



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

15th May 2026

Parish Mass

On Saturday at 5:15pm, at St Philip Evans Church, the children of St Bernadette's will be supporting the parish Mass through various ministries. This is a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together in worship and celebration. We warmly invite all families to join us and support the children as they take part in this special occasion. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.



As many of you will already know, next week marks Mrs Kearle's final week with us at St Bernadette's. We are both excited and a little emotional as we prepare to celebrate someone who has given so much to our school community over the years.

We have planned a number of special celebrations in school to help mark this important moment. Unfortunately, due to the size of the hall, we are unable to invite families to join us. However, please be reassured that the children have been practising with great enthusiasm, and we will make sure Mrs Kearle receives a truly memorable send-off. She has been such a kind, caring, positive and supportive presence in our school for so long, and we are incredibly grateful for all that she has done. We look forward to giving her the heartfelt farewell she so richly deserves.



On Thursday, we celebrated the Ascension of the Lord.: when Jesus returned to Heaven 40 days after Easter.

Before He went, He told His friends to love and help others.

It reminds us that Jesus is always with us and asks us to follow His example of kindness and love.

Summer Fair – Wednesday 1st July, 3.30–4.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that our Summer Fair will take place on **Wednesday 1st July from 3.30–4.30pm.**

As part of the event, we will be holding both a **raffle** and a **bottle tombola**, and we are kindly asking for donations to support these stalls.

Raffle prize donations could include **vouchers, toiletries, chocolates, or other small gifts.**

For the bottle tombola, we welcome donations of **bottles of alcohol, soft drinks, shampoo, deodorant**, or any other bottled items. All donations can be sent directly to the **school office.**

Thank you for your continued support — it really helps make the event a success.



Meithrin



This week we celebrated the Month of Mary with a special mini KETT session. All the children joined in beautifully with a calm and reflective dance, taking time to think quietly and peacefully. Afterwards, the children sat together to create a special focus area for prayer and reflection. We used candles and flowers to help create a calm and welcoming atmosphere where the children could spend time thinking about Mary and why she is important to us.



The children talked about how Mary cared for Jesus and how she helps us to show kindness, love, and compassion to others. They then carefully used flowers as a way to thank Mary for her love, care, and guidance. The session gave the children an opportunity to reflect, pray, and express their thoughts in a meaningful and creative way.

Margot - " Mary said yes to the Angel, that was good"

Oliver - " I thanked Mary for loving Jesus "

Connor - " Mary married her husband Joseph"



Seren Yr Wythnos: Vivia Viva was away last week and everyone really missed her. She is our little star and brings so much energy, fun, and happiness to the nursery each day. Viva always joins in enthusiastically and is very determined and helps to create a joyful atmosphere in the classroom. We were all so pleased to welcome her back and have her cheerful personality shining brightly again.

Derbyn

This week, we have been learning all about the Feast of the Ascension – a very special time in the Church when we remember Jesus returning to heaven.

We heard the story of how Jesus spent time with his friends, the disciples, after he came back to life at Easter. One day, he led them up a hill and spoke to them kindly, reminding them to keep sharing his love with others. Then something amazing happened – Jesus slowly went up into the sky and disappeared into the clouds! The disciples looked up in wonder. Even though they couldn't see Jesus anymore, they knew he was still with them in a special way.



To help us understand the story, we explored a sensory version of the Ascension. We used objects we could touch and see, and we acted out parts of the story. It was very exciting... and we were quite surprised when Jesus “disappeared” from our scene – just like the disciples must have felt! We talked about how they might have felt: amazed, confused, and maybe even a little bit sad, but also happy because they knew Jesus was going to be with God.

Afterwards, we got creative and made our own Ascension cups. These help us remember the moment Jesus went up into the clouds. We loved watching our little figures “rise up” and disappear, just like in the story!

Seren Yr Wythnos:



Elodie - has really impressed us with her fantastic attitude to learning. She always tries her very best and shows great determination in everything she does, especially in her writing, where she has been working incredibly hard. We are so proud of her effort and positive mindset. Da iawn!



Sam - she has really impressed us with her enthusiasm for learning. She shared a wonderful Pentecost dance with her friends, and she always joins in with our Reception songs with great joy and energy. We are so proud of how much her confidence has grown this year. Da iawn!

Blwyddyn 1

This week in Year 1, we have been learning about the Ascension and the promise of the Holy Spirit. The children listened to the story and thought carefully about what Jesus' friends might have seen and felt as they watched Him return to heaven.



