



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

20th Rhagfyr 2024



The staff and Governors at St Bernadette's wish all our families, a safe, peaceful and holy Christmas and look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday the 6th January.

Please see Mass times on p3.



Father God,

As we get ready to welcome Jesus,
Open our hearts to listen to your Word.
Open our hearts to share your love.
Help us to be messengers of your love
Through all that we say and all that we do.

Amen

First Holy Communion in St Philip Evans Church

sphilpevans.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.

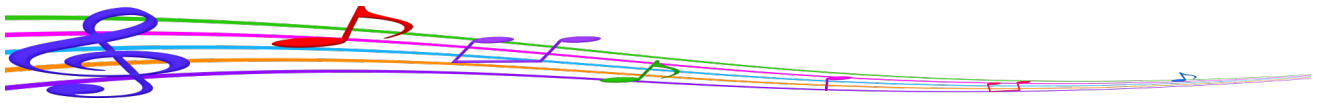
These courses are the last of the catch-up courses and are for those children in Years 3 – 6.

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.



Yesterday we celebrated the talent that our young musicians have at our Christmas Peripatetic Concert. Grace and Olly, as head girl and boy led us professionally through a programme of seasonal music. We heard recitals from children who have only been learning a few weeks to children who have 3 years' experience.



The concert started and ended with the glocks and marimbas from the children in years 4 and 5. Reina, our youngest performer from reception played the piano and chose a piece she loved from her Christmas concert. We had our first viola performance from Emilia and a beautiful rendition of Somewhere in my Memory by Seb on his oboe.

With 12 pianists, 10 guitarists, 2 drummers and a toot, we were certainly put in the festive mood! Thank you, peripatetic teachers and parents, for encouraging our children to practice and learn so that they can enjoy music and playing their instruments.



I am pleased to announce that we will have a string specialist starting in the new year, who will teach individual and group lessons.

If you would like your child to receive lessons please chat to Mrs Husband or sign them up at: cfmusiceducation.co.uk

Criw Cymraeg

Why not try these Christmas challenges yn Cymraeg during the holidays.

Helpwch eich ffrindiau i wneud addurniadau Nadolig gan ddefnyddio'r cyfarwyddiadau yma.

Her Gymraeg Wythnosol CCD
CSC Weekly Welsh Challenge

gludwch
glue

peintiwch
paint

plygwch
fold

torrwch
cut

lliwiwch
colour

Help your friends to make Christmas decorations by using these instructions.

Helpwch Siôn Corn i fynd ag anrheglon Nadolig at Seren a Sbarc.

Her Gymraeg Wythnosol CCD
CSC Weekly Welsh Challenge

Ewch ...
Go ...

ymlaen
forward

yn ôl
backwards


Help Father Christmas to deliver Christmas presents to Seren & Sbarc.

Trowch ...
Turn ...


i'r chwith
to the left

i'r dde
to the right

Can you share Christmas wishes yn Cymraeg with your friends and family members?



Brawddeg Cymraeg yr Wythnos




Foundation Phase

Nadolig Llawn

Gwener 20 fed Rhagfyr

Key Stage 2

Nadolig Llawn a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda



Meithrin

In nursery this week we have been having lots of Christmas fun.



Stars of the week: All of Nursery, we are so proud of you all and wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Derbyn

Christingles

We talked about the significance of each part of a Christingle and lit a candle in the class to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. We talked about the power of one candle and how it can shine through the darkness.

Rudolf Run

We had a brilliant time fundraising for City Hospice this week. We were very excited to see the snow machine!



Christmas Parties

We enjoyed our disco with our buddies and then shared lots of party food together!



Stay and Pray Christmas

We enjoyed lots of fun Christmas themed activities and finished our session with worship lead by our Mini Vinnies and Fr Keith. Diolch yn fawr to everyone who attended, to the Mini Vinnies and to Fr Keith.



Stars of the week:

Bryan F - Bryan really enjoyed taking part in the Reindeer Run this week. He really made us smile with his enthusiasm for taking part and how much he enjoyed meeting Clifford the Big Red Dog!

Blwydynn 1

Bl1 have had a festive filled week and are very much looking forward to their well earned break over Christmas! To start our week, we discussed, shared our own experiences and researched how the season of Advent is celebrated around the world.

Anna shared that some of her family live in Colombia and that they say 'Feliz Navidad' when wishing one another Merry Christmas. Anna beamed with pride when sharing information about her family in Columbia and was eager to research Columbian traditions. We discovered that...

'Little Candles' Day - Noche de las Velitas, (or Día de las Velitas) marks the beginning of Christmas in Colombia.

