

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 8th November 2024

Welcome back and I hope you all had a good half term holiday. It was really good seeing you all at parents' evenings this week and share with you all the wonderful work the children have completed. You should also have an update on the progress your child is making and what you can do to help your child at home.

This half-term is always a very busy one as we prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Please check the dates below and remember that they are always available on the calendar on our school website.

Please also note that we will be holding our school carol service in the church at Coity. The service will be held during the school day and we will transport the children from Year 1 to Year 6. Nursery and Reception will remain at school. You are all very welcome to attend the service.

During our Monday Worship I introduced our new Christian Value Pairs - '**Intentional and Prophetic**'. We talked about growing to be **intentional** in the way we live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example we set to others. The children discussed what they thought the words meant and they shared lots of situations where they thought they could show they were living these values.

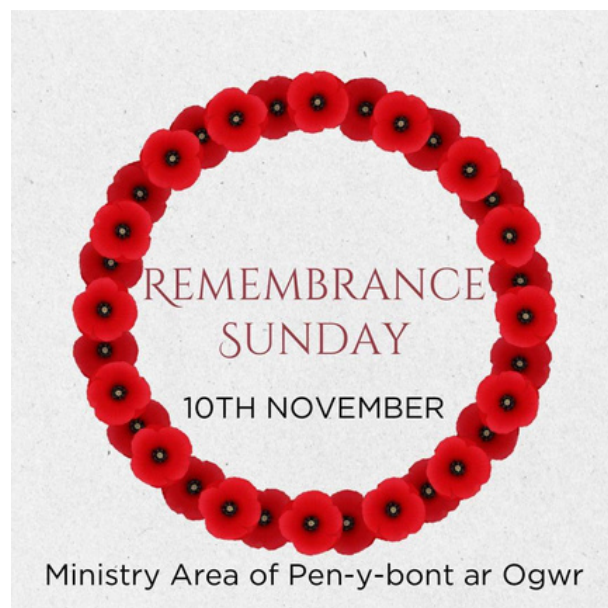
St Mary's Church are holding a Remembrance Sunday Cafe Church on Sunday 10th November at 9:30am in the church hall at school. You are all very welcome to attend.

On Monday we are holding a Remembrance Eucharist at 9.15am. Mrs Bowen's class will be preparing the prayers and receiving a blessing. Parents, carers and their families are welcome to join us.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher



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Residential Trips

Pupils in Year 4, 5 and 6 are looking forward to an exciting weekend away in May 2025. Year 4 and 5 are heading to Llangrannog, and Year 6 are off to PGL, Liddington.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to provide these valuable opportunities for pupils and excitement is already building for what will be a fun packed weekend of adventure!

For those pupils taking part in these trips, payment information is available on the gateway app. We have split the remaining cost into monthly interim payments, however parents can choose to pay more than one payment off at a time if they would prefer.

If you are experiencing any problems making payments please let me know ASAP as it is important that payments are made in a timely manner.

For more information about what is on offer during these trips please visit:

<https://www.urdd.cymru/en/residential-centres/llangrannog/>

<https://adventureholidays.pgl.co.uk/camps/liddington/>

A Big

THANK YOU



from Bridgend Foodbank

Archdeacon John Lewis CiW Primary School

Donations totalled 48kg which fed 13 people three meals a day for three days.



Your support makes a huge difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

Bridgend Foodbank, Hope Baptist Church, Station Hill, Bridgend, CF31 1EA
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Important Dates

- Monday 11th November: Remembrance Eucharist, 9:15am - all welcome 
- Monday 11th November: Applications for Reception (Sept 2025) open
- Monday 11th November: PTA Meeting, straight after school in the staff room
- Thursday 14th November: Dental Survey with selected Y1 pupils
- Friday 15th November: Non-Uniform day for Children in Need (donations gratefully accepted via our Archdeacon JustGiving link) 
- Friday 22nd November: Visit from Chris Elmore MP for Parliament Week
- Monday 25th November: Tickets for Nativity Concerts (N - Y3) released for sale on the gateway app
- Friday 6th December: PTA Christmas Fayre (TBC)
- Tuesday 10th December: Nativity Concert (N - Y3) 9:30am-10:30am
- Wednesday 11th December: Nativity Concert (N - Y3) 9:30am-10:30am
- Wednesday 11th December: Christmas Dinner Day
- Thursday 12th December: Christmas Jumper Day (donation of £1 for Y Bont very much appreciated)
- Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Service in Coity Church, 10:00am - 11:00am - all welcome
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term!

Non-Uniform Day!

WE'RE SUPPORTING
BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED



We're delighted to share that Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School is taking part in fundraising for BBC Children in Need 2024, which takes place on **Friday 15th November**.

We would be grateful for donations via our Archdeacon JustGiving page:

www.justgiving.com/page/ajl-childreninneed24

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Lidl Foodies

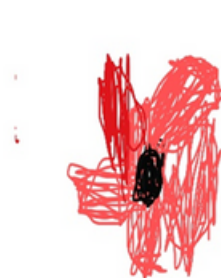
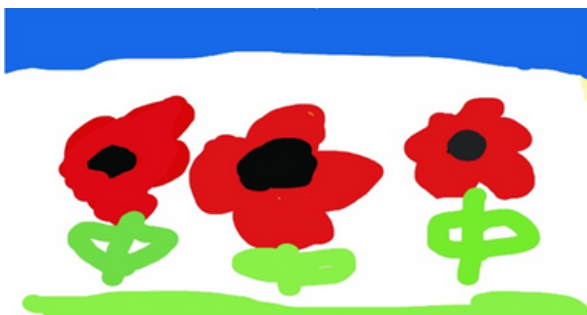
We have been given a £100 gift card to spend at Lidl as part of a series of workshops that they are running. The first workshop is called 'Tasters' and encourages children to explore fruit and vegetables. The second workshop is 'Growers' which will give the children an opportunity to grow food in class. The third workshop is called 'Makers' where children will have the chance to experiment with simple healthy recipes. We will be running these workshops in Mrs Hodges' class over the course of this academic year. As you can see the children are very excited about it!



