



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

13th Rhagfyr 2024



Events in December at St Bernadettes

Day & Date	Time	Event
Monday 16 th	2.15pm	Y3/4 Christmas Carol Concert
Tuesday 17 th	10am or 2pm	Nursery Christmas Concerts
Tuesday 17 th	All day	Rudolph Run—to raise money for City Hospice and CAFOD
Thursday 19 th	9.15am	Peripatetic Concert
Thursday 19 th	Afternoon	Class Christmas Parties

This week B1/2 performed the 'Fireside Nativity', for our families and friends, showing us just how clever they are by using BSL as well as learning all their words and actions in their performance. They were amazing! On Wednesday, we enjoyed Christmas dinner at school and had turkey with all the



trimmings, whilst listening to some of our favourite Christmas songs. Next week we look forward to watching our Y3/4 carol service on Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, our youngest children, our Nursery class, will be showing families and friends what superstars they are.

To add to all the fun, everyone will receive their own pair of antlers, as we all get ready to take part in our reindeer run, raising money for our city hospice. We can't wait! (see more information on p2).



The Annual Report to parents for 2023-24 has been sent out to all our families. If you have not received the parentmail, please contact the school office.

This Sunday in church, we will be lighting the third candle on the Advent

Open our eyes to see
Open our ears to hear
Open our lives to live your calling
Open us Lord to love



Wreath. We call this Gaudete Sunday, which reminds us to rejoice that we are almost at Christmas, when we celebrate Jesus' presence amongst us.




STB
Society, Trust, Belief

Advent Fundraising

The children will be taking part in a sponsored Rudolph Run this Advent to raise money for City Hospice.


Rudolph Run

TUESDAY

DECEMBER **17** 2024

ALL CHILDREN WILL NEED TO WEAR THEIR TRAINERS.
CHILDREN WILL ALL BE PROVIDED WITH A PAIR OF ANTLERS


City Hospice
Caring for Cardiff
40 YEARS

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.

Meithrin

This week in nursery we had a special party to celebrate the birth of baby Jesus. We had lots of fun making Christmas puddings and donkey poo for the party.

We have also been looking at the Advent wreath and the importance of the countdown to Christmas.



Stars of the week: Kemal & Gabby



Kemal has been trying really hard with his BSL. He has been communicating more with his friends and teachers and following instructions well. Gabby is beginning to follow the nursery routine and comes into school everyday with a big beautiful smile.

Derbyn

Little Red Riding Hood

Reception enjoyed their first ever school trip this week. We were very excited to go on the 'big bus' and go to see a real live show! We enjoyed seeing the show and really enjoyed telling Little Red Riding Hood that the lumberjack was really a WOLF! We finished the show with a dance and we were very excited to go back on the 'big bus'.



Stars of the week: Adam - we are so impressed with how Adam has settled in to Reception. Da iawn Adam!

Blwydynn 1 & Blwydynn 2

After weeks of hard work and rehearsing, the time had arrived for Bl 1 and Bl 2 to join together for 'The Fireside Nativity.' Bl 1 were very excited about welcoming their families into the hall to finally share the true meaning of Christmas with them.

"I liked seeing my Daddy walk in and see me singing. I think he was happy I was an Inn Keeper." - Adam

"I worked really hard to learn my lines and I think I made my Mum and Dad proud." - Billie



"I think it is important we celebrate Jesus' birthday and I think he could hear us singing in the sky." - Jelno

"I liked saying the jokes and dancing up the aisle." - Imogen

"I think we were brilliant!" - Amelia

"I was so pleased with the way I used my voice with expression!" Amina

"I really enjoyed telling everyone about the birth of Jesus." Esme



"I loved listening to the funny parts of the Nativity and seeing the grown ups laugh!!" Jacob J

"I loved sharing the stage with our Year 1 friends." Lilly-Mae

"I loved all of the actions with the songs." Poppy

"I loved that everyone knew about the story of Jesus." Petra



Star of the Week:

Year 1: Lara - Lara has been a fantastic addition to our St Bernadette's family. She has settled in so well and has already developed such lovely relationships with her peers. We are so glad you joined us. Bendigedig!

Year 2: Joshua H Joshua had so many lines to learn for our Nativity concert. He delivered his lines with care, humour and expression. We all loved listening to your storytelling voice. Well done Joshua!

Blwyddyn 3 & Blwyddyn 4

This week Bl3 and Bl4 have been working hard on their Christmas carol concert.

Together, we have performed a range of songs, acted out key scenes from the Bible and learnt about the scripture. We are looking forward to performing our Christmas concert to our family and friends next week.

Today, we shared our Christmas carol concert with the rest of the school. We have been working hard to share the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus. It is important to prepare and remind ourselves that during this special time, Jesus was born.

Louie- "My favourite song is Born in the hay".

Lola- "I enjoy dancing to silent night".

Rose – "I have enjoyed singing we three kings".

Deklan- "I bring a baby lamb to the new born king".

Ella- "I enjoy dancing to Born in the hay".

Esme- "I enjoy singing a solo".

Cassie- "I enjoy dancing with the other angels on stage".



Seren yr Wythnos: This week all of Bl3 and Bl4 are our stars of the week.
We are so proud of you all. Keep up the good work!



Blwyddyn 5

This week the third and final group visited one of our local care homes 'Llys Herbert'. The children worked with the residents on an expressive arts project.



