



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

27yh Chwefror 2026

Our New School Website Is Live!

We are delighted to announce the launch of our brand-new St Bernadette's Primary School website!

Visit us at <https://www.stbernadettesprm.cardiff.sch.uk/>

The site has been refreshed with a clearer layout, improved navigation, and a more modern design to help families find key information quickly and easily. We hope the new setup provides a smoother, more enjoyable experience for our whole school community.

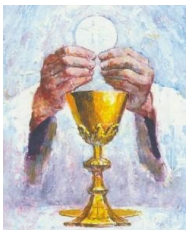
Please take a moment to explore — we'd love to hear what you think!



Our pupil virtues for this half term are: **Intentional and Prophetic**

Pupils are focusing on growing to be **intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

First Holy Communion – Congratulations!



We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Kora, Lucas, Jacob, Sophie, Florrie, Esme, Isla and Lilly Mae, who have recently received the Sacrament of their First Holy Communion.

This is a very special milestone in their faith journey, and we are incredibly proud of each of them. May they continue to grow in faith, love and joy.

Summer First Holy Communion sessions:

The next First Holy Communion sessions will be taking place after Easter. Sessions are open to all pupils entering year 3 in the 25/26 school year and any older children who still wish to take their first Communion.

Sessions will run on Tuesday's from 6pm and Saturday's from 4:15pm. The sessions will typically last between 30-45 minutes.

Sessions begin on Tuesday 14th April and Saturday 18th April for 5 weeks at the times above. Children will need to attend mass every weekend during the duration of the course.

If you have any further questions then please email Teresa (the parish secretary):

llanederyn@cardiffmenevia.org

Penitential Service and
Reconciliation

Lent

We gathered together to prepare ourselves to be reconciled with our loving Father during this season of Lent. In prayer and song, and listening to God's word we welcomed the Lord who always comes to restore us, our God who never pushes us away.

Thank you to Fr Keith and Fr Allan who joined us to hear our confessions.

We pray for the courage to forgive others as we ourselves have been forgiven



Eisteddfod



On **Tuesday 3rd March**, St Bernadette's will be hosting our annual **Eisteddfod**. The day promises to be filled with singing, creativity, and celebrations of the wonderful achievements of our pupils.

To mark this special occasion, we warmly invite your child to come to school wearing **traditional dress** that reflects their identity and heritage. This could be a sporting top, the colours of a national flag, or any form of traditional clothing that celebrates who they are. For example, Welsh – Welsh Rugby top, traditional dress, or colours of the flag etc.

Your child will **not** be wearing their house colours as we save this for Sports Day in the Summer term.

We are very much looking forward to seeing the children express their cultures with pride and joy as part of this celebration.





ART EXHIBITION

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to invite you to a very special exhibition celebrating your children's creativity and their exploration of Welsh art.

Over the past few weeks, the children have been studying the work of inspiring Welsh artists such as Kyffin Williams, Rhiannon Roberts and Dorian Spencer. They have experimented with different techniques, colours and styles to create their own unique pieces inspired by these remarkable artists.

We are incredibly proud of the imagination, effort and enthusiasm they have shown, and we would love for you to come and see their wonderful artwork on display.

During the exhibition, you will also have the opportunity to purchase your child's artwork. Professional framing will be available so you can treasure their masterpiece for years to come.

Date: Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2—MONDAY 23rd MARCH

Date: Years 3- Year 6—THURSDAY 26th MARCH

Time: 3:20 School Hall

Meithrin

This week in class, we enjoyed reading *The Flower Thief* by Alice Hemings. The story sparked lots of thoughtful discussions about the changing seasons and the signs that tell us Spring is on the way.

We explored why Squirrel didn't realise that Spring had arrived and talked about the clues in nature that show seasonal change. The children shared their own observations about what they have noticed outside and how animals and plants respond to the changing season.



Linking to our learning in science and design technology, we set ourselves a challenge: How could we protect the flowers from being damaged? They worked collaboratively to design and construct their own protective shelters for the flowers.

Throughout the activity, the children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, problem-solving skills, and creativity. They tested

their designs, made improvements, and reflected on what worked well and what they would change next time.

