



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength through knowledge and faith.’

Friday 13th December 2024

Attendance: 91%

Following last Friday’s Christmas Fayre, the festive season has continued with this week’s Foundation Years Christmas Nativity Concerts, ‘Christmas Counts’. Everyone who saw the concert will agree that the singing, acting and speaking were superb. I am so proud of all the children and would like to thank all the staff, parents and volunteers of the PTA for working together to make these occasions so enjoyable for everyone. There are some photos from the performances on the next page.

The children in Mrs Hodges’ and Mrs Bowen’s class visited Bryn y Cae Residential Home yesterday where they continued to bring joy to the residents. We received a message of thanks for the wonderful singing, biscuits and cards and the time they spent talking to the staff, residents and their families. A very big thank you to the PTA who have also bought some hi-viz jackets for the children and adults to wear when out and about on school trips.



Tonight at 6pm, our Year 4, 5 and 6 choir will be singing at The Christmas Tree Festival at Nolton Church. Thank you to Miss Conlon who has co-ordinated the choir and decorating of our school tree for the event. We hope that you will come and support us (more info on the poster attached) and also at our Christmas Carol Service at Coity Church next week (Tues at 10am).



Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs L Forster

We raised £61 for Y Bont on Christmas Jumper day. Diolch!



One very happy raffle winner!

Keep in Touch:

'Christmas Counts'

We hope you enjoyed our Christmas concert this week. The children had a great time performing for you.



Keep in Touch:

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

Christmas Dinner Day

A big thank you to Mrs Thomas, Miss Lee and Miss Read - our catering team - for another delicious Christmas meal.

It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!



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Upcoming Events

- Friday 13th December: AJL Choir singing at the Christmas Tree Festival, Nolton Church 6:00pm
- Tuesday 17th December: Christmas Service in Coity Church, 10:00am - 11:00am - all welcome
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term!
- Monday 6th January: All pupils return to school.

Nursery Admissions

From 6 January 2025, parents/carers will be able to apply for a full-time Nursery place for September 2025 or a part-time Nursery place for January and April 2026.

It is important to note that parents/carers of eligible children must complete an application form. There is no automatic right to a full-time Nursery place in September 2026 even if your child is due to start attending a part-time Nursery class in either January 2026 or April 2026.

Please take note of the following dates for the admission rounds:

1. For children born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022 eligible for a full-time Nursery place in a local authority-maintained school starting in September 2025:

Opening date for submission of applications: Monday, 6 January 2025

Closing date for receipt of applications: 4pm, Friday, 4 April 2025

2. For children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 December 2022 eligible for a part-time place in a local authority-maintained school starting in January 2026, and children born between 1 January 2023 and 31 March 2023 eligible for a part-time place in a local authority-maintained school starting in April 2026:

Opening date for submission of applications: 10am, Monday, 6 January 2025

Closing date for receipt of applications: 4pm, Friday, 29 August 2025

Application forms are available from the school office, or on our website here:

<https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/admissions>

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



Keep in Touch:

Attending school gives children the best chance of success

If you need support or advice on school attendance, please contact school staff as soon as possible.

#AttendToAchieve



<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/school-attendance/>





MINISTRY AREA OF PENYBONT AR OGWR

Christmas Tree Festival

**12th-14th Dec: 10am - 6pm
in St Mary's, Nolton.**

Friday 13th

5.30pm: Singing by Penyfai School
6.00pm: Singing by Archdeacon John Lewis School

Saturday 14th

10.00am: Busker Organs Wales
11.00am: Singing by Trelales School
12.00pm: Singing by St Brides Major School
2.00pm: Christmas Organ Recital - Canon Holcombe
3.00pm: Colin & Jo Instrumental Christmas Music
4.00pm: Tabernacle Choir

Sunday 15th

2.00pm: Carol Singing
accompanied by 'The Rockers' Band
followed by Mince pies and Mulled Wine

Supporting SPLICE
Child and Family
Project

FREE ENTRY

All Welcome

Further details: penybont-churches.org.uk

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TO REGISTER

SCAN HERE!

www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree

- Registration Opens 15th Nov 2024
- Registration Closes 5th Jan 2025
- Collecting 9-11th January 2025

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Registered with
**FUNDRAISING
REGULATOR**

After costs, 85% of monies raised will go to Tŷ Hafan Children's Hospice. The remaining 15% will be distributed to charities in the local community.

JustHelping supports volunteers, businesses, and charities to contribute to their community and the environment. Our national Christmas tree collection raises essential funds for charities in the local community.





Why should I join?

- take part in exciting new experiences and opportunities
- develop lots of new skills (we will give you training to support you with this!)
- meet other young people from across the UK who also want to make a difference
- get involved and make change happen at the NSPCC
- most importantly... Have lots of fun!

This might sound really exciting, but might also involve lots of new things that you haven't done before – that is totally OK, you don't need any experience to apply! There will be lots of fun training sessions and workshops to support you to learn new things and develop your confidence along the way. Plus, our friendly Participation Team are here to support you through every step of your journey so that you feel confident and ready to be heard!

www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/young-people-participation/

We would like to remind residents of BCBC that a range of emergency support are available:

- Domestic abuse support – Assia Domestic Abuse Service call 01656 815919 or email assia@bridgend.gov.uk
- Bridgend Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub - report concerns about a child to 01656 642320 or mashcentra@bridgend.gov.uk. Report concerns about adults to 01656 642477 or adultsafeguardingMASH@bridgend.gov.uk

Mental Health telephone advice and guidance is available as an alternative to the drop-in clinics at ARC in Bridgend County Borough 9.00am – 4.30pm Monday – Friday. Call 01656 763176, email ARCInformationandAdvice@bridgend.gov.uk or visit [Assisting Recovery in the Community \(ARC\) webpage](#) for more information.

We have been busy updating our website with our school policies.

You can view them here:

<https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/school-policies>



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