We explored beautiful Ascension artwork from around the world, noticing colours, shapes, and the different ways artists show movement, light, and emotion. The children shared thoughtful ideas about how they might have felt if they had been there with the disciples—many spoke about feeling amazed, surprised, or comforted by Jesus' promise that the

Holy Spirit would always be with them.

"I would have been shocked if I saw the bright light. It would look like an Angel!" – Maisie

"I think his friends felt sad." – Gracie-Leigh

"I would be sad but happy too because Jesus was going back to his Father and he would be missing him." – Leo

"They will miss Jesus. I miss Jesus." – Frankie P



We then used water paints to experiment with tone, shade, and colour mixing. The children practised creating lighter and darker versions of the same colour and explored how gentle brushstrokes can create a sense of movement—perfect for painting the Ascension sky! Take a look at some of our beautiful work...



Seren Yr Wythnos: Taurus is our Star of the Week for his incredible effort and determination in the Rapids group. He has been pushing himself in every session, taking on new challenges with real enthusiasm. Both Mrs McFarland and Mrs Dendle have been so impressed with how focused, motivated, and hardworking he has been. His confidence is growing, his skills are improving, and his positive attitude is shining through. Da iawn Taurus!

Blwyddyn 2

May has been a very special and prayerful time in Year 2 as we remember that **May is the month of Mary**, the mother of Jesus.

The children have enjoyed learning about Mary and why she is so important to us. We talked about how Mary said “yes” to God and showed great love, trust and courage. The children reflected on how they can follow Mary’s example by being kind, helpful and loving to others.

The children have created **beautiful pictures of Mary**. Our pictures helped us to think about Mary’s love and gentleness.

Dear Mary,

Thank you for being a loving mother to us all.

Help us to be kind, gentle and caring like you.

Guide us to follow Jesus every day.

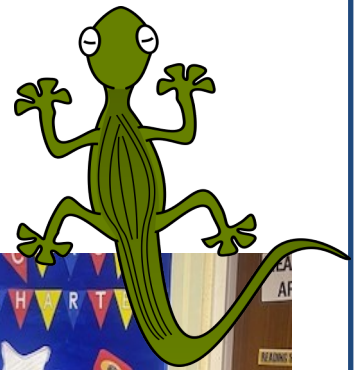
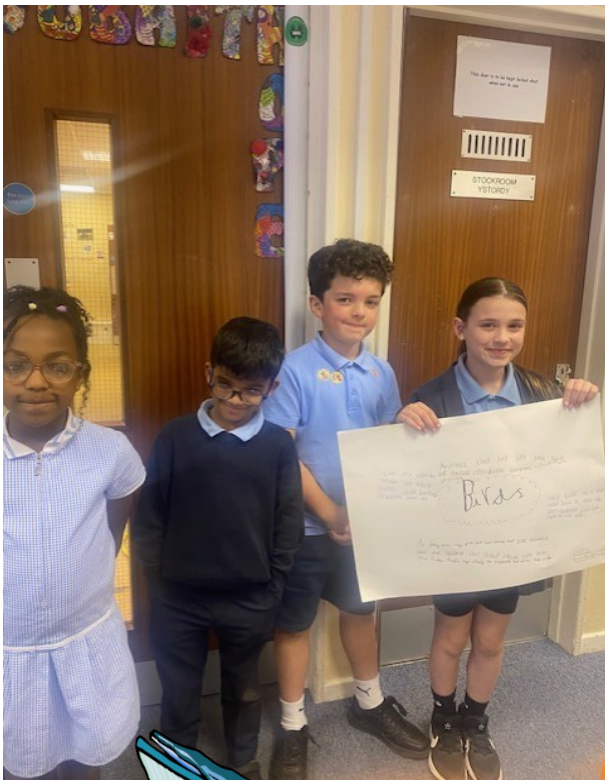
Amen.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Jelno has worked so hard this week in his literacy lessons. Amazing work Jelno. Keep up the Fabulous work!

Blwyddyn 3

This week in Year 3, we have been continuing our topic on Predators and Prey. The children worked in collaborative groups to research different animal groups, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and amphibians. Each group then presented their findings to the rest of the class and listened carefully to the other groups. The children also asked and answered questions, showing great teamwork and growing confidence in sharing what they had learned.



SerenYr Wythnos:

Star of the week in Year 3 is Isla. Isla is an exemplary pupil who always sets the perfect example to others with the standard of her work, the way she demonstrates respect to others and her behaviour inside and outside the classroom, always showing kindness and compassion to everyone.

