



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***

***28th Tachwedd 2025***

The children are all busy rehearsing for their Christmas shows as well as our Christmas Fair.  
We cannot wait – everyone is so excited!

A reminder of upcoming events at St Bernadette's:

2nd December - Y3 & Y4 Advent Prayer Service 9:15am

3rd December - Christmas Fair: 3:30pm

5th December—Christmas Pyjama Day – all day

10th December - Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play: 9:30am

11th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch day

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

16th December - City Hospice Reindeer Run

17th December -Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Concert – 2:15pm

This Sunday will be the first Sunday in Advent and we will light our first candle on our advent wreaths. We are very grateful to Deacon Steve who donated a new advent wreath stand to the school. We want to extend our thanks and best wishes to him for the stand and for everything he does for us.



Advent is an exciting time of getting ready for Jesus' birthday at Christmas. We prepare and wait with expectant hope for when Jesus will come again!

Matthew 24:41 said: *"Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming."* Y3/4 will be sharing their Advent prayer service with the school on Wednesday, where we be reminded of the importance of this season in the liturgical calendar.

As Pilgrims of Hope, we can prepare by knowing our hope is in Jesus, and sharing our hope with others.

On Monday evening our School Council met with the Governing Body to present our Child Friendly School Improvement Plan. We shared our ideas and how we came to our final design.



### Child Friendly School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2025-2026

We are proud to present our Child friendly School Improvement Plan (SIP) with you. We used Minecraft to create a cross, a tree, bookshelves and a library. We can't wait to present it to the rest of the school next week.

**Religion**  
To get to know the Catholic Social Teaching characters

**Diversity**  
To learn about and celebrate our different cultures and experiences

**Spelling and Reading**  
To learn our sounds to help us become better at spelling and reading

**Pedagogy**  
With help from our teachers, be the best independent learners we can be

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Child Friendly School Improvement Plan

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## 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 6<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> February and the 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@stphilpevans.co.uk)



Dear Parents and Carers,

We're excited to let you know that our **Christmas Fayre will be held on Wednesday 3rd December**. It promises to be a fun-filled event for all the family, with plenty of festive cheer! We are now gratefully receiving **donations of raffle prizes and bottles for the tombola**. If you're able to contribute, please send items in with your child or drop them off at the school office.

Bottle donations can include alcohol ( to be handed to an adult) shampoo, conditioner, body cream, condiments etc.

If you're available to help out on the day or in the run-up to the event, we'd love to hear from you. Please let the office know if you can lend a hand.

Thank you for your continued support – we can't wait to celebrate the season together!



*Upcoming Christmas Events*

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## Meithrin

### In Early Years...

Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring our **Au-tumn** topic, with a special focus on Martin Waddell's *Owl Babies*. It has become a firm favourite with all the children, and many of them have enjoyed seeing themselves in the different baby owls.



Here are some of their lovely reflections:

**Margot:** "I'm like Bill — I love my mummy."

**Cally:** "I'm like Sarah, and I love my mummy too."

**Alfie:** "I'm like Percy because Bill's the baby."



We have also been learning a **rap song with BSL signs**, which has quickly become our favourite go-to song in class,

### Stars of the week:



**Morning Nursery :** Adam is our Morning Star of the Week. He comes in each day with a big smile on his face and twinkling eyes. He has been joining in beautifully with circle time and Monster Phonics. Adam is a keen dancer who enjoys all kinds of music. He is extremely creative when building train tracks and loves playing with his new friends. He is a valued member of our nursery, loved by both staff and children.



**Afternoon Nursery :** Caleb is our Afternoon Star of the Week. He is a super kind member of our afternoon nursery and a wonderful friend to all. Caleb joins in with every activity and always gives his best. He is a great role model in his play—always sharing and encouraging others to join in. Caleb is polite, generous, and very well thought of by the Early Years team.

# Derbyn

This week we have continued to talk about Mary and her visit from the Angel Gabriel. We have been role playing the story of The Annunciation.

“Mary is very special” - Sophie

“Mary had a baby called Jesus” - Azalea

“Mary and Joseph were Jesus’ mum and dad” - James



**Stars of the week: Leo**

**Leo for his knowledge and hard work with his phonics this week.**

## Blwydynn 1

This week in Year 1, we have been busy investigating 2D and 3D shapes as part of our maths learning. The children have explored the properties of different shapes and enjoyed hands-on activities to deepen their understanding.

