



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 24th January 2025

Attendance: 91%

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past few weeks we have made some changes to ensure safeguarding of pupils on site and site security. The changes have involved the opening of just two pedestrian gates and a change to the doors for drop off and pick up of pupils.

This has unfortunately led to more use of pedestrians accessing the side gate through the lower car park and across the verge between the trees. Yesterday, we sent out a message to say that this access route is not safe to use and we have taped the area off. Please continue to use the tarmacked paths only.

We also continue to implement no parking or waiting on double yellow lines, on the driveway or along the fence in the lower car park. A number of private taxis have had to be asked to move from these areas, so please remind the taxi drivers that this is not permitted.

We have also been informed by BCBC that essential works will begin on **Monday 10th February** in the overflow car park area and as such this will be out of use. This will inevitably cause further problems with parking. Please be mindful of the problems that will occur and walk to school if possible during this time. We do not have an end date for these works as yet but will keep you informed.



Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

A Message from the PTA

Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTA meeting on Thursday, it was wonderful to meet some new volunteers and share ideas for future PTA events. If you're interested in coming along to the next meeting, please keep an eye on the school calendar on the website and your School Gateway messages.

Our next PTA event is our Valentines disco - more information can be found on the following poster. **Book your child's space now on the School Gateway app!**

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Our Week: Nursery and Reception

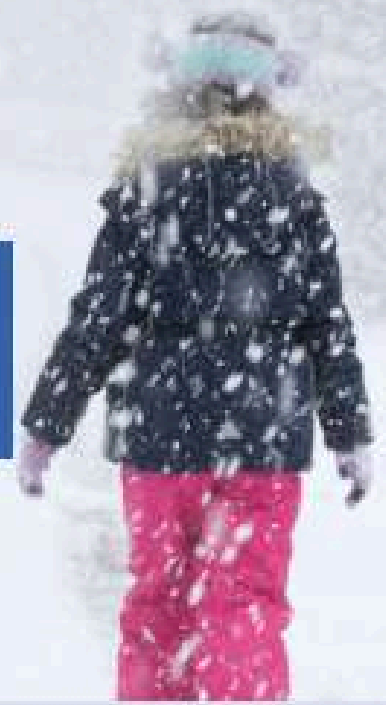


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water safety
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Talk to your children about Water Safety!

Flooding and ice in winter can be dangerous for children. Keep your children safe and talk to them about water safety.

STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE



- Keep back from slippery banks.
- Never walk or play on ice.
- Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks during daylight.
- Avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS CLOSE



- Teach children to stay off the ice and avoid floodwater.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE



- Keep calm and call for help.
- Float on your back until you feel calm, then try to climb out.
- If you cannot climb out, continue to float and keep your head clear of the water.

IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE - CALL 999



- Do not enter cold water, ice, or flood water to rescue someone.
- Assist from a safe distance. Use rescue equipment, something that floats or something that could help such as a rope or tree branch.

FLOOD SAFETY UPDATES

- Check your local flood risk on the [Natural Resources Wales website](#)
- Sign up for flood warnings on the [Natural Resources Wales website](#)

Stay informed about weather conditions and flood warnings.

