



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 5th September 2025

Attendance: 89%

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome back our returning pupils and their families. We would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our new pupils and their families to our Archdeacon family. We can't wait to get to know you and see you grow, learn and thrive.

The children have quickly settled back into school life and it has been a joy to see students engaging in new topics and making friends.

We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Evans-Jones as teacher of the Year 5/6 class whilst Miss Doran is on maternity leave.

Remember to check the calendar on the website for important dates and events as these will be updated regularly. In the meantime, please see the dates we have already set below. We look forward to seeing you at the many events we have planned through the term.

On Wednesday 17th September there will be an open evening until 4.30pm for you to meet your child's class teacher. The teachers will distribute some information regarding the topics and curriculum for the half term and let you know how your child is settling in.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to reach out by contacting the school using the contact details below, or via the gateway app.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Forster

Acting Headteacher

Keep in Touch:

www.ajlprimary.co.uk | 01656 815520 | admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru | Message us using the School Gateway app

Safeguarding and Child Protection information can be found here: <https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/whos-who/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

Upcoming Events

- **Tuesday 2nd September:** All pupils return to school
- **Tuesday 9th September:** School Savings Club collection
- **Tuesday 16th September:** Nursery/Reception class photo
- **Tuesday 16th September:** Year 2 - Kerbcraft introduction
- **Wednesday 17th September:** Open evening for all parents - until 4:30pm
- **Friday 26th September:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome
- **Friday 24th October:** INSET Day 2
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October:** Half Term
- **Monday 3rd November:** All pupils return to school

INSET Days 2025-2026

- Monday 1st September
- Friday 24th October
- Monday 5th January
- Monday 23rd February
- Friday 22nd May
- Monday 20th July



Please Keep Us Updated!

Please ensure that your details are kept up to date with the school office. It is essential that we hold up to date address details, phone numbers and email addresses for all parents/carers and emergency contacts.

Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru



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Our collection day is: Tuesday

Weekly School Savings Club



We are delighted to confirm that we will continue our weekly School Savings Club this September. Money management is an important life skill, and through the scheme, it is hoped that your child will learn the importance of looking after money and saving regularly.

How it works

The School Savings Club will run with the children's help. Our savers can save as much or as little as they want; it all adds up. The money can be withdrawn online at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com or by returning a Withdrawal Form to the Savings Club. Your child will have their own Savings Book and Piggy Bank and can save every **week**.

What is a Credit Union?

A Credit Union is a not-for-profit financial co-operative, which means that they are owned and controlled by its members. Credit Unions are regulated like banks, so your money is protected, and any savings will be eligible for an annual dividend (or 'interest' payment).

Bridgend Lifesavers has been working in the area since 2004 and is committed to supporting every member of our community. We run 18 successful school savings schemes in Bridgend County Borough and look forward to continuing our partnership with all our school partners.

What do I need to do next?

You don't need to do anything if your child is already a member. If your child has lost their paying-in book, we can provide new books with their current balance updated. If your child has not yet joined, they can sign up anytime by bringing a completed application form to school or filling in an online form at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com. Once they have returned the form to school, they will receive a plastic wallet, a paying-in book, and a piggy bank and can start saving immediately. We look forward to meeting all our savers, new and old!

Yours sincerely,

Damian Faulkner

Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union

Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union is authorised and regulated by the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA) and the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA). It is a member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS).



If you would like to sign your child up to the Savings Club, a membership form can be completed here: www.bridgendschoolssavings.com