



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 Mawrth 2026

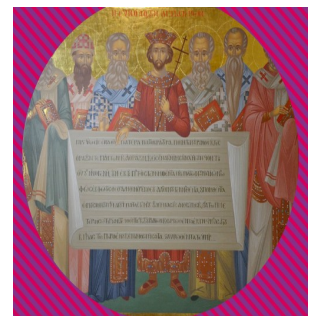
We have certainly been making the most of the sunshine this week as Y2 and Y3 had their class trips to Cardiff Castle and Caerleon respectively. Both classes had a wonderful time, learning and playing in the sunshine.



On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome back our Y6 children from their three day residential trip in Llangrannog. They had a wonderful time and were a credit to their families and the school whilst away. Thank you to the staff who volunteered to accompany the class. Without them the trip could not have taken place.



Next week is the fifth week of Lent. In class, the children are learning all about the events of Holy week, which they will share with each other next week. In the Gospel on Sunday we will hear that Martha was invited to say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus. When we say the Creed, we are invited to think about our own beliefs. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus and His promise of eternal life.





Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Lenten observance, the children will be taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk next week. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to reflect during Lent by coming together in solidarity with those in need around the world.

We warmly welcome any sponsorship or donations to support CAFOD's important work. Contributions of any size make a real difference to the work of CAFOD and are greatly appreciated.

We have our own Just Giving page where donations can be made directly or you may send donations into school directly.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-bernadettess-fundraising-page?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=CL



Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

The Mini Vinnies

St Bernadette's Catholic Primary School



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

Families Learning Together



Treasure Seekers

RAISING MONEY SMART

KIDS



**St Bernadette's
Primary School**

**Starting Monday 20th
April 2026**

1pm

**Parents, Carers, Grandparents
of pupils in Reception to Year 3**

Course Details:

Come along and enjoy a fun, hands-on course with your child!

Together you'll explore Money £££ and numeracy skills through play, using games, activities and stories. You'll pick up practical tips for supporting money skills at home, work towards an Aged qualification, and become a Cardiff & Vale College student with great benefits.

**Contact us on
families@cavc.ac.uk**



Meithrin

This week in the nursery, the children have been sharing the story of Palm Sunday. We explored the story through the eyes of the donkey in the heartwarming tale *The Donkey Who Carried a King (also known as The Donkey No One Could Ride)*, thinking about how it might feel to be part of this special celebration.

The children have been discussing their feelings in both Welsh and English, showing wonderful empathy and imagination. They have also enjoyed learning a new song called "Hosanna", which they've been singing beautifully together.



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We have been learning about the artist Vincent van Gogh. We looked closely at his painting Sunflowers and talked about what we could see, the colours he used, and how the painting made us feel. We noticed the different shapes and textures in the flowers and shared our ideas with our friends.

We explored colour mixing by experimenting with paints to create our own shades and hues. We discovered how to make colours lighter and darker and talked about the changes we could see.



We then used our new skills to create our own sunflower-inspired artwork. We carefully painted, mixed colours, and added details to make our pictures unique. We are very proud of our creations!



Stars of the Week:



Joseph – Well done, Joseph, for your super number work this week! You have really impressed us with your enthusiasm and positive attitude towards learning numbers. Keep up the fantastic effort! Da iawn!



Lola – Well done, Lola! You have really impressed us with your progress in your phonics group. You are trying very hard to recognise your sounds—keep up the great work! Gwaith da!

Blwydyn 1

Over the past few weeks, Year 1 have been exploring the Bible stories that tell the events of the last week of Jesus's life. The children have shown such curiosity, empathy, and thoughtfulness as we travelled through these important moments together.

We shared a reflective KETT session where we learned about the crucifixion. Using props, candles, and music, we created a calm and meaningful atmosphere to help the children understand the story.



Together, we thought carefully about:

- How others in the story might have felt
- How Jesus may have felt

How those who betrayed him might have felt

The children discovered that Jesus sacrificed himself for others, and they responded with great sensitivity and understanding.

Our journey didn't end there. We celebrated the joyful moment when the angel arrived with the message "*He has risen!*" The children loved sharing in this moment of hope and happiness.



To finish our learning, the children designed and created their own Easter gardens. Using compost, cress seeds, and a range of craft materials, they built beautiful miniature scenes to represent the empty tomb and the new life that Easter brings. We can't wait to see their cress begin to grow.

"I'm happy Jesus came back because everyone was so sad." – Aaliyah

"Judas was bad for doing that." – Bryan

"The soldier knew Jesus was a King because he heard the thunder." – Shania



Seren Yr Wythnos: Isabelle is a very creative and imaginative young girl, and she puts all of this into her artwork. Her water colour painting of the Palm Sunday scene was beautiful and she took such care and pride in her work. Bendigedig Isabelle!

Blwydyn 2

Year 2 had a fantastic trip at Cardiff Castle. They explored the castle rooms such as the nursery, the library, the great hall and more. They met a knight and heard stories of dragons; they then trained to become real knights. The children loved the day and it was even better with the sun shining.



Star of the Week: Alfie for excellent questioning throughout the school trip and working very hard with his work in school.

