



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

5th Rhagfyr 2025

On Tuesday our BL3 and BL4 children beautifully led our Advent Prayer Service to welcome in the new church's season of Advent. We were joined by Fr Keith and Deacon Steve, who blessed our wreath. Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We also prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again! This Sunday we will be lighting the second candle on the Advent Wreath in church. In this second week, the Gospel, Matthew 3:1-12 tells us that John the Baptist had an important hope-filled message announcing what people could do to prepare for Jesus' arrival. His message helps us today to live our journey of faith – the decisions we make about how we live and love today help us to live life to the full in God's presence.



New programme of support for parents and carers of children with Additional Learning Needs

A package of support designed to help learners and families navigate the Additional Learning Needs (ALN) system has been shared. This toolkit helps parent and carers understand the additional learning needs (ALN) system in Wales and the support available for children and young people. Toolkit For parents and carers of children with additional learning needs. To access the information copy the link below to go to the links on the St Bernadette's website:



<https://www.stbernadettesprm.cardiff.sch.uk/aln-support-for-parentscarers/>

News from St Philip Evans Church - Spring

First Holy Communion sessions:

The next First Holy Communion sessions at St Philip Evans Church, will be taking place after Christmas. 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 6th January and Saturday 10th January for 5 weeks at the times above. Children will need to attend mass every weekend during the duration of the course.

First Holy Communion dates will be spread over two weekends, the 14th/15th February and the 21st/22nd of February.

Contact Teresa the church secretary for a form to enrol your child onto the above courses.

If you have any further questions then please email Teresa (the parish secretary): secretary@stphilpevans.co.uk

FAMILIES LEARNING TOGETHER

Following the successful 'Read together, Grow Together' course run in school for our families this term, we would like to introduce a new program all about 'Story Sacks'.

This is aimed at our families with children from Nursery to Year 2 and will start at 1pm on Monday 12th January at St Bernadette's.

About the Course

Story Sacks is a creative and interactive program designed to help parents and carers support their child's reading in fun and engaging ways. This course is built around the much-loved children's book *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* and uses stories, props, and playful activities to:

- Boost children's confidence and imagination
 - Strengthen early literacy skills
- Foster a lifelong love of reading

To book your place, scan the QR code on the form below to complete an online form, or email Families Learning Together on families@cavc.ac.uk

Families Learning Together



Story Sacks

St Bernadette's

Monday 12th January
1.00pm

For parents / Carers /
Grandparents of pupils in
Reception to Year 2

Come along to find out more

Fun sessions for you and your child Get involved in:
Making fun resources to share, create your own story sack, learn new ideas to support reading & imagination. Gain an Agedred Qualification, become a student, get student discount. Make new friends.

Contact us on
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Upcoming Christmas Events

5th December—Christmas Pyjama Day

10th December - Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play 9.30am

*11th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas
Lunch*

*12th December - Nursery & Reception Nativity 10am
and 2pm*

16th December - City Hospice Reindeer Run

*17th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Concert
2.15pm*

*18th December - Peripatetic Concert for all our musicians
learning an instrument at St Bernadette's 9.30am*

18th December Class Christmas parties pm

We are delighted to share that this year's **Christmas Fayre** was a **tremendous success!** The atmosphere was filled with festive cheer, laughter, and the wonderful spirit of togetherness that makes our school community so special.

Our talented children worked tirelessly in the run-up to the event, pouring their creativity and energy into producing a range of delightful enterprise items. From beautifully decorated **baubles**, to mouth-watering **cookie recipes**, and even magical **reindeer food**, their stalls were a true showcase of imagination and hard work.



It was heartwarming to see so many families join us, supporting the children and enjoying the festive fun. The Fayre truly brought everyone together, creating memories that will last well beyond the holiday season.

Thanks to the incredible efforts of the children, staff, and the generosity of our families, we raised an **amazing £2017.00!** This fantastic total will go directly towards enriching opportunities and resources for our pupils.



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As Advent begins, the Early Years Children have been building on our knowledge of the very first Christmas.



We explored Bethlehem and talked about how the buildings looked different from those we see today.



The children enjoyed creating beautiful pictures of the Bethlehem scene at night, using their imaginations to bring the story to life.



Stars of the week:

Morning Nursery : Emanuel has recently joined us and has settled in wonderfully. He really enjoys imaginative and role-play activities, and he plays confidently alongside all the children. He shares toys beautifully and brings a cheeky personality and a beaming smile to our classroom each day. **Well done, Emanuel!**



Afternoon Nursery : Koen is a superb member of our class. He is fantastic at sitting in star and contributes enthusiastically during circle and story times. He has a great love for music and song. Koen is a well-loved member of our class—by both his classmates and the staff. He always gives his very best. **Big congratulations, Koen!**

Derbyn

Shepherds are visited by a host of angels

This week we have been learning about how the angels visited the shepherds and how they visited Jesus in the stable. We talked about how we would feel if we had seen a host of angels and how the shepherds may have felt. We talked about who went to visit Jesus.