"They light candles and put them in their homes and in the street." - Billie

"The candles look pretty." - Elis

"The candles remind us that Jesus is the light of the world." - Ephraim

Maria then shared that some of her family live in ,Romania. She spoke about her Grandma putting up a green Christmas tree just like she does at home. We also discovered that some Romanian families clean their boots and leave them on the doorstep for St Nicholas to leave presents.

"I want to clean my shoes for Jesus." - Ezekiel

"St Nicholas must be kind like Mary because he has a halo." - Benjamin



Bl 1 were also very excited to take part in the Rudolf Reindeer Run on Tuesday. The Minnie Vinnies had organised a fantastic event for us to take part in and we had so much fun raising money for such a good cause.



Star of the Week: Ezekiel - Ezekiel is such a creative and imaginative young boy whose drawings and sketches are out of this world! He has such a talent for drawing and we have no doubt that he will have an artistic career ahead of him! Da iawn Ezekiel!

Blwydynn 2

This week in our religion lessons we have been learning about the Prophet Isaiah and what he said about Jesus being a light in the darkness.

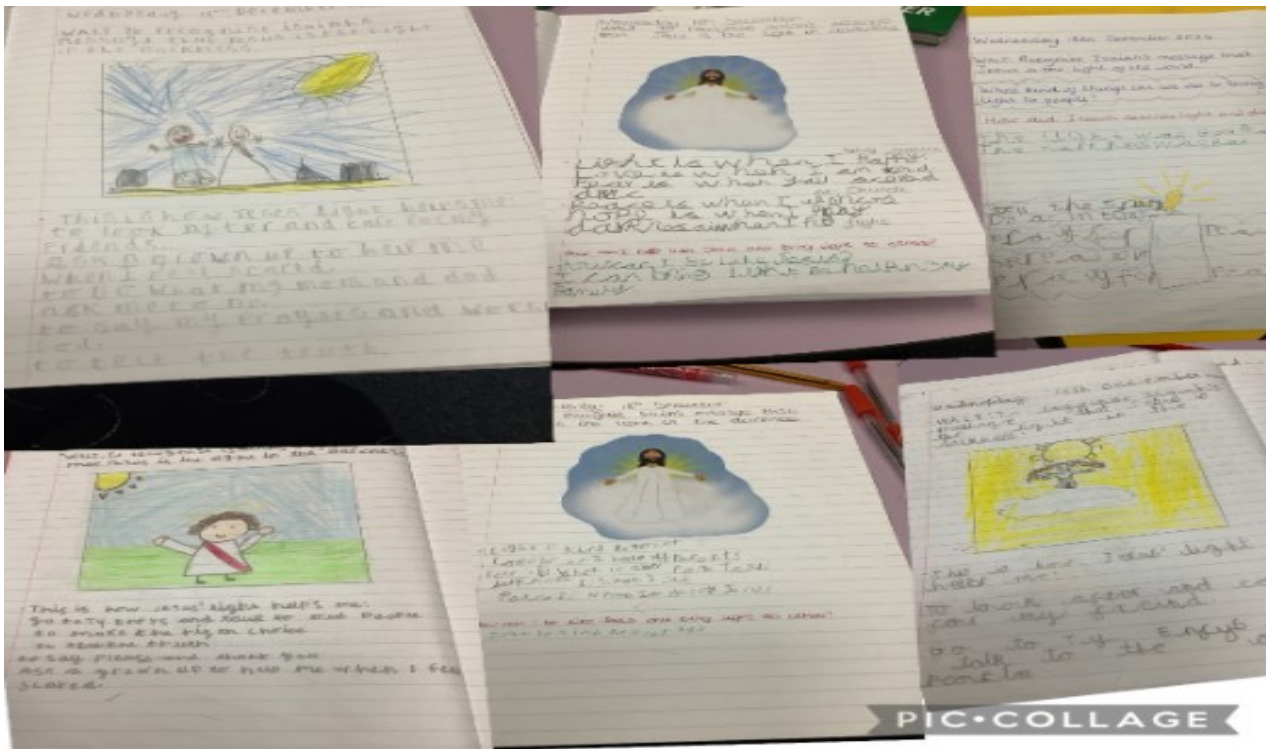
Isaiah said, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. They lived in a land of shadows, but now light is shining on them.'

We had to think about the kind of things we can do to bring light to people and always how Jesus' light helps us when we are sad or afraid.

Lorenzo – "Isaiah describes the light as shining for the good people and the darkness as shadows for the mean people".

Fran - "I can bring light to people by being kind and helpful".

Here is some of our wonderful work.



Stars of the week are all of Year 2. You have been wonderful this half-term and your Christmas Concert certainly showed all your wonderful gifts and talents. Have a wonderful Christmas!


