



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 Mawrth 2026

On Wednesday, our Year 3 to Year 6 classes walked to St Philip Evans Church, where we joined parishioners and Fr Keith for a



beautiful celebration of Mass. It was a particularly special occasion for our Year 3 pupils, who received the Eucharist with the school community and parish community for the very first time.



As always, the children of St Bernadette's made us incredibly proud. Their excellent manners, respectful behaviour, heartfelt singing, and reverence during worship were a true credit to our school. We are also deeply grateful to Fr Keith, whose warm welcome and kindness help make these shared celebrations so meaningful.



We also celebrated World Book Day at St Bernadette's this week. It is always wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about books and eager to share their love of reading with others. Their excitement and willingness to talk about the stories they enjoy helps foster a culture of curiosity, imagination, and joy across our school community.

Attendance & Punctuality for February

Class	NAM	NPM	Rece	Year1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year 6
Attendance	86.5%	93.8%	88.3%	94.6%	94.4%	97.3%	96%	88.9%	92.8%
Late	2	0	6	2	2	3	2	4	2



Summer First Holy Communion sessions:

The next First Holy Communion sessions will be taking place after Easter. Sessions are open to all pupils in 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

First Holy Communion dates will be spread over two weekends, the 23rd/24th May and the 30th/31st of May. Contact Teresa the church secretary for a form to enrol your child onto the above courses.

ART EXHIBITION REMINDER

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. Please note, that due to circumstances, we have now changed the exhibition to after Easter. See the new dates below



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.

Please note the change of dates:

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2— Tuesday 21st April 3.15-4pm
Years 3- Year 6—Tuesday 28th April 3.15-4pm

Meithrin

This week in Early Years we have been preparing for Easter. We have been learning about Lent and have become familiar with the song about the 40 days and nights in the desert.

We also learned a new word: **“famished.”**



It means **very, very, very, very hungry!** The children enjoyed using this new word and talking about what it feels like to be extremely hungry.

We spent some time thinking about things that might be difficult to do or give up during Lent. The children shared their ideas with each other, and we had some lovely discussions together.

It has been wonderful to see the children listening to one another and sharing their thoughts so thoughtfully.



Nursery Star of the week: This week our Star of the Week is **Ella!**

Ella is a kind and helpful member of our Morning Nursery family. When she isn't in, we really miss her. She always brings a smile to the classroom and is a wonderful friend to everyone.

Ella is also a fantastic artist and has been creating the most beautiful drawings, especially pictures of her big brother Pete. We love seeing her creativity and the care she puts into her work.

Derbyn

Reception had a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day. We enjoyed joining the rest of the school for a special assembly to celebrate the joy of reading together. Back in class, we introduced our story for the week,

The Gingerbread Man, which the children were very excited about. One of the highlights of the day was spending time with our buddies, who kindly read stories to us. The children loved sharing books together and it was a lovely way to celebrate our love of reading.



Gingerbread Man Traps!
This week we have been thinking about how the characters in the story could have stopped the Gingerbread Man from escaping. The children decided to design traps they could trap the Gingerbread man in and were fantastic at explaining how they would work.
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Stars of the Week:



Michelle – Well done, Michelle, for working so hard with your writing this week. You have shown great effort and determination! Da iawn!



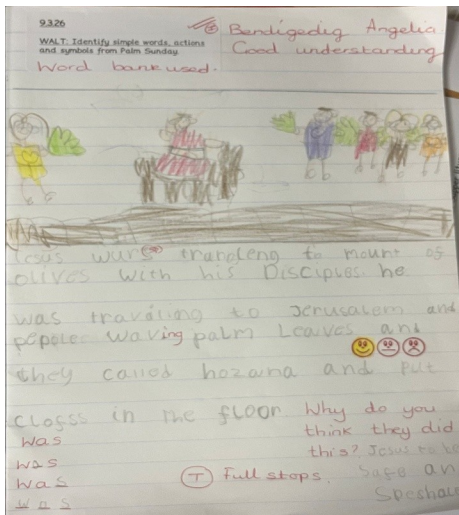
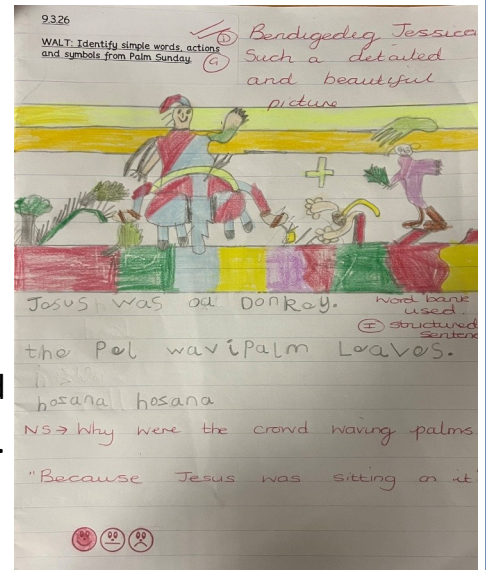
Teddy – Well done, Teddy, for always giving 100% in everything you do. You always have a positive attitude and effort in all areas of learning. Keep it up! Da iawn!

