



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

21st Tachwedd 2025

ST BERNADETTE'S PUPIL PROFILE

ELOQUENT and TRUTHFUL



All of last half term, staff have been looking out for examples of how the children have been **Eloquent** and **Truthful** the two virtues we focused on as part of our St Bernadette's Pupil Profile. Specific examples of how children had been **Eloquent** and **Truthful** were read out, shared and celebrated with the whole school. We were delighted to present a certificate to these who were children who were identified as practising the two virtues:

This half term, the two virtues we will be focusing on at St Bernadette's are:

LEARNED and WISE.

During whole school assembly, the words learned and wise were explained to the children and they were shown the story from Luke chapter 2 of the boy Jesus in the temple speaking with a wisdom beyond His years to the priests.

LEARNED: - learning how God wants us to live our lives. Whether we are young or old, we should never stop learning about what God wants of us.

WISE: - knowing how God wants us to live our lives and putting it into practice

We prayed together: *Lord, when I am tempted to give up or to give in to something wrong this day, make me LEARNED and WISE so that instead I shall show strength of character and follow in the footsteps of Jesus.*

At St Bernadette's we are growing to be learned, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways we use our learning for the common good - doing something here and now which, little by little, transforms the world.



'READ TOGETHER, GROW TOGETHER'

We are delighted that so many of our families have attended our ['Read Together, Grow Together'](#) event led by Nikki from 'Families Learning Together' team.



During last Monday's session they read 'The Wonky Donkey' and had a great time! This is what some of the children had to say: "I loved the story it was so funny!". "I liked the cutting and colouring and making things." My Dad was wearing the donkey ears when I went home!" "Daddy did the cooking with the donkey ears on his head!"



We have received a number of complaints regarding dangerous driving and illegal parking outside of the school grounds.

There have been a few near misses outside our school where parents are driving dangerously or too fast when the children are coming to and from school.

Please ensure that during drop off and collection times especially that you are driving considerately and safely to avoid any accidents.

Parking outside schools

- ◆ Pick-up and drop-off times are busy outside schools. This can cause an increased safety risk to both children and parents.
- ◆ Parking restrictions outside schools are there to keep you and your children safe. Parking inconsiderately can put people in danger and you also risk being fined. It's important that motorists follow the [Highway Code](#).

Parking restrictions outside schools

- ◆ Understanding yellow zigzag markings
Most school entrances and exits have yellow zigzag road markings with the writing 'School Keep Clear'.
- ◆ Zigzags also show areas that must be kept clear so that children and other road users can see clearly when crossing the road.

Safety tips for parking outside schools

- ◆ When picking up or dropping off children at schools, you should do the following:
- ◆ Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- ◆ Do not park on zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.

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If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or accessways.

Fines

Local councils can issue motorists with penalty charge notices (PCN) for waiting, stopping, or parking on zigzags if restrictions are in place. These are issued by civil enforcement officers.

Please help us to keep our children safe.

Criw Cymraeg Weekly Challenge

This week, our challenge is inspired by the Criw Cymraeg assembly. We've included both Welsh phrases and BSL signs to help everyone practise language and communication together. Our mission has been to explore how we can avoid conflict and find peace in our daily lives—whether at school, at home, or in the wider community.

Take part, learn something new, and join us in spreading kindness and understanding through words and signs.

Peace - Heddwch



Sori - Sorry



Love - Cariad



Maddeu i mi - Forgive me





Christmas Fayre – Save the Date!

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

2nd December - Y3 & Y4 Advent Prayer Service

3rd December - Christmas Fair

5th December—Christmas Pajama Day

10th December - Y1 & Y2 Nativity Play

12th December - Nursery & Reception Nativity

*11th December - Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas
Lunch*

16th December - City Hospice Reindeer Run

17th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Carol Concert

Our St Bernadette's boys competed extremely well in the CVSFA five a-side tournament this Tuesday. It was our first time wearing our new football kit which we were able to attain from the help of Fox air conditioning & renewals.



We faced a very strong first opponent, losing our opening game. But this team is made up of resilient and determined individuals that all wanted to represent St Bernadette's to the best of their ability. We went on to win our next 5 games, finishing on 15 points, joint at the top of the table with another two teams. Unfortunately, due to goal difference, we finished third, missing out on qualifying for the next round.

