



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 31st January 2025**

**Attendance: 92%**

This week has been full of inspiring activities for our children. I hope you enjoy scrolling down to see some of the highlights for each class.

Our Monday worship continued the Christian Values of **'Grateful and Generous'** and we discussed the old saying, 'Manners maketh man'. The children were introduced to various scenarios for home and at school and they discussed how they could demonstrate using good manners in each of the scenarios.

Speaking Welsh in these scenarios was also encouraged by our Criw Cymreig committee. We would be delighted if you would practice using these phrases at home too.



Miss Conlon's class thoroughly enjoyed their Messy Church morning today, the focus of which was Prayer. Thank you to the members of the church who so kindly volunteer their time for these events. It was so lovely to welcome parents in to join us for this session, and we are looking forward to the next Messy Church with Mrs Bowen's class on Friday 7th March.

We continue to implement the safeguarding procedures put into place over the past few weeks. These include the no waiting/parking along the fence in the lower carpark or on the double yellow lines and in the driveway and the opening of the main pedestrian and one side gate only.

We continue to highlight the importance of using the tarmacked paths and not the shortcut through the lower carpark and across the verge to the side gate. It has been very disappointing to see a number of parents and children still using this shortcut. I have also had reports of parents driving too fast down the driveway with little thought to pedestrians crossing the road at the bottom of the drive.

In the interests in keeping everyone safe, I would be very grateful if you could remember these safeguarding implementations especially when work begins on the ground to the side of the school. Diolch.



**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher

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## Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 11th February: Nursery (all) & Reception St David's Day Photos 
- Tuesday 11th February: PTA Valentines Discos - book now on the Gateway app! 
- 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 (bookings will open 17th Feb)
- 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) 
- Monday 24th March: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Monday 31st March: Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Training 



### Reminder:

Work will begin in the overflow car park on Monday 10th February. This area will be closed.

### 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](mailto:admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru)



### Keep in Touch:



# Our Week: Nursery and Reception



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Parents of 3 and 4 year-olds whose children started full-time in September 2024 or part-time in January 2025 can take advantage of the Childcare Offer for Wales.



Did you know that the Childcare Offer for Wales can be used during the school holidays?

With the February half term fast approaching, make sure your online holiday hours Agreement is in place for the holidays. If not, you could miss out on funding if you wish to use the offer during the holidays.

Visit <https://www.gov.wales/parents-manage-agreements-childcare-offer-wales> to find out more.

Contact the national helpline: 03000 628 628 / [childcareoffer@bridgend.gov.uk](mailto:childcareoffer@bridgend.gov.uk)

### Gastrointestinal Illnesses and Norovirus

Over the last week or so we have seen an increase in the number of pupils with gastrointestinal illnesses. Please can we remind parents that **pupils must refrain from attending school for 48 hours after symptoms clear**. We have been advised by the NHS that this particular strain of Norovirus is sometimes only causing people to have one seemingly random episode of diarrhoea or vomiting, but we must still adhere to the 48 hour rule to reduce spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

## Diarrhoea and vomiting?



There's no specific cure for stomach bugs such as Norovirus

Visit [nhs.uk/norovirus](https://www.nhs.uk/norovirus) for advice on #EssentialKit home treatments