'Shepherds were taking care of their sheep' Azalea

'They saw the angels' Louis

'Shepherds were scared when they saw the angels' Elodie

'They were surprised to see the angels' Zeliha

'Angels went to the shepherds and said do not be afraid!' Leo

'There were so many angels!' Michelle

'The angel told the shepherds about Jesus' Teddy

'The shepherds went to see Jesus in the stable with Mary and Joseph' Adiwa



Stars of the week: Emmy has really impressed us with his attitude to learning, super sounding out in our writing activities and smashing listening skills this week! Da iawn Emmy, we are so proud of you!

Blwydynn 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy developing our knowledge of **2D and 3D shapes**. The children explored a wide variety of shapes and learned how to sort them according to their properties. We talked carefully about the difference between **curved edges** and **straight edges**, noticing how these features help us to identify and describe different shapes.



To put our learning into practice, we used our understanding of 2D shapes in a creative way. The children designed and built beautiful images of the Nativity scene, carefully arranging circles, triangles, rectangles, and other shapes to represent the characters and setting. This activity not only reinforced their mathematical learning but also allowed them to express their creativity and celebrate the season.

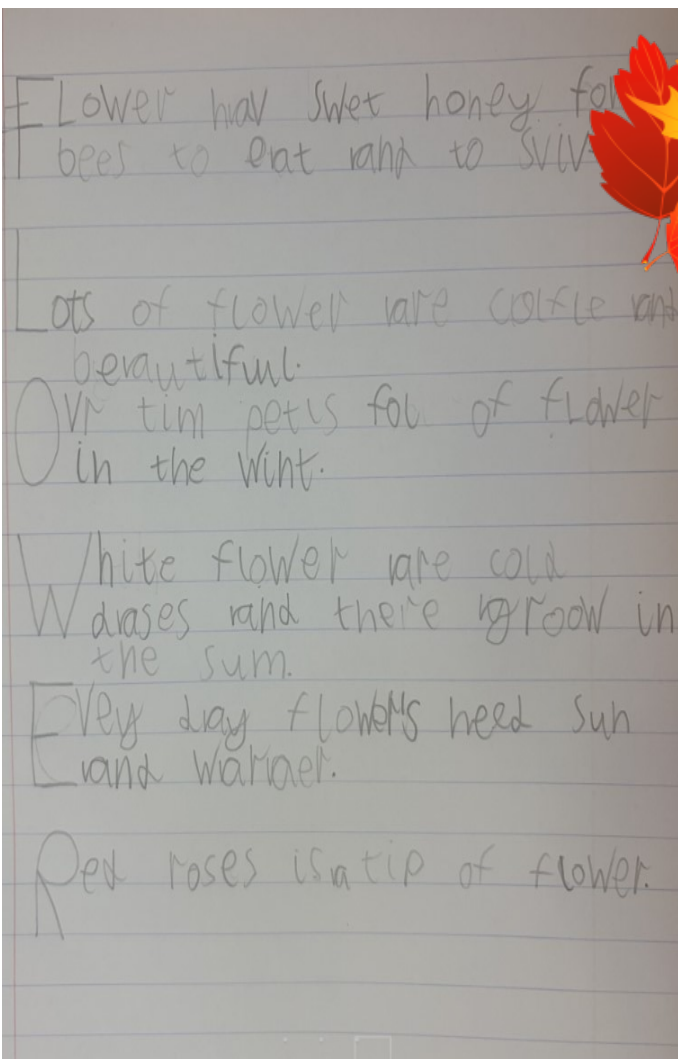
We are so proud of how confidently the children are beginning to use mathematical language to describe shapes and how thoughtfully they applied their knowledge in art. Their Nativity pictures are truly wonderful!



Seren Yr Wythnos: :Dorian – Dorian has impressed us immensely this week with his work in Monster Phonics. He is becoming more confident in identifying digraphs and trigraphs and is using them to read different words. He is working so hard and we are so proud of how confident he is becoming. Bendigedig Dorian!