We are very proud of their enthusiasm and thoughtful ideas this week!



Nursery Star of the week: Our Star of the Week is Lincoln!

Lincoln has returned after half term and has settled back in beautifully. He enjoys all activities and is beginning to join in with everything we do.

We are especially proud of how he is beginning to sit and engage during story times, showing great progress in his listening and attention skills. Lincoln absolutely loves music and singing sessions — he joins in enthusiastically and clearly enjoys every moment!

Derbyn

The Reception children have been enjoying learning about Lunar New Year and how it can be celebrated.



We shared the story of the Great Race, where animals raced to cross a river. The order in which they finished became the names of the years in the Chinese New Year calendar. The children learned that this year is the Year of the Horse, and talked about how horses are known for being strong and kind.

The children made Lunar New Year cards and had a go at writing “Happy New Year” in Mandarin, carefully copying the shapes of the characters. We also created lanterns, learning that the colour red is special at Lunar New Year because it is believed to bring happiness and good luck.

To celebrate together, we enjoyed dancing and learned a fan dance, as well as some Chinese folk dancing. The children enjoyed moving to the music and learning the dances together.



Stars of the Week: Ahmad & Cienna



Ahmad has recently joined our Reception class and has made a positive start and is becoming more familiar with the routines in class. He has shown good manners towards both adults and children and is beginning to feel more confident in the classroom. We have been pleased to see how Ahmad is settling in and joining in with the different areas of Reception life.



Cienna - has really impressed us with her super effort during monster phonics sessions and her effort in writing and sounding out during writing activities. Da iawn CiCi!

Blwydynn 1

This week in Year 1, we've been busy becoming young botanists. Our learning has focused on the features of a plant, and the children have shown so much curiosity and enthusiasm.

We began by looking closely at a daffodil. Together, we explored its stem, petals, and roots, talking about what each part does and why it's important. The children were brilliant at sharing what they already know about flowers and how they grow, and we built on this knowledge through discussion and observation.



After our investigation, it was time to get creative. The children used a range of craft materials to design and build their own imaginative plants. They thought carefully about each part, then labelled the features just like real scientists. The

results were fantastic—colourful, unique, and full of personality.

"The flower needs food from the sun to grow." - Grace

"The roots are really long." - Jacob

"Flowers grow and water helps them." - Frankie



Seren Yr Wythnos: Seren Yr Wythnos: Victoria - Victoria is a delightful young girl who never fails to make us smile. Her contribution to her learning this week has been fantastic! She is enthusiastic and curious and her positivity shines through! Great work Victoria!

Blwydynn 2

Eisteddfod preparations

This week the children have been getting ready and preparing for the Eisteddfod next week.

We have been making clay daffodils, creating art work from Rhiannon Roberts, writing poems about dragons, creating Cynefin trees at home, singing Welsh songs and reciting Welsh poems. It's been a lot of fun and the children have loved creating and learning.



Star of the Week: Amelia E for being a great friend to her class and always trying her best.

Blwyddyn 3

Bl3 have hit the road running this week. I am so impressed with how hard you have all worked. Your google slides about our class Saint, Saint Teilo were brilliant and I loved the animation you added. Mrs Williams thoroughly enjoyed watching your Lego imovies that retold the Feeding of the 5000 miracle but it was the Roman Bootcamp that we loved the most. You asked brilliant questions and we all learnt lots from the answers.

Jozef "If you are a Roman, do you have to be a soldier? No. You can choose what you want to do. You can join the army at 17 years old".

Amina "Are you allowed to leave the army? No. Once in the army you have to stay in the army unless you become ill".

Treasure "If it was your birthday would you still have to fight? Yes! But if you weren't fighting you would celebrate with presents, music and delicious meals".



