



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 21st February 2025**

**Attendance: 92%**

As you know, we had our inspection this week, and the report is currently being prepared by Estyn and will be shared with everyone in April. Until then, the details must remain confidential, but I wanted to take a moment to express how proud I am of how the pupils handled the presence of the inspection team.

All pupils represented our school in the best possible way and I am really proud of their mature approach. I'd also like to thank the staff and governors, who supported the school throughout the inspection, demonstrating once more their hard work and dedication.

As we move into March, and hopefully some more spring-like weather, we are looking forward to further utilising our fantastic new Forest Classroom. We can't wait to share with you the plans that we have for this space.

You will notice on the school calendar and the Upcoming Events overleaf that we have lots of exciting plans for the next few weeks - swimming lessons, World Book Day and our whole school Eisteddfod amongst others.

May I take this opportunity to remind you that we have planned Parents' Evenings on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th March - if you have not already done so, please book an appointment using this link: <https://archdeaconjohnlewis.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Have a lovely half term, I am looking forward to seeing you all, and your Eisteddfod homework tasks on Monday 3rd March.

**Mrs L Forster**  
Acting Headteacher



## **IMPORTANT CHANGE TO SWIMMING ARRANGEMENTS:**

We are very fortunate to now be able to take **ALL** pupils in Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 swimming every morning for the full 2 week period (3rd March - 7th March and 10th March - 14th March). Please ensure your child has the correct swimming kit every day.

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## Upcoming Events

- Monday 3rd March - all pupils return to school
- Wednesday 5th March & Thursday 6th March: Parents' Evenings (bookings close 4th March. 11:30pm)
- Monday 3rd March - Friday 7th March: Swimming (**Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**) 
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day - see poster below 
- Friday 7th March: Mrs Bowen's class Messy Coffee - all parents & carers welcome!
- Monday 10th March - Friday 14th March: Swimming (**Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6**) 
- Friday 14th March - Eisteddfod - pupils can wear Welsh costume/Welsh rugby or football tops 
- Monday 24th March: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Monday 31st March: Year 6 Cycle Proficiency Training 
- Friday 4th April: Deadline for Nursery (Sept 2025) applications
- Thursday 10th April: Easter Service in Coity Church, 10am. Parents/Carers/Families welcome 

### Reminder:



The overflow car park has been closed off for works by BCBC. Please do not attempt to access their area either by car or on foot.

We have been advised that this work will continue until 31st March.

Please remember that parking is only allowed in the designated bays of the visitor car park, and not along the fence and/or driveway. Please also take care when crossing the road at the bottom of the driveway, particularly during busy times.



### 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)



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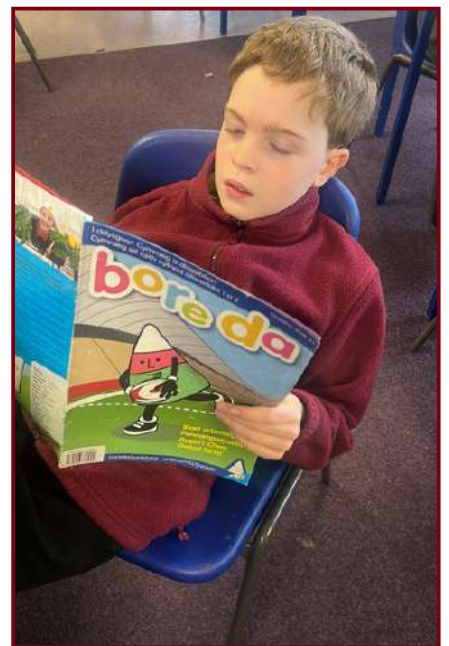
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# Thursday 6th March

# **WORLD BOOK DAY!**

- Pupils are welcome to wear their PJs and bring in their favourite book
- Lots of activities planned throughout the day
- Book Swap (bring in your book to swap Mon-Wed)
- Book vouchers issued to all pupils





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Dosbarth Miss Doran were really lucky to have a visit from Mrs Douglas and five Year 10 pupils from Archbishop McGrath.

To end our Gallery Rebels topic, the pupils came to share their expertise and portfolios from their current GCSE studies and then showed us all how to make pinch pots which we started to turn into animals!

All the children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and are keen to finish their animals so they can be fired in Archbishop's brand new kiln once it's up and running.



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# Eisteddfod Home Learning Tasks

## Dosbarth Mrs Richards and Mrs Morgan

Dear Parents/Guardians, We have a super activity for the children to participate in during the half term holiday.