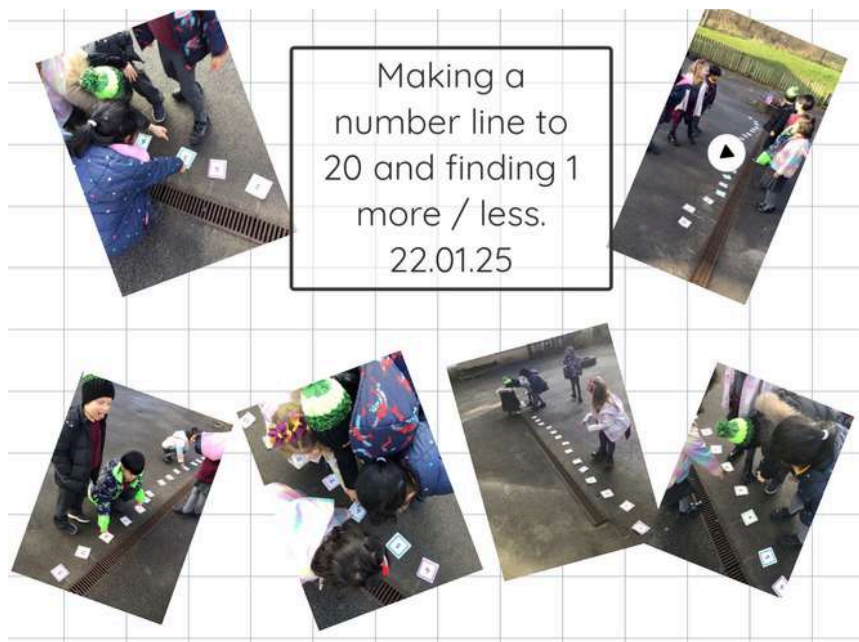


Our Week: Mrs Hodges

FIND CHANGE



Making a number line to 20 and finding 1 more / less.
22.01.25



We have also been learning how to skip in P.E. We watched each other skipping to see how we have improved and what our next steps are (you can watch our skipping on Seesaw!)



🏊 WIN 3 MONTHS of Swimming Lessons with Halo Leisure! 🏊

Ready to make a splash in 2025? You could WIN 3 months of swimming lessons with us!

Here's how to enter:

Simply follow the link and complete the form - www.haloleisure.org.uk/winlearntoswim

Want more info on our Learn To Swim Programme? Visit our website for all the details on lessons for you or your little ones!

But wait... there's MORE!

We're also offering 50% OFF our swimming lessons! Dive into the details here:
<https://tinyurl.com/m5czd8vj>

Hurry! The competition is only live from January 20th - 26th, 2025! ⏳
Terms & Conditions apply.



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Our Week: Mrs Bowen

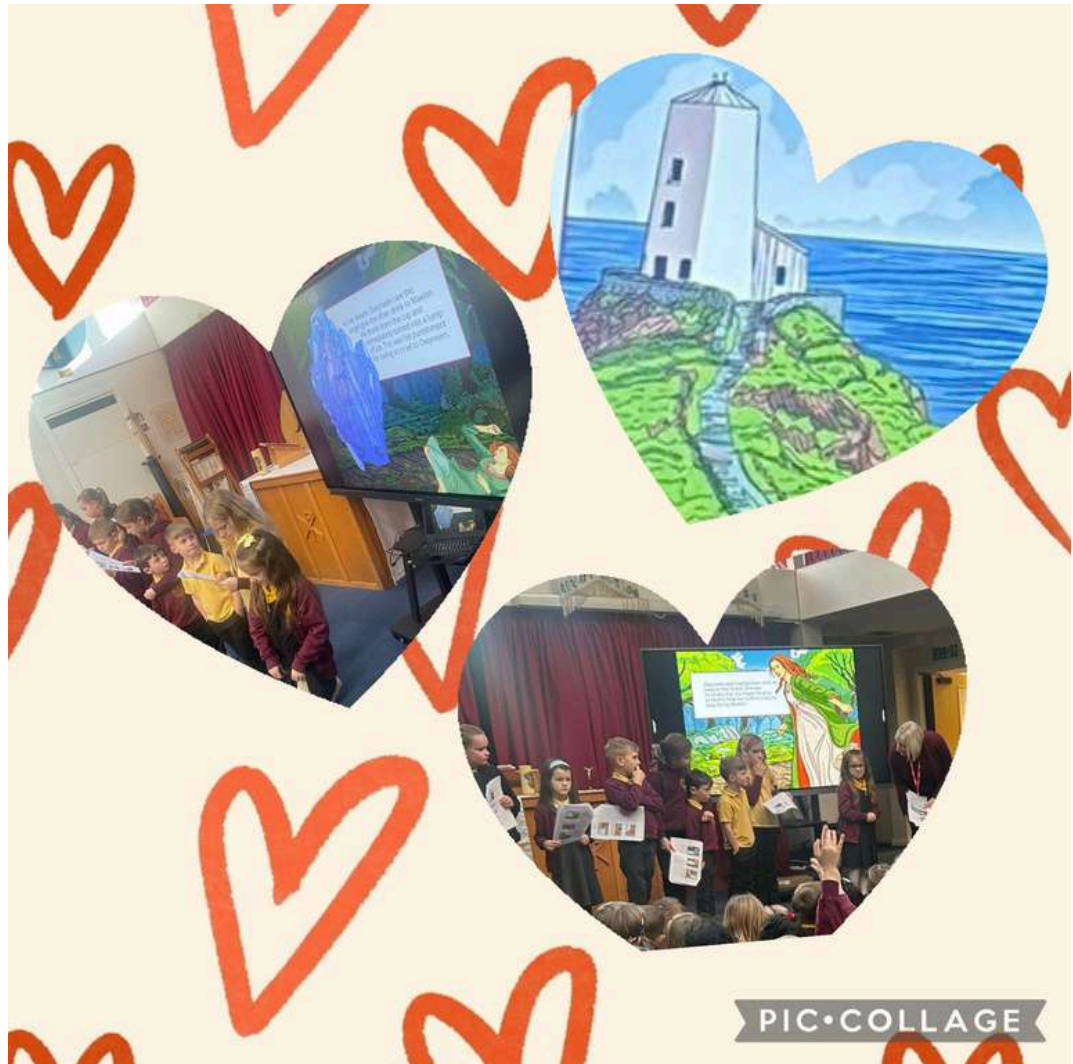
Continuing on our Mighty Metals topic, we explored levers in class.

