in a group. Da iawn Freja, keep it up!

## Blwyddyn 5



What a start to our Spring term we have had in blwyddyn 5. We have had a wonderful week full of big goals and positivity. Here we are revising our BSL alphabet and key phrases.

As part of our Health and Wellbeing this week, we had lots of fun dancing the Cha Cha slide. For some of us, it was the first time learning the dance!



**Seren yr wythnos this week is:** We cannot choose one child in Blwyddy 5 this week. You have all been incredible and deserve the recognition for your hard work. Seren yr Wythnos is all of Blwyddyn 5! Da iawn i chi gyd!



## Blwyddyn 6

We were delighted to welcome our pupils back to Year 6 after the holidays.

This week we have been working on fractions, we used many different practical approaches to explore equivalent fractions including number lines, fraction walls and folding paper.



*Exploring Fractions*



*Discovering Equivalent Fractions*



### Titanic Retrieval Using Timelines

We used timelines of the events surrounding the Titanic to retrieve information in groups. We were set timed challenges to move around the classroom and find the answers to a set of questions.

**USING TIMELINES**

**COLLABORATING**

**RETRIEVING INFORMATION**



**Star of the week:** Llongyfarchiadau to Poppy for all of her learning efforts this week. Poppy, you can always be relied upon to work well with your peers. We enjoyed seeing you support your friends during the Titanic challenge this week. Da iawn Poppy, keep being a role model to others!



# Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Sofia A & Hallie

Reception– Jessica & Sophia R

Year 1– Benjamin

Year 2– Jozef

Year 3– Erin

Year 4– Freja

Year 5– All of Year 5

Year 6— Poppy



# Are you worried about the cost of the festive season?

We have lots of  
financial support  
options available that  
could help you save  
on your water bill.



We're here  
to help

Call us to talk through your  
options: **0800 052 0145**

Visit us online for more info:  
**[dwrwymru.com/costofliving](http://dwrwymru.com/costofliving)**



## **Koolskools Fairtrade Uniform: 10% New Year Discount Window**

Koolskools have asked us to notify parents that for the first time ever they are running a **\*10% New Year discount window for Fairtrade/ECO uniform from 10 to 20 January 2025.**

The idea of the mid-winter discount window is to offer a bit of extra help to those parents who, for whatever reason, need to buy more uniform mid-way through the school year.

\*Please note that during the winter months stocks of our Fairtrade-certified garments can be low. To enable us to meet all orders at all times we work with an ethical wholesale supplier that we source from under our Fairtrade Offset scheme (see 4. below) enabling us to supply “like-for-like” garments under the “Better Cotton Initiative” programme.

For Southampton/Hampshire Schools: as well as online, we will also be operating the 10% mid-winter discount from 10 to 20 January in our Southampton retail shop - 387 Shirley Rd, SO15 3TS.

### **HOW TO ORDER**

Go to the buying page on the Koolskools website on the following link - <https://www.koolskools4u.co.uk/schools-list/> - and place your order. There will be a flat delivery charge of £4.99.

Orders take up to 10 days to turn around (up to 15 days during the busy June to September period) from the date of order placement.

For Southampton/Hampshire Schools: There is also a “click and collect” option online, where customers can order and collect from our shop at 387 Shirley Rd, SO15 3TS.

### **WHY FAIRTRADE COTTON/RECYCLED POLYESTER UNIFORM?**

1. There is no difference in quality between Fairtrade cotton and normal cotton, but Fairtrade cotton farmers always receive a fair and sustainable payment for their crop. Their communities also receive a premium for projects such as building schools, hospitals, access to clean water and so on.
2. Being “Fairtrade Cotton Certified” means that all parts of the manufacturing chain have been inspected and audited to ensure that practices such as child labour and enforced overtime/long working hours don’t exist.
3. All the Koolskools-manufactured poly/cotton mix garments are made with human resource (ie plastic bottles) recycled polyester.
4. \*The Koolskools “Fairtrade Offset” scheme guarantees that a small percentage of the revenue from sales is set aside for the benefit of marginalised cotton farming communities through the Good Textiles Foundation ([www.goodtextiles.org](http://www.goodtextiles.org)).