We would like your little ones to be as creative as they can be and make a 'daffodil'. It can be a painting, drawing or a model.

This will be to celebrate St David's Day on our return to school. Please bring your wonderful creations into school on **Monday March 3rd**. We can't wait to see them!

Have a fantastic half term break. The N/R Team



## Dosbarth Mrs Hodges

**Art** - Draw / paint / collage a picture of a Welsh Castle or Bridge.

**Digital** - Take a photograph under the title 'My Wales'.

**Recital** - Learn to recite a Welsh Poem:

*Daffodil*

*Daffodil, daffodil*

*Dw i'n gwisgo daffodil.*

*Mae hi'n Dydd Gwil Dewi Sant*

*Dw i'n gwisgo daffodil*



**Song recital** - Learn to sing Lliwiau Enfys (first verse)

*Lliwiau'r Enfys*

*Coch a melyn a phinc a gwyrdd,*

*Porffor ac oren a glas,*

*Dyma lliwiau'r enfys lliwiau'r enfys*

*Lliwiau'r enfys hardd.*



Complete as many as you wish - you will receive a point for each entry!

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## Facts about Eisteddfod

# Dosbarth Mrs Bowen

- F** The original meaning of the word 'Eisteddfod' is 'a sitting' or 'to sit together'.
- F** The plural of Eisteddfod is Eisteddfodau.
- F** An Eisteddfodwyr is an Eisteddfod-goer. Many Eisteddfodwyr follow the festival around religiously from year to year.
- F** Five miles of toilet paper is used during every National Eisteddfod as well as 330,000 gallons of water.
- F** In 2009, for the first time, the BBC started broadcasting the National Eisteddfod live online in Welsh and English across the world.
- F** More than 150 hours of programming are broadcast from the National Eisteddfod in both languages, on TV, radio and online.
- F** The Urdd National Eisteddfod is an annual Welsh-language youth festival of literature, music and performing arts organised by Urdd Gobaith Cymru. It consists of competitive singing, recitation, dance and instrumental events for contestants aged between 7 and 24 years.

## Home learning

- Learn a Welsh poem, song or dance. Practise in front of family and friends before performing to your class.
- Use the internet to plan a day trip to the next National Eisteddfod, making a list of the things you would like to see or do.
- Interview someone who has been to the Eisteddfod and record their answers. Where was the Eisteddfod and what did they see?
- Work with friends and family to make bunting to put up during the National Eisteddfod.

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# Dosbarth Miss Conlon



Art-  
create a  
portrait  
of a  
welsh  
prince



Computer and  
Graphics-  
Creating a  
digital poster or  
factfile about a  
castle in Wales!



# Eisteddfod 2025



Welsh  
Writing-  
How the  
welsh  
dragon  
came to  
be on our  
flag story



Science and  
Technology-



Follow a welsh  
recipe to make  
a traditional  
welsh food



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Dosbarth Miss Doran

E-steddfod Half Term Homework

Complete any tasks by Monday 3rd March



### Computer Design

Use **Adobe Spark** on **HWB** to create a multimedia project to answer the question.

**What make Wales Wonderful?**

You could make a:

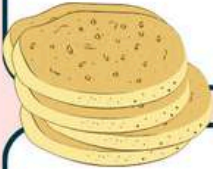
- Informative poster or a collage of images.
- Video using images and music.



### Art - Illustrations

Create artwork inspire by the **Welsh symbols** in the style of your favourite art movement. Choose from:

- Impressionism
- Surrealism
- Expressionism
- Pointillism
- Pop Art
- Realism



### Science and Technology

1. Follow a recipe to make a traditional welsh delicacy. Use the internet or a recipe book to find a recipe for something like Welsh cakes, Bara brith, Welsh rarebit or cawl.
2. Take a photo of your final dish and bring the photo to school or ask a grown up to upload a photo of your dish to SeeSaw.

### English Writing

Write a short narrative of **no more than 100 words** about a **fictional story set in Wales**. Be as **imaginative** as possible! It could be set in a modern day city or out in the Welsh mountains 100 years ago. You could write about a super hero saving the people of Wales or king and queen defending their kingdom from dragons.

Either write your story on lined paper, on **MS Word** or **Google Docs**.



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# Diwrnod Crempog



Dewch i ni  
ddathlu gyda  
**Crempogau a  
Ffrwythau**

**Amser Cinio ar**

**DYDD MAWRTH  
4 MAWRTH 2025**



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# DYDD GŴYL DEWI

Dydd Iau **Bwydlen** Mawrth.  
6th.