Blwydynn 1

This week, Year 1 have been exploring the liturgy of Palm Sunday, and it has been a truly joyful journey. We discovered how the people of Jerusalem were excited and eager to welcome Jesus, celebrating his arrival by waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!"

To help us step into the story, we made our own palms and reenacted the scene through song, movement, and drama. The children threw themselves into the celebration,

feeling the happiness and energy of the crowds who gathered to greet Jesus.



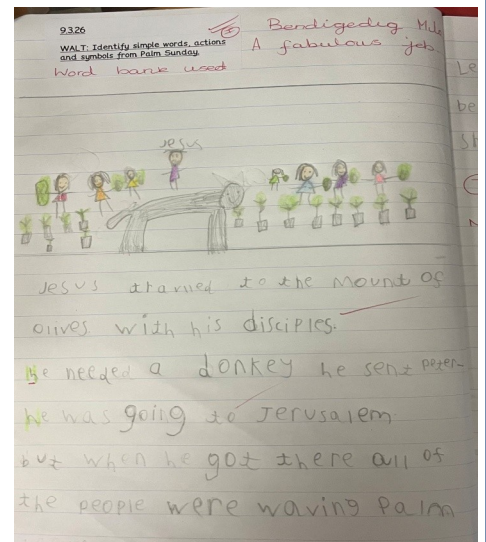
After bringing the story to life together, we began retelling it in our own ways—through artwork, writing, and thoughtful discussion. The children expressed what the story meant to them with beautiful creativity

and enthusiasm.

It has been a wonderful week of learning, imagination, and shared reflection as we prepare for Easter.

"Jesus must have felt proud when he saw everyone looking and jumping for him." - Corey

"I wish I was there!" - Eleanor



Seren Yr Wythnos: Jessica - Jessica has been working hard on her spellings this week and she beamed with pride when she had full marks in her spelling test! She is trying so hard in all of her learning, and we are extremely proud of her! Bendigedig Jessica!

Blwydynn 2

This week the children celebrated the world of books for World Book Day. They really enjoyed sharing their chosen character and book with their class and listened to stories from the teachers. They even got to share their stories with year 3! A fun filled day for all!



Star of the Week: Isla H for working very hard in her reading. Amazing effort!

Blwyddyn 3

Bl 3 enjoyed a wonderful world book day. We all came dressed as characters, from Bear Grylls, to Ginny from Harry Potter. We explored our characters and gave them top trump ratings for intelligence, kindness, speed, size and agility. The best bit was sharing our costumes with the school and our books with year 2. Here are our highlights.



Stars of the week: Theo. Congratulations Theo, you are our this weeks star child. You are joy to teach, always polite and caring. You are a good friend to all and a great ambassador for St Bernadette's.

Blwydynn 4

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 4! We started the week by celebrating World Book Day and it was wonderful to see the children so enthusiastic about reading. Everyone enjoyed sharing their favourite storybooks and explaining why they love them, including their favourite characters and moments. As a school, we listened to a range of stories and celebrated all the wonderful books that inspire us every day.



In maths, we continued our work on time. We revisited o'clock and half past, before extending our understanding by finding intervals of time between analogue and digital clocks. The children have shown great determination with this tricky concept.

This week, we also explored the Normans and the Anglo Saxons. The children identified key facts about both groups and began comparing their identities to our own. They asked thoughtful questions and showed real curiosity about life in the past.



Star of the week: This week's Star of the Week is Deklan for his fantastic effort and resilience in the classroom. He has worked exceptionally hard to listen carefully, contribute ideas, and he wrote a brilliant story about the Battle of Hastings. Well done Deklan. Keep it up!

Blwyddyn 5

On Monday Year 5 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. Our classroom was filled with excitement as everyone arrived dressed as their favourite book characters. From Harry Potter to Zog the dragon, the creativity was incredible.

To start the day, we shared our characters and talked about why we chose them. We took part in character battles in class after designing our own 'Top Trump' style cards.

In the afternoon, the class enjoyed paired reading with Nursery, showing brilliant kindness and leadership as they helped younger pupils explore new stories. We finished the day by listening to The Twits read by our teachers. It was a wonderful celebration of reading, creativity, and the joy of stories.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5 this week is Sayuj. He has come into class each day with a positive attitude, ready to learn and eager to take part. Sayuj's energy, curiosity and excitement make our classroom a happier place. Sayuj has also built great relationships with his teachers showing kindness, respect and a willingness to always try his best. Da iawn Sayuj, we are so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 6

Wonderful World Book Day

Bl6 really enjoyed their last World Book Day on Monday. Diolch for all of the efforts in dressing up and sharing your love of books.

We took part in an 'Ultimate Character Battle', preparing short speeches about a character that we knew really well. We worked collaboratively in small groups, judging each other's speeches to see who would go through to the next round.



In the afternoon we were privileged to go and share a story with our buddies, it was a perfect way to end our day.



Seren yr Wythnos: Tiago for all of your efforts this week. You really enjoyed our oracy task, speaking eloquently about your character. Gwaith da Tiago, keep up the good work!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Ella

Reception – Michelle & Teddy

Year 1 – Jessica

Year 2 – Isla H

Year 3 – Theo

Year 4 – Deklan

Year 5 – Sayuj

Year 6– Tiago