Blwyddyn 4

This week in Year 4, we have been completing the final drafts of our newspaper reports. Using our detailed plans, we were able to identify key paragraphs and important information to share the recent news about Miss Root, the new dentist in town.

In Maths, we have been exploring decimals and fractions. To support our understanding, we used playdough to create visual models of tenths. We thoroughly enjoyed this activity, which helped bring our learning to life and develop our confidence when working with decimals.

In RE, we have been learning about the Ascension and using artwork to help deepen our understanding of this important event.

In Science, we have been investigating where food comes from and how it grows. We are looking forward to exploring this topic further next week as we continue our investigations.



Seren Yr Wythnos: This week, our Star of the Week goes to Peter! He demonstrated an excellent understanding of decimals and fractions and used challenge activities to further extend his knowledge. Da iawn, Peter. Keep up the fantastic work!

Blwyddyn 5

This week we have been exploring the perimeter and area of shapes in Maths. We have learnt what they are, how we calculate them and we have even challenged ourselves to look at rectilinear and compound shapes.

“Perimeter is the distance around a shape. The shape must be a closed shape and it must be 2D. D stands for dimensions and the 2 dimensions are length and width” Lucia
“To find the perimeter you need to add all the sides together” Gracie
“You have to remember the units, for example mm, cm, m or km” Louie



“Area is the space inside a closed shape for example some tiles on the kitchen floor” Corben

“To find the area you multiply the length and width together” Rory

“In perimeter the unit is mm, cm, m or km. But with area the unit is always squared for example cm^2 ” Kuba

“My favourite part of this was learning about how we would need to use perimeter and area for example in our homes and gardens. If you have too much you spend more than you need to and not enough means you’ll have some tiles missing” Marnie



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr wythnos is Hallie who has shown such great confidence this week. She has worked extremely hard in her Maths and spellings, putting her hand up in class to join in fully. She has also been a wonderful friend to others in the playground and in class. Da iawn Hallie!

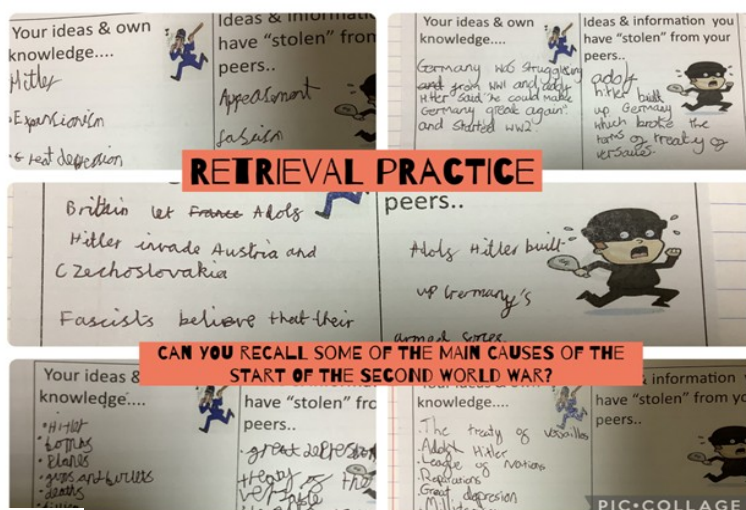
Blwyddyn 6

As we are concluding our topic 'A Child's War' we have played some fun retrieval games to recall some of the causes of the Second World War. We have been finding out about how the war ended using a variety of sources including short films, first hand accounts and information from the Imperial War Museum.

Kuzi - "I enjoyed our Cardiff Castle trip because I liked finding out about the bomb shelter and the music that was played."

Leo - "I liked it when we did a Big Write about being a WW2 evacuee, I enjoyed being creative and writing my story."

Charlie - "I liked painting the Blitz art because I really enjoy painting."



KS2 Summer Social

The sun managed to make an appearance for our last Summer Social event in Year 6 on Tuesday afternoon. Da iawn Bl6 for helping to run some of the activities and for setting up the event.



Seren yr Wythnos: Llongyfarchiadau to Spencer for all of his efforts this week! Spencer, you have shown interest and enthusiasm in our work about WW2, you were knowledgeable and showed a great understanding when we were finding out about D-Day and the end of the war.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Vivia

Reception – Elodie & Sam

Year 1 – Taurus

Year 2 – Jelno

Year 3 – Isla

Year 4 – Peter

Year 5 – Hallie

Year 6– Spencer