We played Pairs and Snap, matching and recognising shapes in a fun and interactive way.



We also played “Beth sy yn yr boc?” (What’s in the bag?), which helped us practise identifying shapes by touch and description.

The children have been labelling shapes carefully, learning their names and features.

Using 2D shapes, we created imaginative pictures and designs, combining creativity with mathematical thinking.



It has been wonderful to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic about their learning. They are becoming confident in recognising and describing shapes all around them!



**Seren Yr Wythnos:** : Henri.

Henri has been working so hard to develop his sentence work this week. He is beginning to use full stops and capital letters independently and never fails to give 100%. Bendigedig Henri! Keep up the great work!

## Blwyddyn 2

This week in Year 2 we have been exploring the beauty of words through **poetry**. We've been hunting for **alliteration** (that's when words start with the same sound, like "buzzing bees bounce").

Poetry makes language fun - and sometimes very funny!  
The children loved creating their own examples.




Here are a few giggles from our class:

*"The princess played in the park." Eve*  
*"The serpent spider slid to the end of the slope!" Anna*  
*"The poor princess peeled a peach." Billie*  
*"The fat frog flew over the fridge!" Sylvie*  
*"The moody monster moved in my mum's mouth." Phoebe*  
*"The spiny spider was skipping slowly." Alfie*

Watch this space as we will be writing our own short poems for our 'Context for Learning - Scented Garden', full of flowers, bees, and sunshine.

Here we are sharing our work.



 Seren yr Wythnos: Joshua has been working so hard in all areas of school life, especially his reading.

Bendigedig Joshua!

## Blwyddyn 3

This week in Year 3, the children took part in a thoughtful and creative art activity during our RE lesson. The children drew their own self-portraits using mirrors. The class explored the unique features that make each of them wonderful and individual. Alongside our artwork, we reflected on an important message from the Catholic Social Teaching through one of our CST Character, Luc the deer. Who reminds us that we are all made in the image and likeness of God.



### Stars of the week: Poppy

Poppy is an extremely hard working and caring member of our Year 3 class. Poppy always give 100% in all areas of her work, never satisfied with just completing her work but always striving for areas to improve. Da lain Poppy, we are proud of you!

## Blwydynn 4

This week in Year 4, we have been busily preparing for our Christmas Enterprise project. The children have shown fantastic teamwork and problem-solving as they applied their knowledge of measurement to calculate the exact amounts of ingredients needed. They carefully labelled diagrams, checked quantities and worked out the costings to ensure that their final products would make a profit.



In Literacy, we focused on writing clear and effective instructions. The children reviewed and edited their work, using time connectives to improve the flow and accuracy of their cooking instructions. This helped them create guidance that was both concise and thorough, ready to match the high standard of their enterprise creations.

In RE, we explored the significance of John the Baptist and compared how his story is presented in both Mark's Gospel and Matthew's Gospel. The class shared thoughtful ideas and identified a range of vocabulary to describe John the Baptist and his importance within the Christian faith. Their discussions showed great insight and curiosity.



Star of the Week: Ashton! I have been so pleased with your resilience and willingness to tackle challenges in numeracy this week. In our Advent prayer service, you have spoken clearly and delivered your lines beautifully. Da iawn we are so proud of you. Keep it up!

## Blwyddyn 5

This week Blwyddyn 5 have been working hard reading their class text 'Farm Boy'. After finishing the book, we reminded ourselves of key events and characters in the text through story mapping. We also looked back at our predictions to see if any of us got it right. We can't wait for next week when we will write as one of the main characters in the story.



"I felt the book was really good because it had a great ending. My favourite part was Grandpa's story because it was funny and enjoyable to read" Ola



"I think the book was interesting because it taught us about farming. I also liked Grandpa's story the best because it was exciting when he was retelling the event of the competition" Elliot



"I thought the book was amazing. It was funny when Grandpa was writing his story" Emma



"My favourite part was when they did the horse verses the tractor. I really enjoyed it" Serena