Blwyddyn 3

WOW! What a week in BL3. We thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Rudolph run this week with Clifford the big red dog. In the classroom, we put our Minecraft skills to the test creating a nativity scene using 2D and 3D shapes. We used our knowledge of 2D and 3D shape properties and applied them to our learning.

We created our very own nativity scene using 2D shapes in our books describing how many sides and vertices each shape had.

Year 3 would like to wish you all a very safe and happy Christmas!



 **Seren yr Wythnos:** This week everyone in BL3 are our stars of the week. The children have worked exceptionally hard this term. A massive thank you for all your hard work!

Blwyddyn 4

Year 4 had a brilliant time during their Christmas jumper party this week. We teamed up with Year 3 for some extra fun, playing lots of games and singing Christmas carols. We did manage to fit in some time to sit down and eat some party food.



It is impossible to choose from the Year 4 class for start of the week as everyone has worked extremely hard until the very end. We are extremely proud of you all and hope you have a well rested break. See you all in the new year!

Blwyddyn 5

What a first term we have had in blwyddyn 5. We have taken part in Kinetic theatre arts programme, read our first book study, 'Farm Boy', and loved our first topic 'Sow, Grow, Farm'.

This week we have completed a Rudolph Run to raise money for City Hospice and had our Christmas film slumber party style yesterday.



We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Nadolig Llawen a Blwyddyn Newydd Dda i chi gyd!



Seren yr wythnos this week is: Maya. Your enthusiasm and Christmas joy has been infectious, and you have made us all smile with your positive attitude this week, especially during our visit to Llys Herbert care home. Da iawn Maya!

Blwyddyn 6

Reindeer Run

On Tuesday afternoon we enjoyed taking part in the 'Reindeer Run' for charity. We loved running with our Reception buddies to raise funds for City Hospice. It even snowed for us!



Maths Christmas Coordinates and 3D Shapes

We applied our knowledge of coordinates and plotting points in a quadrant. In our maths lesson we found out that the coordinates revealed Christmas pictures. We created 3D shapes from a variety of nets.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Millie for all of her efforts this week. Millie, you worked so well on your table, collaboratively problem solving and persevering to create your Christmas coordinate challenge. Keep up all of your hard work!



We would like to take the opportunity to wish all of the pupils and parents in our class a very Happy Christmas. Nadolig Llawen!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - All of Nursery

Reception– Bryan F

Year 1– Ezikiel

Year 2– All of Year 2

Year 3– All of Year 3

Year 4– All of Year 4

Year 5–Maya

Year 6— Millie



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:
dwrcymru.com/costofliving





<u>Christmas Holidays 1</u>	<u>Powerhouse Hub</u>	<u>Llanrumney Hub</u>	<u>St Mellons Hub</u>	<u>Rumney Hub</u>
Monday 23rd December	Lego Club 11.30am - 1pm	Puzzles and games 2.00 - 3.30pm	Colouring and craft 11.30am - 1.00pm Lego Club 2.30 - 4.00pm	Lego 11am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 24th December	Colouring and craft 11am - 12.30pm	Lego Club 10.30am - 12.00pm	Rhyme-time 10.30 - 11.00am	Colouring and craft 10.30am - 12.00pm
Friday 27th December	Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am Puzzles and games 2.30 - 4pm	Colouring and craft 2.00 - 3.30pm	Storytime 10.30 - 11.00am Lego Club 2.00 - 3.30pm	CLOSED



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<u>Christmas Holidays 2</u>	<u>Powerhouse Hub</u>	<u>Llanrumney Hub</u>	<u>St Mellons Hub</u>	<u>Rumney Hub</u>
Monday 30th December	Colouring and craft 11.30 - 1pm	Creative Writing 2.30 - 4.00pm	Creative Writing 11.00am - 12.30pm Lego Club 2.30 - 4.00pm	Puzzles and games 11.00am - 12.30pm
Tuesday 31st December	Lego Club 11.00am - 12.30pm	Puzzles and games 10.30am - 12.00pm	Rhyme-time 10.30 - 11.00am	Lego Club 10.30am - 12.00pm
Thursday 2nd January	Puzzles and games 2.30 - 4.00pm	Lego Club 10.30am - 12.00pm Storytime 2.00 - 2.30pm	Lego Club 11.00am - 12.30pm Colouring and craft 2.30 - 4pm	Colouring and craft 11.30am - 1.00pm
Friday 3rd January	Storytime 11.00- 11.30am Lego Club 2.30 - 4.00pm	Colouring and craft 11.00am - 12.30pm	Rhyme-time 10.30 - 11.00am Puzzles and games 2.30pm - 4.00pm	CLOSED



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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).