



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

17th Ebrill 2026



On Thursday this week—16th April—it was the feast day of St Bernadette. We are rarely in school on this date, as it usually falls in the Easter break, so we tend to celebrate it on the 18th February, which remains St. Bernadette's feast day on the local calendar in Lourdes, in France as it was on this day that Our Lady spoke to Bernadette for the first time. In whole school assembly and in our classrooms, we were able to learn more about our special saint and we will be celebrating the feast of St Bernadette in Mass with Fr Keith in school for on Friday 24th at



9.15am in school. Parents/Carers and friends of St Bernadette's are most welcome to join us. Please talk to your children about St Bernadette and see what they can tell you.

*This half term, we are focusing on the virtues, **Grateful and Generous**. Please share this prayer at home:*

Generous God,

Make our hearts like yours, always ready to give. Help us to see opportunities to give our time, just like St Bernadette, so we can achieve amazing things together. Teach us to be grateful for all the good gifts in our lives and to be generous when giving to others.

Amen

Summer Term 2026 Attendance

Class	NAM	NPM	Rec	Year1	Year2	Year3	Year4	Year5	Year 6
Attendance	89.7%	91.51%	90.71%	94.59%	94.65%	95.57%	96.1%	92.27%	93.62%

Families Learning Together



Treasure Seekers



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.

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Meithrin

This week, we welcomed some new nursery children and have been enjoying spending time outside most days.

We have also been learning about St Bernadette. The children explored the Ty Hide Away, where they discovered yellow roses and some small wooden clogs. They then listened to the story of St Bernadette and looked out for these special items as they appeared in the story.

The children naturally had lots of thoughtful questions, including:

- Where is France?
- Why couldn't she breathe?
- Who is the lady?
- Is she Jesus' mother?



We will be exploring these questions together over the coming weeks and into May, the Month of Mary.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Louie has been a little champion this week. He has helped our new friends settle into the routine so kindly and confidently. Louie has shown us that he can sit, look, and listen carefully, and follow our daily routines. He is a very popular member of the class and has formed a lovely friendship.

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St Bernadette

This week we have been learning about how St Bernadette was a special person, known for her faith and kindness. We talked about the rosary and why it is important. We also spent time thinking about what it might feel like to be visited by Mary. We also worked together to create our own grotto collage, inspired by St Bernadette's story.



3D Shapes

This week we have been exploring the properties of 3D shapes, looking closely at their faces, edges, and corners. We also explored the flat shapes you can find within 3D shapes, thinking about how shapes can be connected.

To make our learning more hands-on, we tried 3D shape printing to discover the flat shapes they can make, and created "footprints" using the shapes to see what patterns appeared.

We also went on a 3D shape hunt in the outdoor area, searching for shapes that might be hiding around us.



Seren Yr Wythnos:



Adiwa has really impressed us during our learning about animals on the farm. He was able to share lots of interesting facts about different farm animals and showed great enthusiasm during our discussions. Well done for your fantastic effort!



Emilio has really impressed us with how hard he has been practising his letter formation and sounding out during our Monster Phonics sessions. He has shown great determination - da iawn Emilio!

Blwyddyn 1

This week, Year 1 have been focusing on developing their **coordination** and **resilience** during our PE lessons. The children took part in a rotation of activities designed to strengthen their **gross motor skills**, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence grow in such a short time.



Our sessions included a range of movement challenges such as **crawling, climbing, jumping, and rolling**. Each activity encouraged the children to explore how their bodies move, build strength, and practise important physical skills in a fun and engaging way.

Teamwork was also a key part of our learning.

The children worked together to move in different ways, support one another, and complete simple movement challenges. Their enthusiasm and determination have been fantastic to watch.



We are very proud of how hard Year 1 have worked this week and look forward to continuing to build these skills in the weeks ahead.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Leo has earned Star of the Week through sheer determination and a brilliant attitude in every P.E. session. He always gives his best effort, no matter the activity, and it shows in the progress he's making. What really sets Leo apart is the way he supports others — he listens, encourages, and works with his teammates so everyone can succeed together. His commitment and team spirit make him a joy to have in class, and this recognition is truly well deserved.