This group of boys did St Bernadette's proud, they showed respect and manners to all other schools, the referees and the CVSFA staff running the event.

Meithrin



The Nursery have been learning British Sign Language (BSL). This week, we read *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* and practised signing the story together.

The children were brilliant at remembering and using their new signs!

Stars of the week:



Morning Nursery : Marly has been a keen and enthusiastic learner, always trying her very best. She enjoys singing and taking part in all activities and circle times. She has formed strong friendships and is kind and caring towards others. We really miss her when she's not here.



Afternoon Nursery : Charlie has proven himself to be a wonderful friend to all the children and staff in our early years area. He has a great sense of fun, but also a very helpful and compassionate nature. He gives his all during circle times and is always ready to learn. Well done !

Derbyn

This week we have been learning about how Mary said "Yes!" to God and we have been learning about the story of The Annunciation. We talked about how we would feel if we were visited by an angel and how Mary felt.

"I would feel shocked and a bit shy" - Harrison

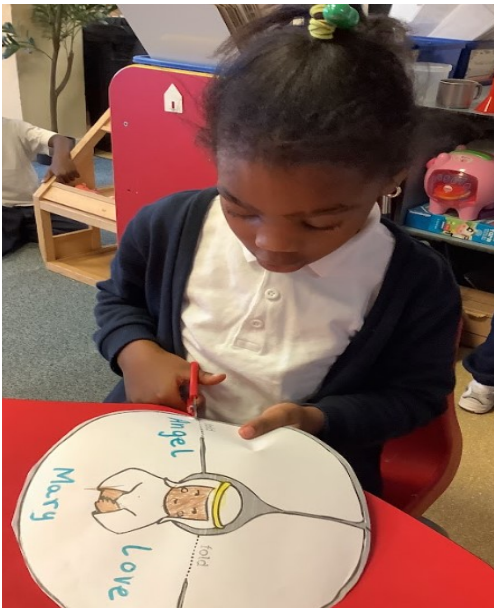
"I would feel surprised" - Eliva

"I would be excited" - Cienna

"I would be scared" - Adaline

"I would be scared and cry!" - Joseph

"I would be happy" - James



Stars of the week: Sam has impressed us this week with how hard she has been trying with her sounds in phonic sessions and with her counting in the enhanced provision. Da iawn Sam!

Blwydynn 1

This week in BI 1, we have been exploring the beautiful story of the Annunciation — when the angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would have a very special baby, Jesus.

We listened to the story using Godly Play, which helped us to pause, wonder, and reflect on what the story means. The children enjoyed thinking about the characters, the feelings, and the significance of this moment in the Christian faith.



To bring the story to life, we used J2E to create our own animations. Each child designed their own version of the Annunciation, showing the angel Gabriel and Mary in creative and imaginative ways. The animations were full of colour, movement, and thoughtful detail — a wonderful way to express what we had learned. Alongside the story, we also explored how Mary is honoured in different cultures through art and tradition.



"In Japan, Mary is called the lady of Akita." – Jacob

"In Italy they carry big statues of Mary and pretty flowers through the street. People sing songs around her." – Leo

"In Spain they have a birthday party for 9 days for Mary. People dress up in colourful clothes." – Maisie.



Seren Yr Wythnos: Shania – Shania is a kind, thoughtful and hard-working young girl who always strives to do her best. She has worked so hard to learn all of her lines in preparation for the Christmas concert and repeats her lines so eloquently. Keep up the amazing work Shania. Bendigedig!

Blwyddyn 2

Year 2 have been working on a science experiment this week. They used their nests (from eco week) to test what natural resource would be the best to keep the nest steady in strong winds. They tested out leaves, soil, and rocks. We used weighing scales to test out each weight then used a fan to complete the experiment as the strong wind! As you can imagine, it was great fun and there was fantastic learning.



Seren yr Wythnos: Isla L.

Isla is such a wonderful little girl who always tries her best and has the biggest smile which warms everyone's heart.

Blwyddyn 3

Blwyddyn 3 have surpassed my expectations this week, bendigedig! Here's a few of their beautiful psalms and litany to celebrate our thanks for God's creation. We used them straight away in our pupil led prayer litany - da iawn year 3.