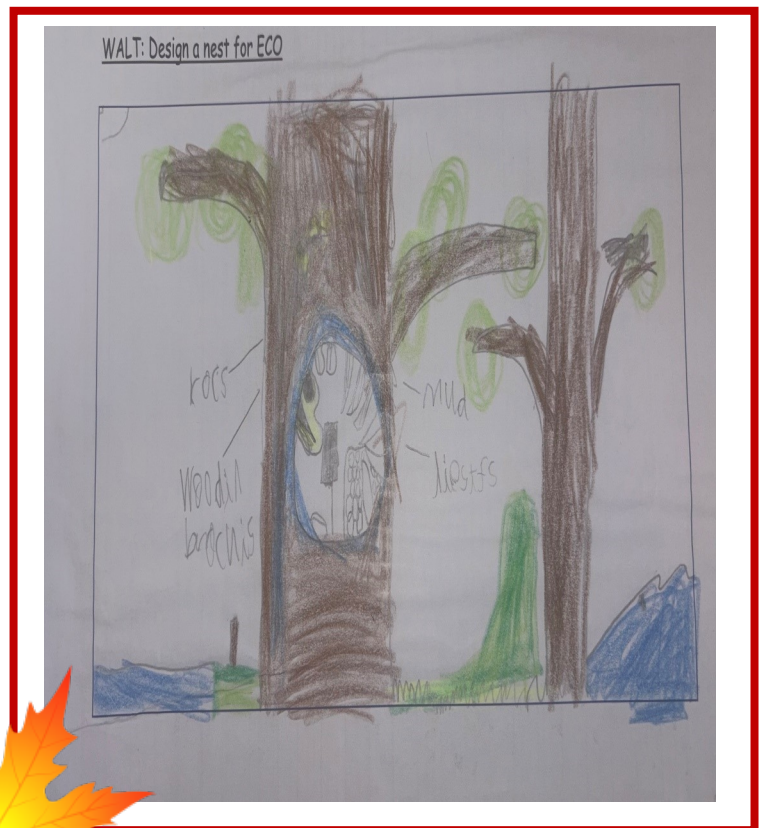
Blwyddyn 2

Over the last few weeks we have been learning about the environment around us and how to help keep our planet sustainable. We have designed and drawn nests for birds and have learnt to mind map and write our very own acrostic poems.



F Lower had sweet honey for
bees to eat and to give
L ots of flower are colorful and
beautiful.
O ver time petals fall of flower
in the wind.
W hite flower are cold
dresses and they grow in
the sun.
E very day flowers need sun
and water.
R ed roses is a tip of flower.

The children have worked very hard on using their adjectives and thinking about facts previously researched about certain flowers and plants. Well done Year 2!



Seren yr Wythnos: Brian . For settling so well into the school routine and trying really hard in his prayers.

Blwyddyn 3 & Blwyddyn 4

This week, Year 3 and Year 4 led a beautiful Advent Prayer Service for both children and parents. They were absolutely fantastic as they shared the news and meaning of Advent with the whole school community. Using their expressive voices and wonderful acting skills, they brought to life the stories of Isaiah and John the Baptist, helping everyone reflect on the hope and preparation of the Advent season.

We are so proud of how confidently and respectfully they performed. Their hard work and enthusiasm made the service truly special.



Stars of the week:

Because of their amazing effort, all of Year 3 and Year 4 are our Stars of the Week. Well done to every one of you!

Blwyddyn 5

This week, Blwyddyn 5 have worked extremely hard on their enterprise project for the Christmas fair. The children have been so generous in their donations towards our class project.

A special mention must go to a few children. Diolch to Rory who brought over 30 large pine cones back from Spain for us to decorate. Also a big diolch to Corben who donated 22 cacti and succulent plants (grown and replanted himself) to sell. Finally a big diolch to Ola and Lucia for making Christmas paper squishies. A big thank you and well done to you all!



We all thoroughly enjoyed decorating our Christmas Pine cone and bauble decorations and we are sure you will agree they look fantastic. Da iawn Blwyddyn 5!



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr Wythnos is Rory who has been fantastic at leading our Enterprise ideas along with our group tasks. In addition to that he is always the first one with his hand up to offer thoughts and ideas. He is encouraging of others always and never fails to show positivity in all he does. Da iawn Rory.

Blwyddyn 6

Wolf Wilder Book Reviews

We have enjoyed reading our class novel this term, we created book reviews to summarise the events and express our opinions. We thought about how the characters have developed through the book and how some characters rightly met their fate at the end.



Titanic Data Lessons

This week we have interpreted data from the lifeboats on the Titanic and used GoogleSheets to combine information about the passengers. We quickly spotted trends that showed us that many lifeboats only contained first class passengers and were not full to capacity. We discussed how reliable the data sources would be and the reasons behind this.



Enterprise Week

On Tuesday we were busy calculating the costs and prices of the items for our Year 6 enterprise for the Christmas fayre. We needed to work out how we could make a profit, we had to use skills to solve multistep problems.



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Gio this week for all of his learning efforts. Gio, you impressed us with your clear and expressive reading this week. You shared your opinions about our class novel, supporting your answers with examples from the text. Keep up all of your enthusiasm Gio! Da iawn.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Emanuel & Koen

Reception – Emmy

Year 1 – Dorian

Year 2 – Brian

Year 3 – All of Year 3

Year 4 – All of Year 4

Year 5 – Rory

Year 6– Gio