Blwyddyn 2

Biscuit investigation

This week Year 2 have finished off their Cardiff Tales topic with a science investigation. The children picked 3 types of biscuits and in teams, built a Castle bridge to test which biscuit made the strongest bridge.

The children had so much fun and had to really use their problem solving skills to help them. And of course, they were very tempted to eat them all!



Seren Yr Wythnos: Lara. For her fabulous work this week on St Bernadette and her amazing perseverance with her handwriting.

Da iawn Lara!

Blwyddyn 3

This week, Year 3 has been focusing on what *respect* looks like, sounds like, and feels like in our classroom. We've been talking about the small everyday actions that help us create a classroom where everyone feels happy, safe, and included.

We explored ideas such as using kind words, listening when others speak, taking care of our classroom environment, and supporting one another during learning. We created a RESPECT acrostic poem to share our understanding and ideas.

RESPECT

R – Responsible for our actions

E – Everyone listens to everyone

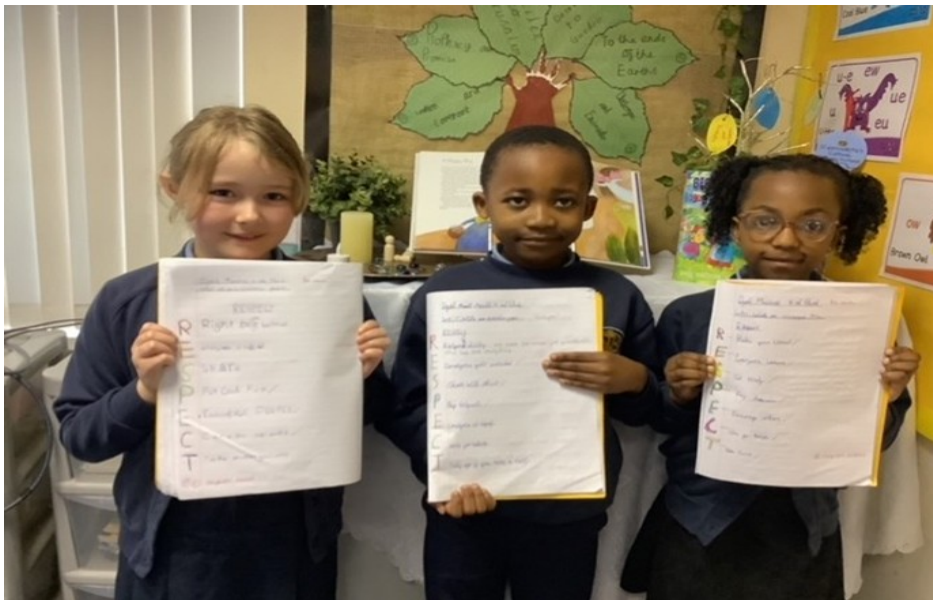
S – Spread kindness

P – Please and Thankyou

E – Encourage others

C – Care for things

T – Take turns and share



Seren Yr Wythnos: Poppy - Poppy has demonstrated excellent learning all week, consistently showing Mrs. Sherwood and the rest of the class what it means to be a positive role model both within the classroom and in the wider school environment.




Blwyddyn 4

This week, Year 4 have been very excited to start our brand new class novel, Demon Dentist. We have read the first chapter together and the children are already eager to find out more about the mysterious Miss Root and her unusual behaviour.

In Science, we have been exploring all things teeth. The children have investigated the different types of teeth we have in our mouths and their functions. We also looked at how certain foods can affect our teeth and discussed how to keep them healthy.

In Numeracy, we have been working with money, identifying pounds and pence and converting between the two. The children have been practising calculating different values and using their understanding to solve real life money problems.

As a class, we have been discussing what we would like to explore in our new topic. The children came up with lots of brilliant questions and ideas linked to Burps, Bottoms and Bile. They are already excited to investigate how our bodies work in fun and fascinating ways.