We have been learning all about St Dwynwen's Day, the welsh version of Valentines Day!

We made and decorated delicious heart shaped biscuits.



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CURTAIN UP
YOUTH ★ THEATRE
25TH ANNIVERSARY ★

NODA
For every stage



You might
spot one of our
pupils in this!

THE WIZARD OF OZ



By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard | Orchestration by Larry Wilcox
Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by
Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

25. – 26 APRIL 2025
MAESTEG TOWN HALL

7pm & 2pm (Saturday Matinee)
£15 | £13 concessions)

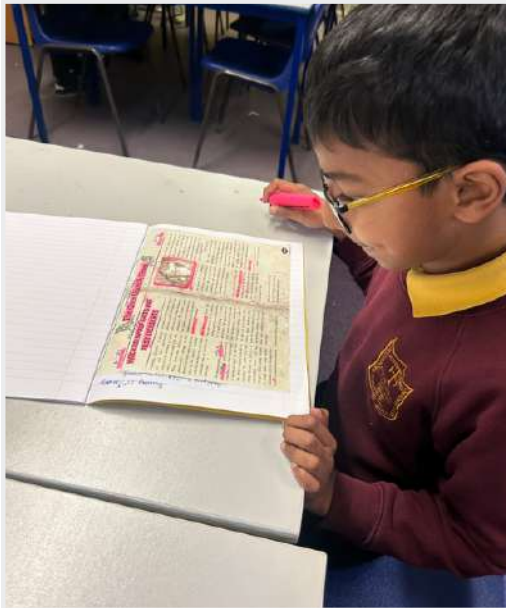
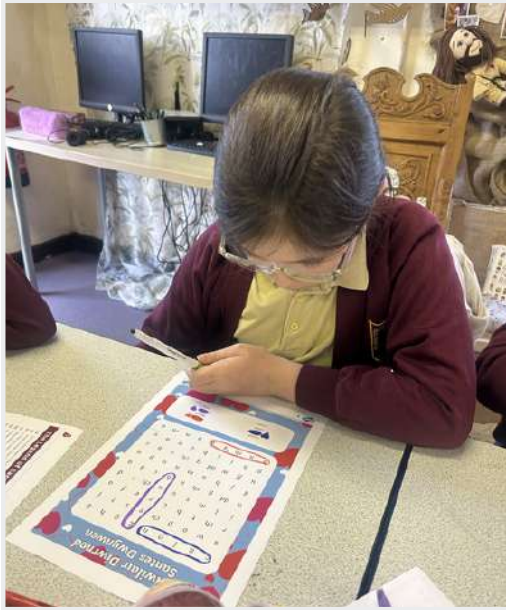
www.awenboxoffice.com | 03300 554488

This amateur production of THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd.
on behalf of Fams-Witmark LLC www.concordtheatricals.co.uk



Our Week: Miss Conlon

We tried out a sound bath meditation session and yoga. We learnt about the different elements of newspaper articles and made a comic strip about the Norman invasion. We enjoyed the story of St Dwynwen too.