stay hydrated



take paracetamol



prevent spread



stay at home for two days after symptoms clear

# Our Week: Mrs Hodges

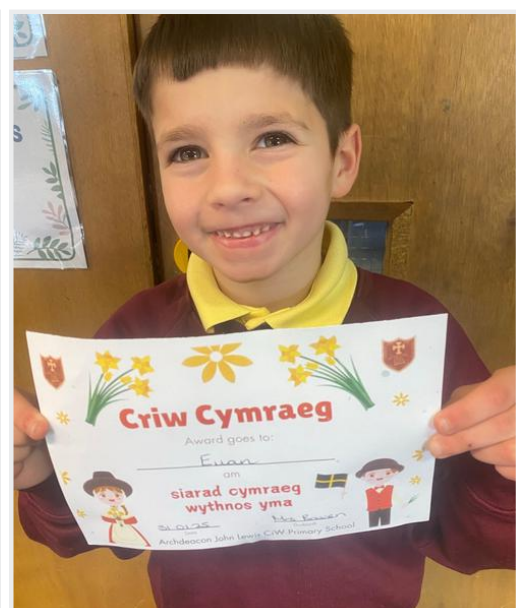
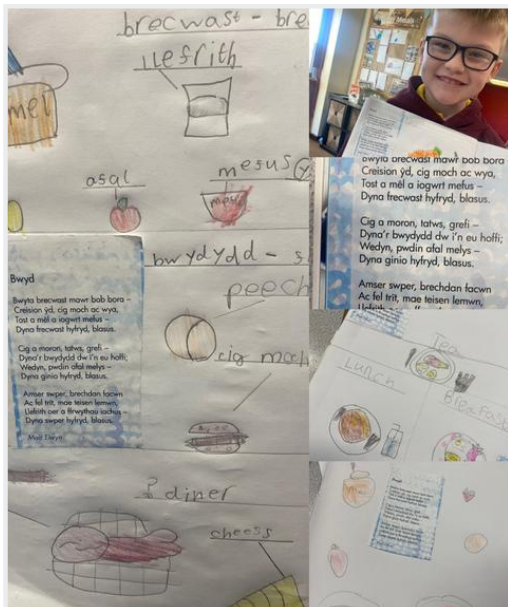
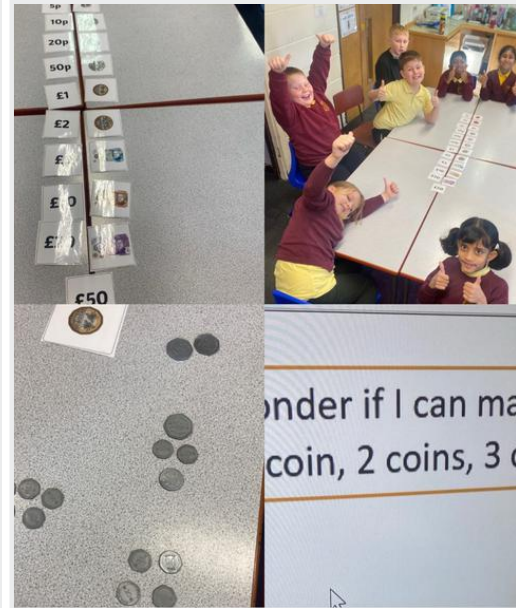
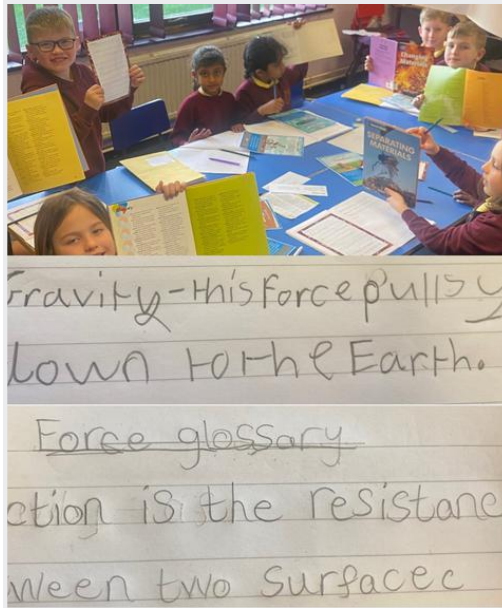


## Rapunzel Role Play 28.01.25



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# Our Week: Mrs Bowen



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# MESSY Church

~ Jonah / Lent ~



**Dosbarth Mrs Bowen**  
**Friday 7th March, 9:15am**

Parents, carers, grandparents & friends welcome!

# Our Week: Miss Conlon



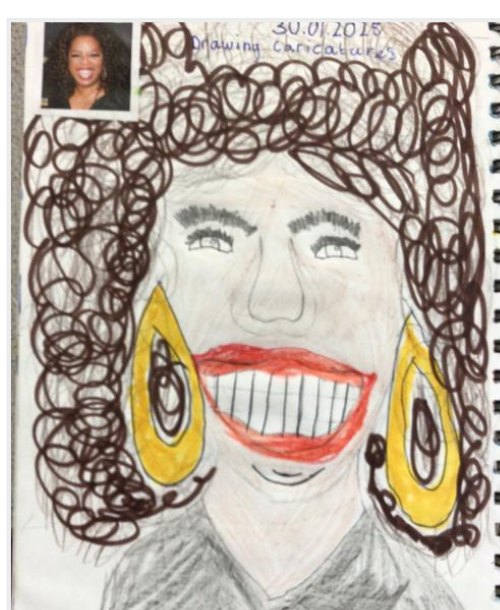
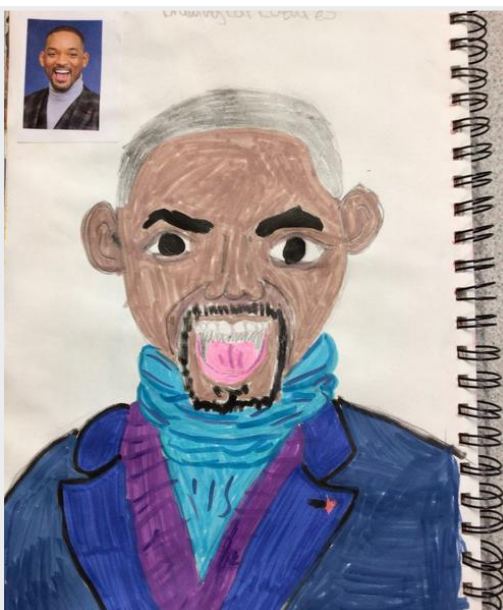
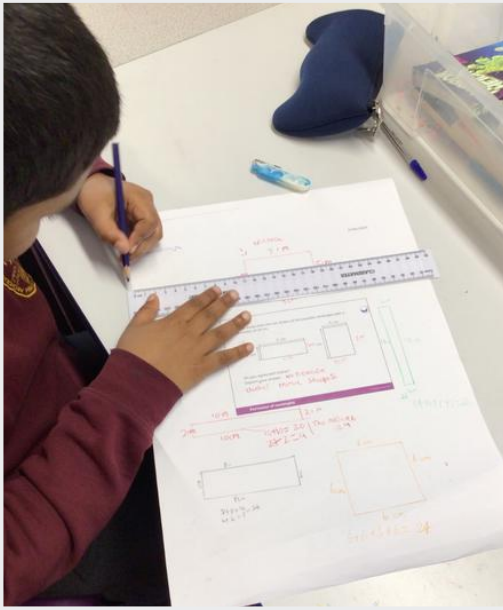
We had a great time at our Messy Church session on Friday. Thank you to the church volunteers for their time, and to all the parents who joined us!



