

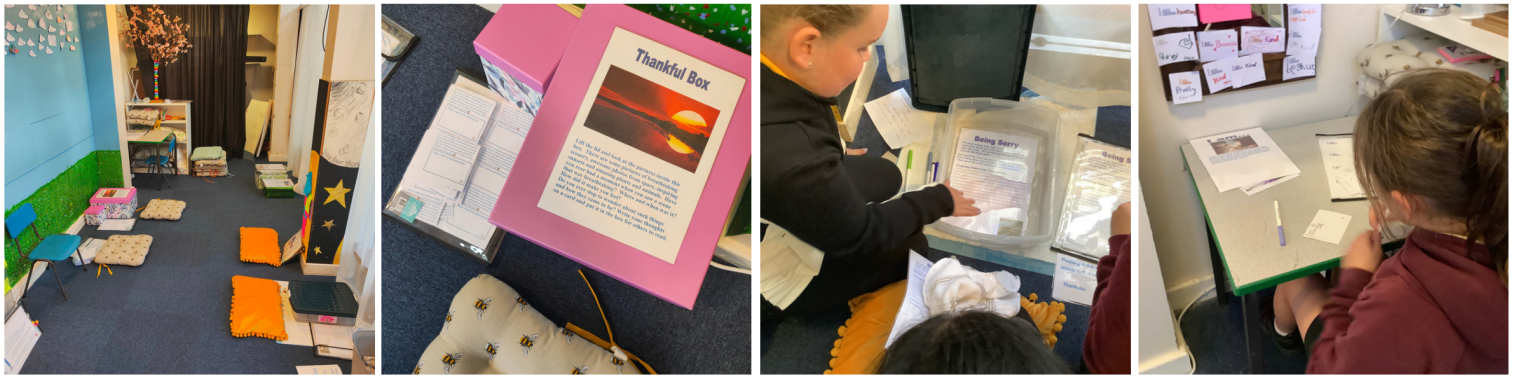
# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 26th September 2024**

We are very pleased to share with you some very exciting news from our week.

On Monday I took our whole school worship, continuing the values of **'Curious and Active'**. We discussed how sometimes being curious about something we have been told not to do may lead us into trouble. The children were very attentive in listening to the story of 'Pandora's Box' and 'Adam and Eve'. Some children discussed how they had got into trouble for being too curious. It was also a pleasure seeing the children, especially our new pupils, singing and signing the hymn 'Peace perfect peace'. Using some British Sign Language when singing and praying has been a long tradition at Archdeacon and one we are very keen to continue.



**The children have been enjoying using our Prayer Space on the National Day of Prayer for Schools.**

This week the whole school took part in voting for the First and Deputy Minister of our Senedd. There were four nominations from Year 6 and each one expertly read their speeches to the whole school. Choosing between the four children was a very difficult choice as each candidate demonstrated the many excellent qualities they would have brought to the role.

After counting up the votes, which was extremely close, we are pleased to announce our First Minister, Elijah and Deputy Minister, Nina. I know that there will obviously be disappointment for two candidates but they should know that we are very proud of them and know that they will now be able to nominate themselves for the many other important roles that Year 6 have in the school.



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As I write this newsletter I am still awaiting confirmation for the start date of the installation of our outdoor classroom. There may be some further notifications regarding gate closures and entrances to Breakfast Club over the weekend.

We are also pleased to announce that our School Website is now live. Many thanks go to Mrs McCall who has dedicated her time in getting it up and running. More information will be added to it over the week. Please see more details below.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Mrs L Forster**

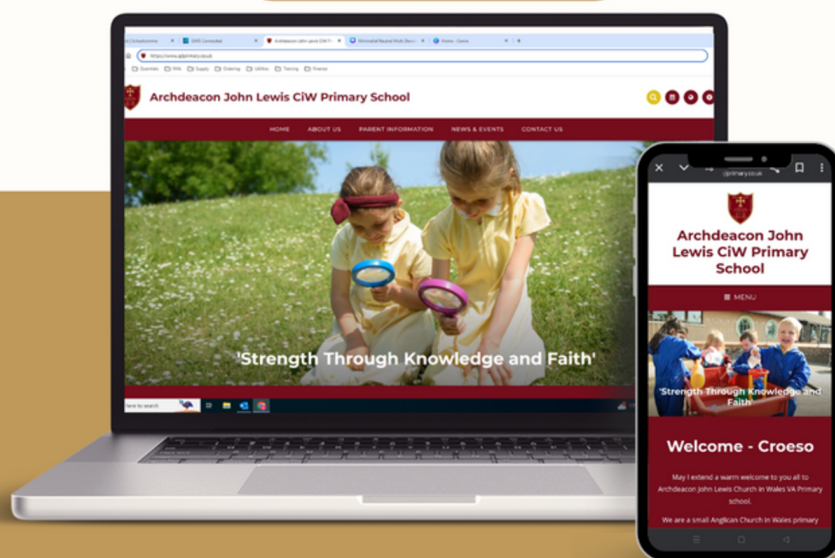
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## School Photographs

This year we have decided to use Tempest Photography for our pupil portraits. They will be visiting on **Wednesday 9th October** to take photos of all pupils.

**If you do not wish for your child's photograph to be taken please contact the school office by Tuesday 8th October.**

Siblings at home are welcome to come into school to have their photo taken with pupils. If you would like a sibling photo please arrive at school for 8:30am. Siblings within the school will have their photos taken together as well individually.



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## Important Dates

- Tuesday 8th October: Y1 Hearing Screening (*please note the date change*)
- Wednesday 9th October: School Photos - Individuals & Siblings (*please note the date change*)
- Thursday 10th October: Wear something yellow for Mental Health Day
- Friday 11th October, 9am: Messy Church for Mrs Hodges' class
- Friday 18th October: Wear something red for 'Show Racism the Red Card'
- Thursday 24th October: Nasal flu vaccinations for pupils in Reception to Year 6
- Friday 25th October: INSET Day 3 of 6 (*more details below*)
- Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November: Half term
- Thursday 14th November: Y1 Dental Survey (*more information to follow*)
- Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day

## Reminders

- Please ensure that pupil absences are reported to the school office by 9:30am.
- Don't forget to update your contact details with us if you have moved house, changed your phone number or email address.
- Parking restrictions outside of schools are there to help all road users stay safe, especially children. Where possible, parents and pupils are encouraged to walk to school. Please take care when using the car park on school grounds.

## INSET Days

INSET Days for this academic year have been scheduled as follows:

1. Monday 2nd September 2024
2. Tuesday 3rd September 2024
3. Friday 25th October 2024
4. Friday 21st February 2025
5. Monday 28th April 2025
6. Monday 21st July 2025



Please note that the school will also be closed on **Monday 5th May 2025** for the public Bank Holiday.

This information has also been added to the calendar on the school website.

Further details about school term dates please can be found here:

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/term-dates>

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