Praise to you for the blue sky and humongous sea
Praise to you for the good we eat so we can survive
Praise to you for the world we live in
Praise to you for the trees that give oxygen and the other plants
Praise to you, my Lord!

Praise to you for my pets
Praise to you for the bright sun and shining moon
Praise to you for the green in nature
Praise to you, my Lord!



By Isla



Praise to you for oxygen from the big trees, praise to you.
Praise to you for the nice water that is nice and fresh, praise to you.
Praise to you for the green grass, praise to you God.
Praise to you for the sparkling blue sky, praise to you God.
Praise to you for the great animals, praise to you God.
Praise to you for starry nights, praise to you God.
Praise to you for the starry moon, praise to you God.
Praise to you for the bright sun, praise to you God.
Praise to you for the rainy days.
Praise to you!
Psalm by Enzo



Leader: We praise you God for the delicious fruit that grows on trees and bushes.

All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Leader: We praise to you God for the light and darkness.

All: All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Leader: We praise you God for the shiny, slimy fish.

All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Leader: We praise you God for cute and scary animals.

All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Leader: We praise you God for the shiny sun, the sparkly stars and the huge moon.

All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Leader: We praise you God for the wavy sea.

All: We praise you God for the gift of creation.

Litany by Poppy



Stars of the week: Treasure

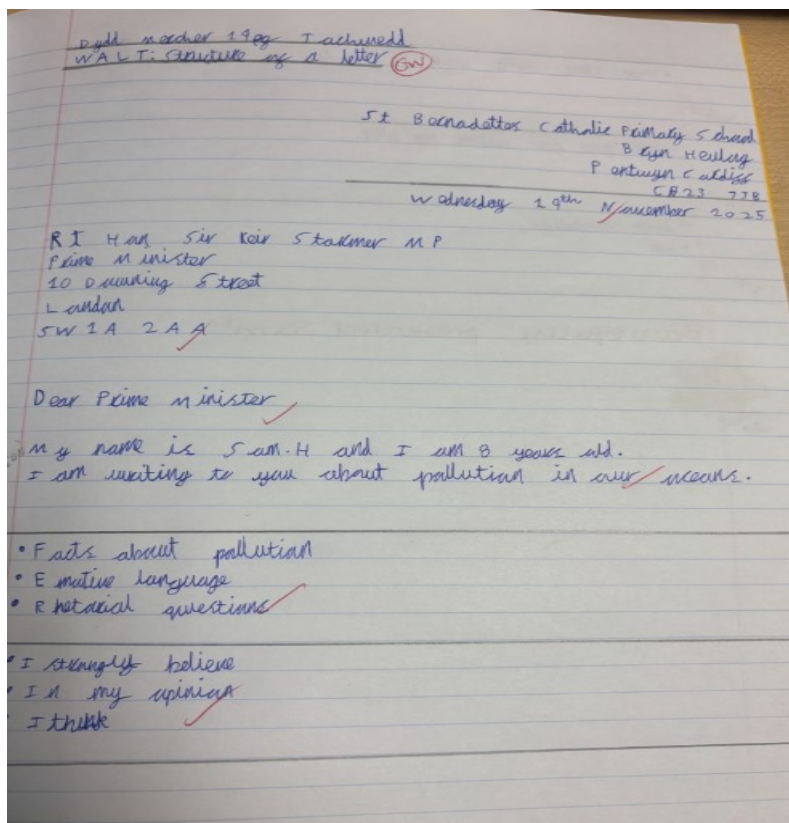
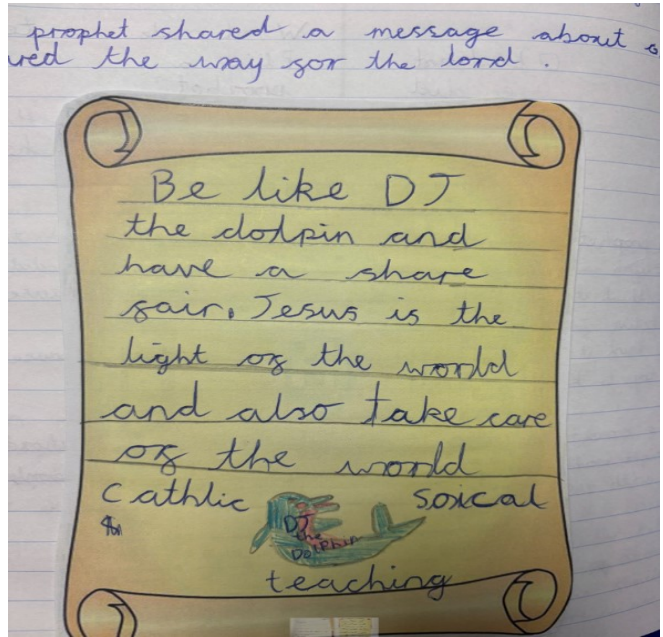
Our Star of the Week in Year 3 is Treasure for showing incredible perseverance and never giving up, even when faced with challenges. Treasure is a kind and caring friend to everyone in the class. Treasure is always working hard and helping others