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# Our Week: Miss Doran



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**EARLY  
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**£16 PER DAY  
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1ST**



# **HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS BRIDGEND**

**ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS SCHOOL  
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**PRICES AFTER FEBRUARY 1ST: £20 PER DAY  
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Cardiff Metropolitan University has recently secured funding through UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and the Blaenau Gwent local authority to deliver **FREE digital skill courses for residents 16-years-of-age and over.**

Cardiff Metropolitan University are running Interacting with Data, Creative Coding and Cyber Security Awareness Micro-Credential courses remotely online throughout January and February if you (or somebody you know) are interested in enrolling.

Information and the delivery schedule of the courses is below:

**Interacting with Data** - <https://www.dtlsn.co.uk/en/courses/interacting-with-data>

This course aims to provide learners with the fundamental knowledge of interacting with data in real world scenarios. It will focus on introducing learners to the application of data and how we can encourage effective interaction. You will be introduced to the fundamental applications of data in everyday life, and you will be assessed on your ability to apply statistical methods and analysis to data sets.

Moreover, you will consider the wider legal, ethical, and social implications of using data. The course will allow you to extend your depth of knowledge surrounding the design and presentation of data whilst also considering the target audience.

**Interacting with Data Schedule –**

Remote online teaching, 20 hours over a 3-week period. 3 full days of teaching once a week on a Tuesday x3 (11th Feb – 25th Feb)

11th Feb – 9:00am – 5:00pm

18th Feb – 9:00am – 5:00pm

25th Feb – 9:00am – 5:00pm

**Creative Coding** - <https://www.dtlsn.co.uk/en/courses/creative-coding>

This course aims to help learners acquire skills in problem solving, computational creativity and computational thinking while drawing on learners' creativity and personal interests. You will learn to use programming to create visuals and experiences from scratch and will obtain a better understanding of how computers and coding works.

You will use the Java Script programming language to develop ideas, strategies, and activities for an engaging creative coding and computer science experience.

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## **Creative Coding Schedule –**

Remote online teaching, 20 hours over a 5-week period every Wednesday afternoon (29th Jan – 26th Feb)

29th January – 1:00pm-5:00pm

5th February – 1:00pm-5:00pm

12th February – 1:00pm-5:00pm

19th February – 1:00pm-5:00pm

26th February – 1:00pm-5:00pm

## **Cyber Security Awareness – <https://www.dtlsn.co.uk/en/courses/cyber-security>**

This course aims to help learners acquire the skills to understand the concept of cyber security awareness. It will focus predominantly on three areas:

Organisational, Technical and Human Awareness Interventions. During this course, learners will explore the trends of current cyber threats and how cyber security awareness needs to fit within the SME business model for both employers and their staff.

The course will also introduce learners to the International Standards Organisation (ISO) lifecycle and how this can be used to develop ideas, strategies, and activities for an engaging governance and policy experience.

## **Schedule**

Remote online teaching, 20 hours. Delivery Schedule is yet to be confirmed. Please let me know if you (or somebody you know) are interested in any of the courses and if the delivery schedule works for you

If you are interested in either Interacting with Data or Creative Coding, the enrolment form can be sent out immediately.

Please contact for registering and more information:

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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:

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Jodie Ward – Head Office Manager

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