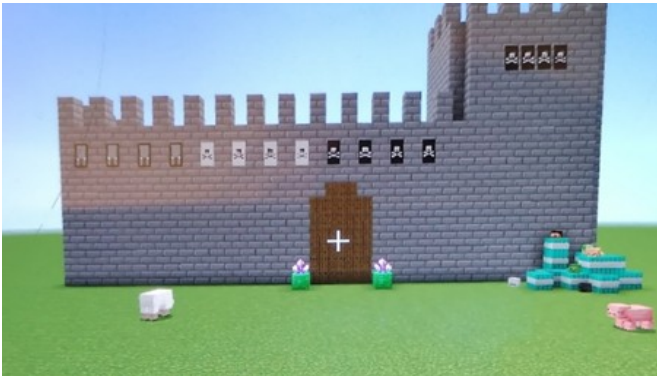
Stars of the week: Kiyah. You are impressing everyday Kiyah - you are working with 100% concentration and making every effort to improve all aspects of your work, from handwriting, spelling and times tables. Keep up this excellent work.

Blwydynn 4

We have been exploring the different features of castles, looking closely at what made them strong, safe and successful. Working in groups, the children discussed the similarities and differences between features such as towers, battlements, drawbridges and moats. Using a comparison table, we organised our ideas and thought carefully about why each feature was important for defence and protection. Linking to our castle work, we used our knowledge to design our very own Norman castles. The children identified and labelled human features and natural features that would help make a castle strong and secure. Their designs were thoughtful, detailed and imaginative.

In PE, we have been developing our teamwork and catching skills through invasion games. The children worked together to move the ball into the end zone, practising accurate throwing and quick reactions.

Our classroom has been buzzing with creativity as we put the finishing touches on our Eisteddfod entries. The children have produced fantastic artwork, from detailed castle drawings to vibrant oil pastel pieces. They have also finalised their Welsh poems, ready to be judged. We are all looking forward to celebrating their hard work during next week's Eisteddfod and finding out which houses they will earn points for.



Star of the Week: This week's star of the week in Year 4 is Rio because of his excellent numeracy and teamwork in Year 4. Da iawn Rio!

Blwyddyn 5

This week in year 5 we have taken part in some problem solving to find fractions of amounts. We moved around the room choosing our challenges and how we wanted to work. We used our times tables to calculate the new costs.



We have also completed our Eisteddfod art based on the work of John Harvey. We can't wait to showcase our work and sell our pieces. We are sure you'll agree they are fantastic!

Can you guess our favourite places in Wales?



Seren yr Wythnos: Seren yr Wythnos in year 5 is Daniel-Lee who has wowed us with his rhyming skills to write his dragon poem. He has been a positive influence on his classmates, offering his help to support his peers' poetry writing. A fantastic week Daniel-Lee, Da iawn we are very proud of you!

Blwyddyn 6

Year 6 have been busy both at home and in school preparing for this year's Eisteddfod. Our classroom has been filled with poetry, photographs, music, art and Anderson Shelters. Da iawn for all your efforts Year 6.



Year 6 had planned and built prototypes of the Anderson Shelters that they wanted to build. The detail, thought and effort and the pupil's understanding of Anderson Shelters was evident in the fantastic models that they have made.

Gabriela: "It was really tricky as I used a 3D printer and it took long to make".

Louie: "My Dad and myself made one we could go inside and I had to work out what we could use to keep the plastic sheeting from blowing away in the wind".



Star of the week: Harry W. For his excellent effort in reading and discussion this week.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Lincoln

Reception – Ahmad & Cienna

Year 1 – Victoria

Year 2 – Amelia E

Year 3 – Kiyah

Year 4 – Rio

Year 5 – Daniel-Lee

Year 6– Harry W





NEW STARTERS ENSEMBLES

From the first few notes to grade 1 standard
All strings, brass and woodwind welcome

Just started learning your first instrument and want to start playing with others? Join one of our NEW Starters Ensembles - all beginners welcome!

SCAN ME!



New locations:

LOCATION	DAY	TIME
CHAPTER ARTS CENTRE, CANTON	THURSDAYS	4-5PM
ST BERNADETTE'S PRIMARY, PENTWYN	MONDAYS	4-5PM
CARDIFF HIGH SCHOOL, CYNCOED	SATURDAYS	11AM - 12PM

Contact us cfmusiceducation@cardiff.gov.uk for more information