Blwydynn 4

This week in BL4, we've been busy writers and mathematicians!

In Literacy, we learned even more about the key features of a letter. We explored the difference between facts and opinions, creating our own sentences to show what we had learned.

We also began planning our own letters, thinking carefully about the layout, the address and the important features we need to include to really catch the Prime Minister's attention! We can't wait to finish our letters next week.



In Numeracy, we built on our understanding of the 3 and 6 times tables, using the inverse to show our growing confidence. Next week, we will be putting our numeracy skills to the test as we measure out ingredients for our Snowman Enterprise Challenge. We are very excited to get started! In RE we have been learning all about Elijah and John the Baptist. We discussed that they were very important prophets, spreading important news. As a class, we imagined what it would be like if we were prophets today and created our own messages.



Star of the Week: This week in BL4 our star of the week is Valentina. She has used extremely hard to use her multiplication skills to identify and solve more challenging questions. It has been pleasing to see her apply this in her literacy, demonstrating her positive attitude to learning. Da iawn. We are so proud of you!

Blwyddyn 5



This week Blwyddyn 5 have taken part in 'Open Your Eyes' week, learning about different companies and the job roles that are available. We had online webinars with a range of companies and organisations including, Into Film, NHS Wales and St David's Shopping Centre. Here is some of our work from our time with Cardiff Bus, designing the side of one of their vehicles. We would love to see our designs being driven around Cardiff!



Seren yr Wythnos in blwyddyn 5: Seren yr Wythnos this week is Tegan. Tegan has been a role model this week and has thoroughly enjoyed our Open your eyes sessions. Her creativity and imaginative ideas have been a joy to witness. She has happily shared thoughts and ideas with others allowing her classmates to work as a team with her. We are very proud of your efforts Tegan, da iawn!

Blwyddyn 6

World of Work Week

This week we found out about some of the exciting jobs and businesses in Wales as part of the Open Your Eyes Cardiff Commitment project. We joined live video links to hear about the different roles in some of the companies around us including Cardiff Bus, St David's Shopping Centre, Dauson Environmental Group and IntoFilm.



Crucial Crew Trip

On Wednesday we visited the Gabalfa field hospital to take part in the Crucial Crew workshops. We learned valuable skills and information, to prepare us for high school and keep us safe. We were fortunate to work with the police, Network Rail, National Grid, St John's Ambulance, the fire service and the coastguard.

Theo - "I found out that an electric current can kill us if we are not safe near the railways."

Rafferty - "I learnt how to do CPR."

Ethan - "We learnt that 50 V of electricity can kill a human."

Gio - "I learnt that electricity can jump 3 metres."

Leila - "I learnt that I could do CPR."

Joshua - "I found out that the train driver needs 20 football pitches to stop the train."



Star of the week: Llongyfarchiadau to Harri B for all of his efforts during our Eco project last week. Harri, you worked enthusiastically on your project and presented your pitch to the class clearly. Gwaith da Harri, keep up the good work, you continue to be a role model for your peers.



Seren Yr Ythnos

Nursery - Marly & Charlie

Reception – Sam

Year 1 – Shania

Year 2 – Isla

Year 3 – Treasure

Year 4 – Valentina

Year 5 – Tegan

Year 6– Harri



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Cardiff Met Sport are currently looking to promote **Llandaff Fields tennis courts**, which are the largest Parks Tennis facility in Wales and also the most affordable option for families across the country.

As part of this initiative, we're offering **free taster sessions for children and young people** on any Saturday leading up to **December 13th**. These sessions can be booked if you follow the link below.

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