<p>What lessons could we do?</p> <p>What topics are you interested in?</p> <p>What questions do you have?</p>	<p>EJ-What animal/human has the coldest blood?</p> <p>SG-What is bile?</p> <p>AD- How strong is acid in our tummy?</p> <p>JV- How much heat can a human body take?</p> <p>AM-How much cold can a human body take?</p> <p>KS-How many bones does the human body have?</p> <p>RM-How many organs does the human body have?</p>	<p>EB-Role play- Trip to the doctors</p> <p>OB- Make a sculpture out of clay(Organs/bones)</p> <p>ML-Treasure hunt-PE</p> <p>VC-Human body using paint</p> <p>RM- Pick a organ and make it on minecraft</p> <p>LC-Make a skeleton on minecraft</p> <p>GmcG-Black and white sketch of the human body</p> <p>EJ-Make a skull/teeth out of marshmallows</p> <p>DC-Game on human parts of the body</p> <p>KS-Chalk the human body outside</p> <p>EB-Human body parts PE game</p> <p>ES-Sketch out a heart and design it with all the things we love.</p> <p>ML-Black paper and chalk</p> <p>LC-Chalk and label human body parts</p>
<p>KS-Exercise/sport with the human body</p> <p>ES-How the human body develops/grows</p> <p>ML- Best places for humans/animals to live in (Healthy lifestyle)</p> <p>EP-Organs and human body</p> <p>GmcG-Temperature of your heart</p> <p>EB-Exercise/sport impact on the human body</p> <p>FP-Layers of skin</p> <p>LC-Skeleton</p> <p>DC-Teeth</p>	 <p>Burps, Bottoms and Bile Pupil voice</p>	
		<p>CST: How can we respect our bodies and remember that God made every person special?</p>



Seren Yr Wythnos: Star of the week this week is Dylan. Dylan has shown a real enthusiasm to our topic this term. He has contributed some fantastic questions and shared lots of engaging ideas to help shape our new topic. A great start to the term Dylan. Keep it up. We are so proud of you. Da iawn.

Blwyddyn 5

We are incredibly proud of Year 5 following their recent residential trip to Manor Adventure. Throughout the visit, children showed outstanding teamwork whilst supporting one another during challenges and activities. Whether tackling outdoor adventures, sharing responsibilities, or encouraging friends to keep going, they worked together with kindness and respect.

The trip also highlighted their determination and resilience with many stepping outside their comfort zones, facing new experiences with bravery, and not giving up when things felt difficult.



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr Wythnos is all of Year 5. Their excellent behaviour, positive attitudes and perseverance were a credit to themselves, their families and St Bernadette's. It was a truly memorable experience that helped the children grow in confidence and resilience, creating wonderful memories and strengthening friendships along the way. Da iawn i chi gyd!

Blwyddyn 6

Delighted to welcome back BI6 pupils for our last term in school. We have been busy writing stories inspired by a magical, mysterious image of an arcade. Here are some of our openings to our narratives.



Oliver - "In a dark, gloomy alleyway sits an intriguing, neon, glowing arcade of mystery. 'Do not enter' read the sign above my head."

Rafferty - "In an old abandoned arcade neon lights flashed and there was a glowing glimmer as Millie walked inside."

Thomas - "As I enter the arcade, I'm welcomed by the slow humming of games. I sit down on the seat and I shove in a coin in exhilaration."

Pearl - "Tucked away in an idle alleyway lies a game arcade, its captivating neon lights flashed on the little girl's face."

The Resurrection

BI5&6 lead the school on Friday in the most joyful and celebratory Resurrection prayer service. The pupils used prayer, drama, and readings to share the wondrous story of Jesus rising from the dead on Easter Sunday. Alleluia—He is risen!



Seren yr Wythnos: Llongyfarchiadau to Owen for all of his learning efforts this week. Owen, we all really enjoyed listening to you share your creative writing story this week. Thank you for inspiring us with your adventurous vocabulary. Keep up the good work, da iawn.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Louie

Reception – Adiwa & Emilio

Year 1 – Leo

Year 2 – Lara

Year 3 – Poppy

Year 4 – Dylan

Year 5 – All of Year 5

Year 6– Owen



In English / Yn Saesneg

We are pleased to invite you to join FreeSchoolClothes.com, a bilingual platform that enables Welsh families to redistribute outgrown school uniform, sports kit, footwear and other school essentials within the school community, for free.

Originally developed by Jon Evans, a parent at Ysgol Treganna, Cardiff, the initiative has already redistributed thousands of items, saving families money while reducing waste.

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For support please contact: **Jon Evans, Founder & Volunteer**
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