## Wythnos yn Dechrau Mawrth Bydd 2025

**Selsig Porc a Chennin gyda  
Phydin Swydd Efrog  
neu Selsig Glamorgan mewn Grefi  
neu Selsig Vegan mewn Grefi**



**gyda  
Moron Ffres, Bresych a Phys  
Tatws wedi'u Berwi**

**Hufen iâ Cymreig  
neu Pice ar y maen neu Salad Ffrwythau Ffres  
neu logwrt Llaeth y Llan Cymreig**

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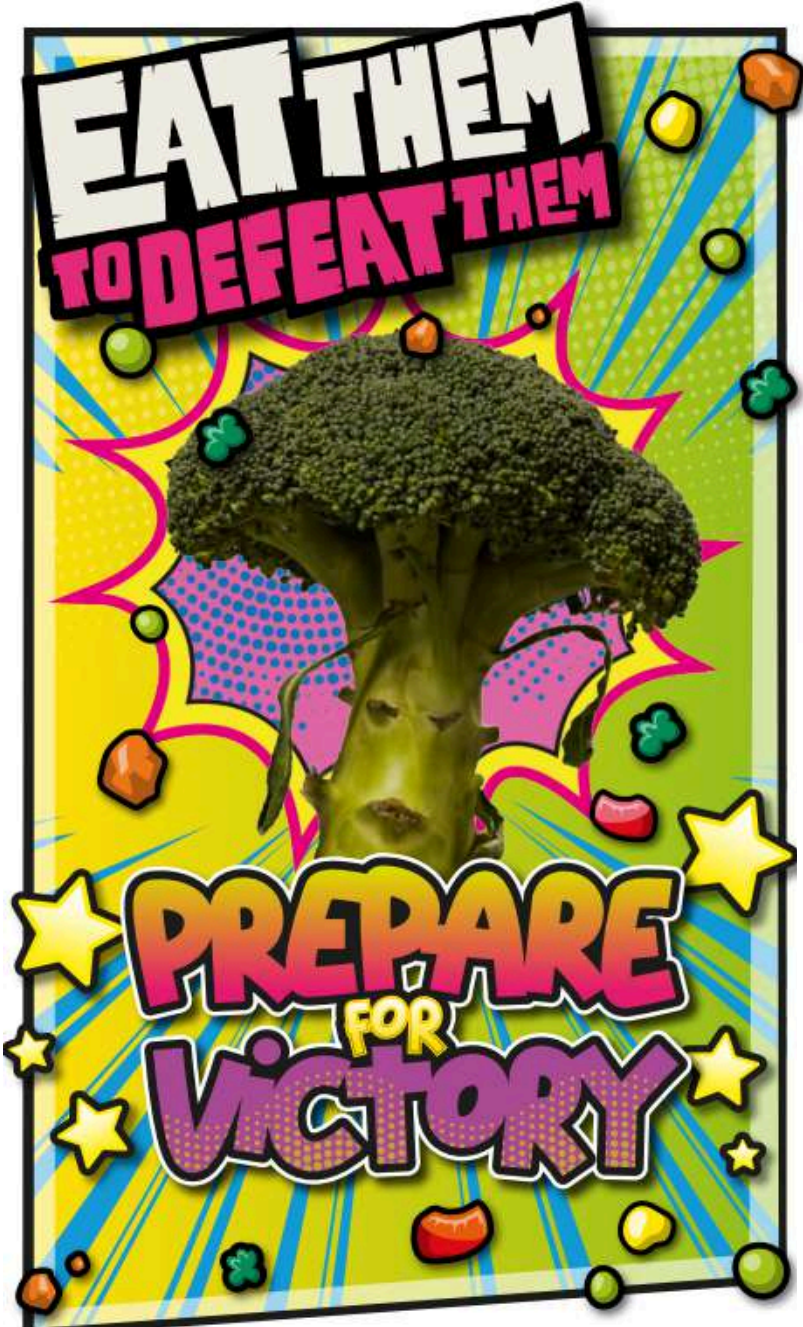
# MESSY Church

~ Jonah / Lent ~



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

Parents, carers, grandparents & friends welcome!



**HOW IT WORKS**

**SCHOOLS**

The programme starts in schools on the 10th March with veg lessons and tasting events

**STICKERS**

Look out for your child coming home with a sticker when they try veg at school

**FAMILIES**

Your school will send home a reward chart to help you turn that behaviour into lasting habits.

VEGPOWER Sainsbury's Tilda

**#EATTHEMTODEFEATTHEM**

Why not share your best comic veg eating chomps!

Follow all the excitement:  
@VegPowerUK

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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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