"I really enjoyed chatting to the residents and making the crochet scarf for the snowmen we made. All the residents were really nice" Charlie

"We had to make a snowman using socks and bird food for the care home's Christmas fair on Saturday. I had so much fun" Kuzi

"My favourite part was meeting and chatting to the residents because they were really interesting people with amazing stories. I don't go to care homes often. I don't know what I thought it would be like, but it was better than I expected!" Olly

"The best part for me was speaking to the residents and decorating the snowmen" Gio

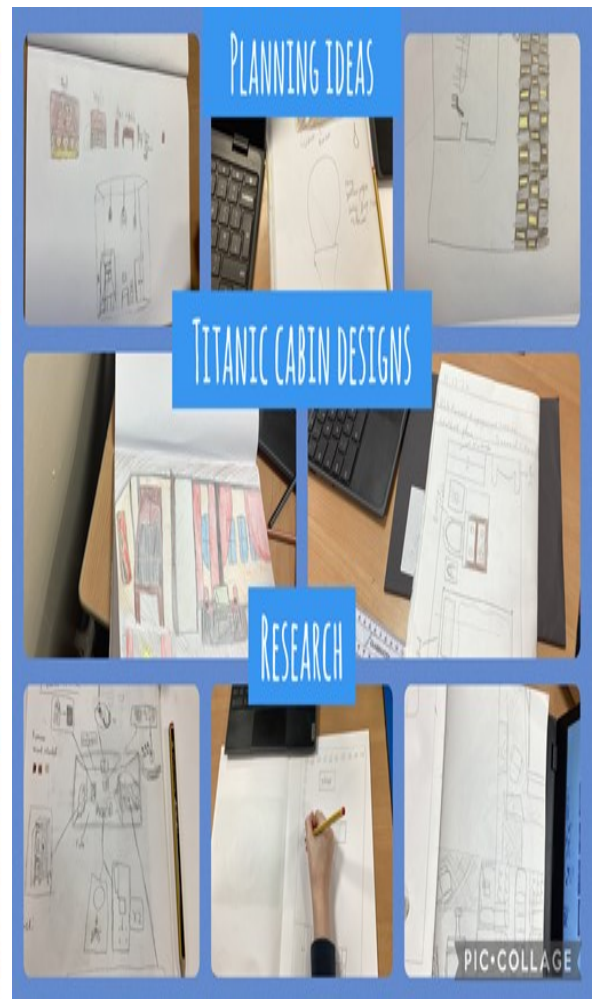
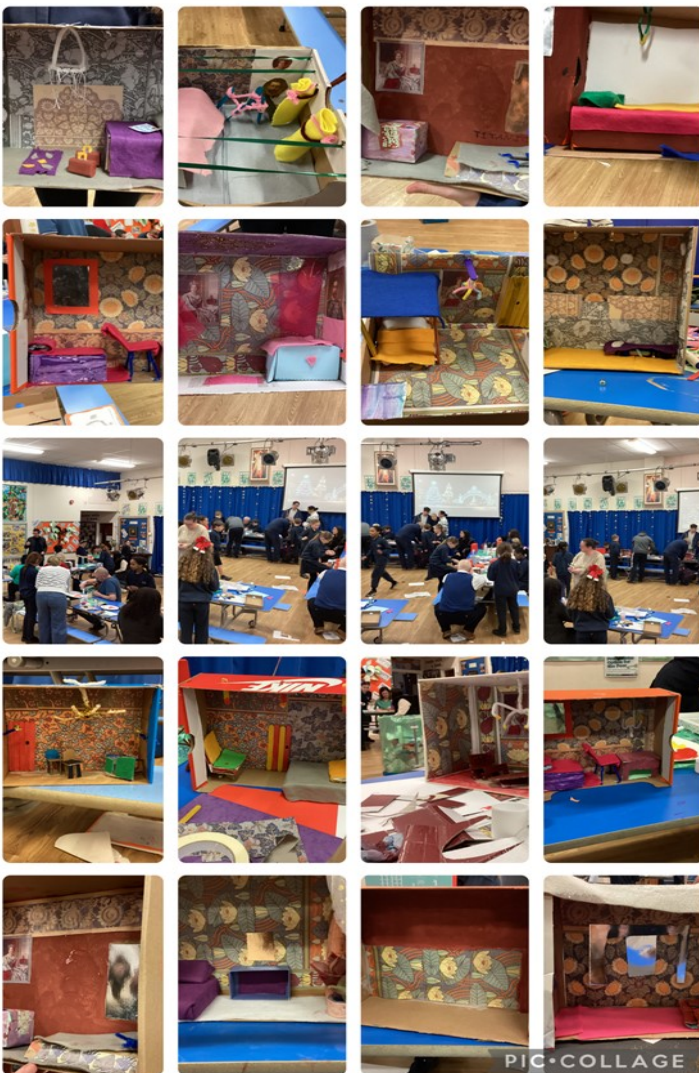


Seren yr wythnos this week is: Olly whose positivity, kindness and sense of fun has been a joy in the classroom this week. He has also put a great deal of effort and enthusiasm into his work and has stood out for his conscientious attitude. Da iawn Olly!

Blwyddyn 6

Parental Engagement Session

On Wednesday we were delighted to welcome parents and grandparents to join our engagement project on the Titanic. As part of our context for learning 'Frozen Kingdom', the children selected and designed cabins from one of the three classes aboard the Titanic and created different rooms using shoe boxes and materials.



Star of the week: Archie for all of his efforts this week. Archie, you have wowed us with all of your efforts in maths this week, in particular your work using spreadsheets and calculator work. You are always excited to challenge yourself. Keep up all of your hard work Archie!



Seren Yr Wythnos

Nursery - Kemal & Gabby

Reception– Adam

Year 1– Lara

Year 2– Joshua H

Year 3– All of Year 3

Year 4– All of Year 4

Year 5– Olly

Year 6— Archie



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:
dwr.cymru.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.

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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).