Blwyddyn 3

Year 3 had the BEST day ever at Caerleon, yesterday. We saw where the soldiers lived in their barracks and experienced it for ourselves later in the museum. The beds were so uncomfortable! The Roman baths were amazing! It was a shame we didn't have our bathers!

The Roman experience continued back at the museum when we learnt about feasts and banquets. Not sure we'd like to have been a Roman slave though!

We just loved dressing up and marching in the amphitheatre like a Roman. What a day to remember.



Star of the week: : Joshua. What a term you have had Joshua. You have grown in confidence in all curriculum areas and the standard of your work has impressed me. Diolch for always being polite, a good friend and a great pupil of St Bernadette's.

Blwyddyn 4

This week has been filled with joy, pride and plenty of learning. One of our highlights this week was sharing our Kindness Assembly with our families and friends. The children spoke confidently, performed beautifully and truly demonstrated what kindness looks like in our school community. We also showcased our kindness projects and all the thoughtful ways we have been putting kindness into action.

We continued our exploration of the Normans, comparing them to the Anglo-Saxons and identifying key differences in their culture, leadership and impact. Using what we know about Wales today, we investigated how the Normans shaped our landscape particularly through their influence on castles, laws and local governance.



In maths, we have been strengthening our understanding of time. The children have been using both analogue and digital clocks to read, compare and calculate time intervals.



Stars of the week: Oakley is a well-mannered, thoughtful, and kind individual who is always looking out for others. He truly embodied the values we celebrated in our Kindness Assembly, and we are incredibly proud of him.

Blwyddyn 5

This week in year 5 as part of our Branch 4 work in Religion we have been examining our conscience. Our conscience is that 'inner voice' that guides us to make decisions. We took part in a conscience ally activity where we considered the right and wrong options for our behaviours and choices.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5 is Serena who has been working extremely hard in all tasks. Serena is a kind and thoughtful member of our class who is a role model for her classmates. This week her determination towards her classwork has stood out and she has been committed to working independently to challenge herself and her group. Da iawn Serena!



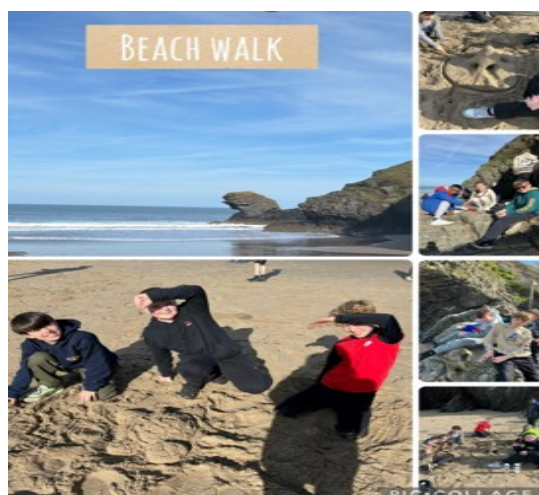
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Blwyddyn 6

This week we stayed at LLangrannog and what a busy time we had! The children were brilliant, trying new challenges and experiences, cheering each other on and making new friends. Throughout the busy 3 days the pupils tried a whole array of activities including quad bikes, escape rooms, climbing, swimming, high ropes and go karting. Our evenings were very busy too, we played games, took part in a Welsh Twmpath and had a disco.



On our final morning we took a lovely wooded walk down to the beach where we played, created sand sculptures and socialised with other Year 6 pupils from the Corpus Christi cluster. We had such an enjoyable time and we hope that you have made memories that will last forever.



[Seren yr Wythnos:](#) Llongyfarchiadau to all of the BL6 pupils for your efforts, enthusiasm and team spirit during our time in Llangrannog, da iawn!



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Aidan

Reception – Joseph & Lola

Year 1 –Isabelle

Year 2 – Alfie

Year 3 – Joshua

Year 4 – Oakley

Year 5 – Serena

Year 6– All of Year 6





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WALES

Bwrdd Iechyd Prifysgol
Caerdydd a'r Fro
Cardiff and Vale
University Health Board



Clwstwr Gofal Sylfaenol
Dinas a De Caerdydd
Cardiff City & South
Primary Care Cluster



★ Healthy Lives Community Engagement Event

Activities

- Fun for all the family,
- Bouncy castle,
- Balloon modeller,
- Magician and more!!!

Stalls

Over 25 stalls and exhibitors for all ages!
Providing information on health, food and diet and wellbeing.

Health checks & Advice

Get free blood pressure & weight

Speak to a range of professionals from health services, local councils, charities, social care and community organisations

FREE ENTRY

BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELF

Saturday, 11 April
Grange Pavilion, Grange Gardens,
Cardiff, CF11 7LJ
11.00 – 2PM



Chwaraeon Met Caerdydd
Cardiff Met Sport

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TENNIS CAMPS

Parks Tennis – Llandaff Fields

Half Day Tennis Camps 9am – 1pm

7th - 10th April

Ages: 8 - 15



Fun, friendly coaching
All abilities welcome

Mini Red Tennis Camps
2:30pm – 4pm

Ages: 4 - 8