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MESSY Church

~ Prayer ~



Dosbarth Miss Conlon
Friday 31st January, 9:15am

Parents, carers, grandparents & friends welcome!

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Our Week: Miss Doran

As part of our colour enquiry, we painted colour wheels and revised how to make secondary colours and tertiary colours.

Then we learnt about complementary colours and harmonious colour groups, and why they are used in media like films, advertisements and brands.



“I love using paints” Elijah.

“Complimentary colours are opposite on the colour wheel” Trisha.

“Dominant complimentary colours stand out against their paired colour” Rueben.

“Harmonious colours are next to each other and blend nicely” Millie.



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**EARLY
BOOKING
DISCOUNT**

**£16 PER DAY
UNTIL FEBRUARY
1ST**



HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS BRIDGEND

**ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS SCHOOL
8:30AM-4:30PM**

**FEBRUARY
24TH-28TH**

**PRICES AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST: £20 PER DAY
£17 PER DAY (IF FULL WEEK IS BOOKED)**

**BOYS & GIRLS
AGED: 5-11 YEARS**

**ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME**

**SIBLING
DISCOUNT
NOW
AVAILABLE**

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Upcoming Events



- Wednesday 29th January: Height, Weight, Vision Checks (Reception)
- Friday 31st January: Miss Conlon's class Messy Coffee - Parents welcome!
- Tuesday 11th February: Nursery & Reception St David's Day Photos
- Tuesday 11th February: PTA Valentines Discos - see poster for more details.
- Friday 14th February: Deadline for Reception (Sept 2025) applications
- Monday 17th February: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome!
- Friday 21st February: INSET Day 4 of 6
- Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February: Half Term
- Wednesday 5th March & Thursday 6th March: Parents' Evenings
- Friday 7th March: Mrs Bowen's class Messy Coffee - Parents welcome!
- Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March: Swimming (Year 4 and Year 5)
- Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March: Swimming (Year 4 and Year 6)

Gallai eich plentyn gael **Cinio Ysgol Am Ddim** a hyd at **£200 ar gyfer Hanfodion Ysgol**, ynghyd â **chyllid ychwanegol i'ch ysgol**.

Chwiliwch am: [Hawliwch Help gyda Chostau Ysgol](#)

Your child could be eligible for **Free School Meals** and up to **£200 for School Essentials**, plus **extra funding for your school**.

Search: [Get Help with School Costs](#)



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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Get Help with School Costs

Parents and carers, check if you've claimed **all the help you can get with school costs!**

Children from reception to year 6 are entitled to **Universal Primary Free School Meals**.

Even if your child already receives Universal Primary Free School Meals, check their eligibility for the **School Essentials Grant**. Families with children in reception to year 11 on lower incomes and get certain benefits can apply for:

- £125 per learner
- £200 for learners entering year 7

The grant can be used for school uniform, school activities and classroom essentials. Your school will receive extra funding too.

Search "**Get Help with School Costs**"



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After School Club!

At Archdeacon John Lewis Primary

September Enrolment 2024

****Spaces are limited for After School Club****

Monday – Thursday

Full session: School Finish – 6.00pm

£12.50 Contract and Adhoc £13.50



After School club will include a healthy snack – Some examples are wholemeal rolls with fillings, ploughmans tea etc.

(Allergies and Preferences welcome)

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

Emma Matthews – Director

Jodie Ward – Head Office Manager

Email: admin@simplyoutofschool.co.uk

Tel No: 01656 372910