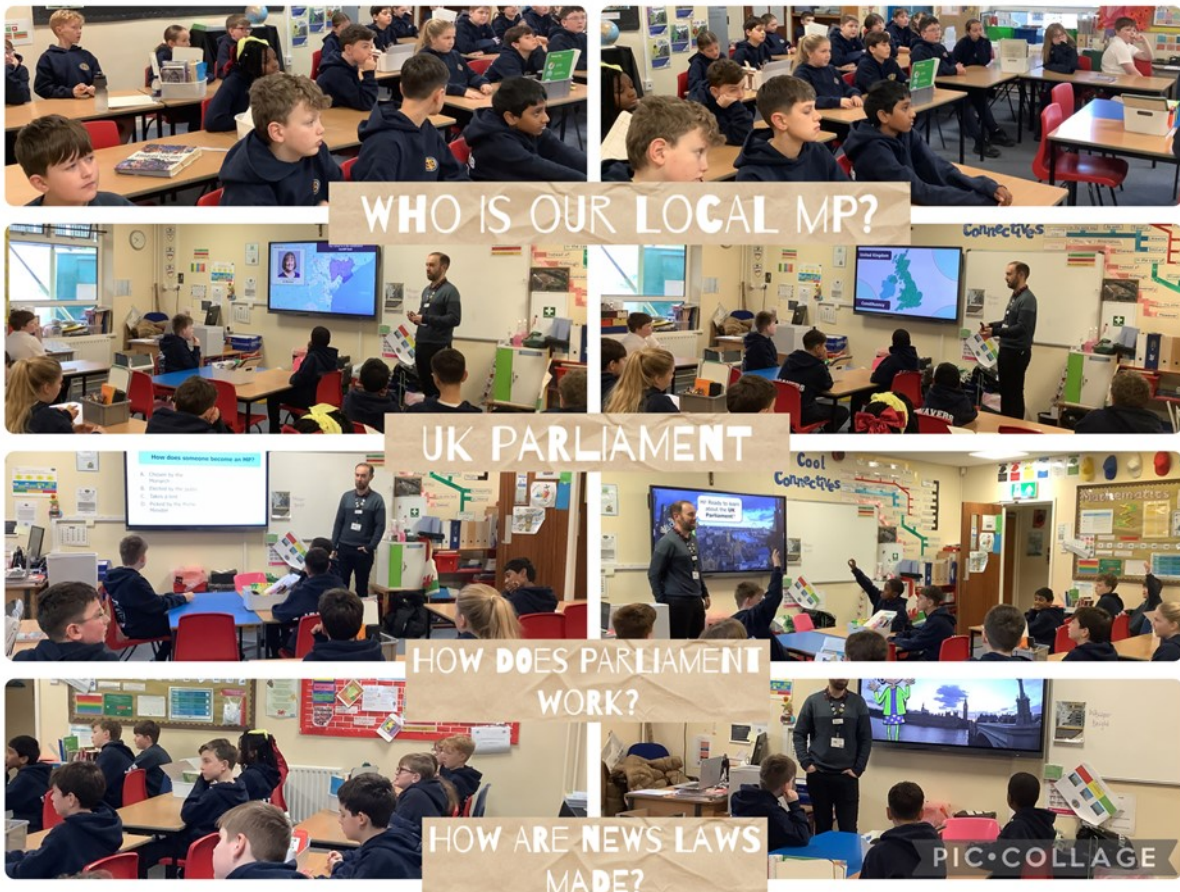
"My favourite part was also Grandpa's story because it was really funny. I actually thought the whole book was really good" Corben



**Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5:** Seren yr wythnos is Freja who has been a real star this week. Her hard work and determination has really stood out this week. Especially in writing and Religion. Freja has written in detail about the story of the Anointing of David and she remembered and wrote all of the key events brilliantly. Da iawn Freja!

## Blwyddyn 6

On Monday morning we had a visit from a member of the UK Parliament to talk to us about how Parliament works. We found out that Parliament is in London, we discovered the differences between the House of Lords and the House of Commons. We were able to ask questions about how politicians are elected, how old you can be to vote and who the youngest and oldest members of parliament are.



**Star of the week:** Longyfarchiadau to Olly for all of his efforts this week. Da iawn Olly for always being a caring and considerate member of our class. You have challenged yourself this week during Maths, showing perseverance and problem solving. Keep up all of your hard work!



# Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Adam & Caleb

Reception – Leo

Year 1 – Henri

Year 2 – Joshua

Year 3 – Poppy

Year 4 – Ashton

Year 5 – Freja

Year 6– Olly