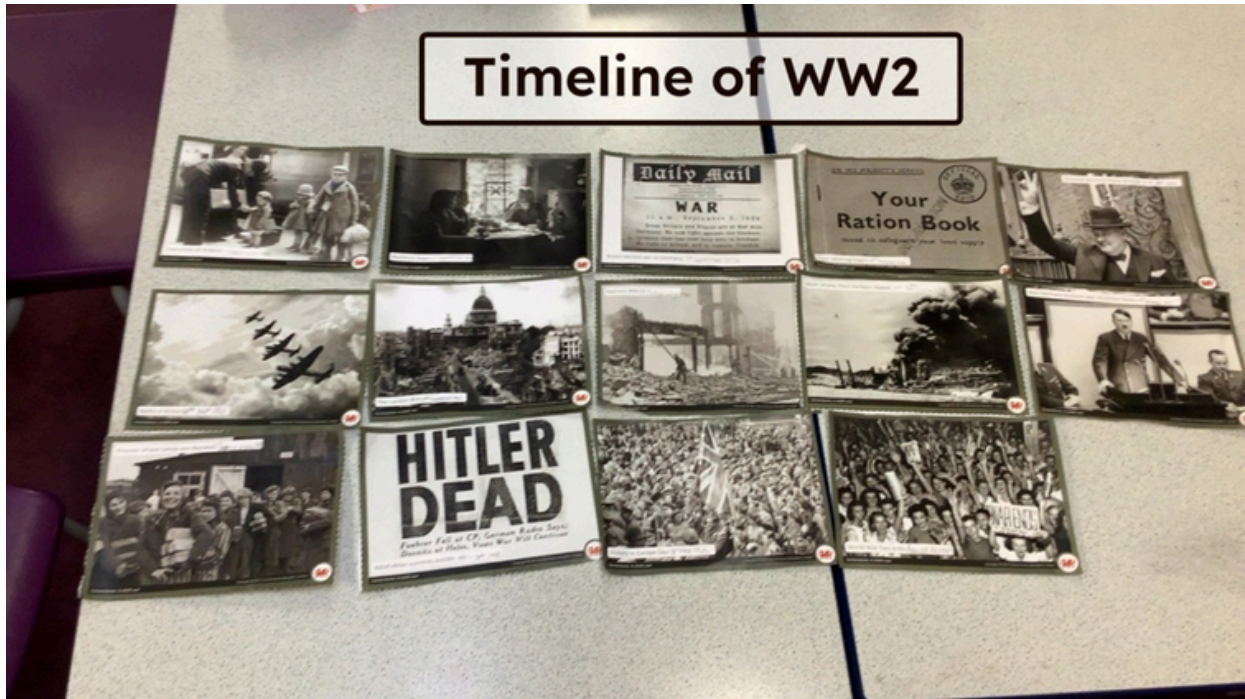
Pupils in Nursery & Reception have been making poppies from collage materials, and by hand painting.



Pupils in Mrs Hodges class have designed some beautiful poppies using ICT.



Miss Doran's class have been researching WW2, they worked together to create a timeline.



Pupils across the school have been designing Christmas cards as part of a campaign run by Chris Elmore MP. This links in with work we have been doing looking at Parliament. We are looking forward to Chris visiting later this month.



Mrs Bowen's class enjoyed some fun with Forest School activities based around Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night. They made their own guy, and toasted marshmallows on the fire.





Monday – Thursday

3.20pm– 6.00pm

Parents can claim tax credits, childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare



Based at Archdeacon John Lewis CiW Primary School

The children are escorted by qualified staff members. They will receive snack, fresh fruit, and refreshments. We have lots of lovely equipment to keep the children busy and there is access to craft daily.



Prices and sessions

3.20pm – 6.00pm

Full session contract - £12.50 per session

One off extra session - £13.50 per session



For further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch:

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Ar Trac is able to provide one-to-one specialised support work to children and young people between the ages of 5-16 who have experienced or witnessed domestic abuse and, who are exhibiting difficulties with their families and peer relationships.

One-to-One Support Work

Using the Outcome Star, the support worker will work collaboratively with the children and young people in order to shape and manage how their support will look. The child's/young persons voice is key in this type of support, and we encourage them to use it in order to facilitate the individual support they need to build resilience.

The Star is an outcomes tool that enables us to measure and summarise changes made by a range of children and young people with different needs. It is also a keywork and coaching tool that helps children and young people make changes by providing them with a clear picture of their journey, enabling them to take manageable steps and plotting their progress along the way. The Outcome Star is a child centred tool used to aid our successful one-to-one support, that allows the young people to have complete control of their support which allows them to gain self-efficacy, confidence and self-esteem.

We use creative methods to engage young people in their support work.

This support work is child led. Sessions last between 45-60 minutes.

Sessions are carried out in a safe environment (school, office).

Support usually lasts anything between 10-14 weeks depending on the individual needs of the child (but can last longer in some instances)

Support work will be carried out by the same support worker.

The child or young person is able to participate in group work after their support has ended if they want to or feel that they need more confidence or support in other areas.

→ To refer into the service or make an enquiry in Neath Port Talbot and Bridgend:

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