



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 11th April 2025**

**Attendance: 91%**

As we step into the joy of the Easter season, we want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership with our school. We've had a wonderful term filled with learning, celebration, and achievements and we have some exciting news to share with you.

## **Easter Church Events**

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our Easter service at St Mary's, Coity, and to our Easter Bonnet Service at school. It was a special time for reflection, singing and rejoicing as we remembered the meaning of Easter. The children did a fantastic job by sharing readings, prayers and songs.

## **Siarter Iaith Bronze Award**

We are incredibly proud to announce that our school has achieved the Siarter Iaith Bronze Award. This award is a testament to the hard work of our pupils, staff and especially Mrs Bowen and The Criw Cymraeg. We'll be aiming for our Silver Award in the near future – so watch this space.

## **Gwmanfa Ganu**

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 also took part in a Gwmanfa Ganu at St Mary's, Nolton. Accompanied by children from a variety of Bridgend faith and non-faith schools, they sang a variety of songs in Welsh and English.

## **Welsh Water Assembly and Workshops**

Years 4, 5 and 6 welcomed a visit from Welsh Water, who delivered a fun and informative assembly for the whole school. Following the assembly, some classes took part in hands-on workshops.

We hope you all have a peaceful and joyful Easter break with your families.

With warm wishes.

**Mrs L Forster**

**Acting Headteacher**



**Keep in Touch:**

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## Upcoming Events

- **Monday 14th April - Friday 25th April: Easter Holidays**
- **Monday 28th April: INSET Day 5 of 6**
- **Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday**
- Friday 9th May: Messy Church (Nursery and Reception)
- Monday 12th May: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Friday 16th May - Monday 19th May: PGL Residential Trip
- Friday 16th May - Sunday 18th May: Llangrannog Residential Trip
- **Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May: Half Term**
- **Monday 16th June: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome!** 
- Friday 27th June: Messy Church (Year 5/6)
- Monday 7th July: Year 6 Leavers Service, Llandaff Cathedral (for pupils/staff only)
- Thursday 17th July: Year 6 Leavers Service, at school (parents/carers/families welcome)
- **Monday 21st July: INSET Day 6 of 6**



A polite reminder that smoking and vaping on school grounds is not permitted. This includes the car park.

### 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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# Gwobr Efydd Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus

Mae hyn i dystio bod:

**Archdeacon John Lewis CiW Primary School**

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**Gwobr Efydd Siarter Iaith Cymraeg Campus**

Llofnod: *L Blatchford*

Dyddiad: Mawrth 2025

**Louise Blatchford**

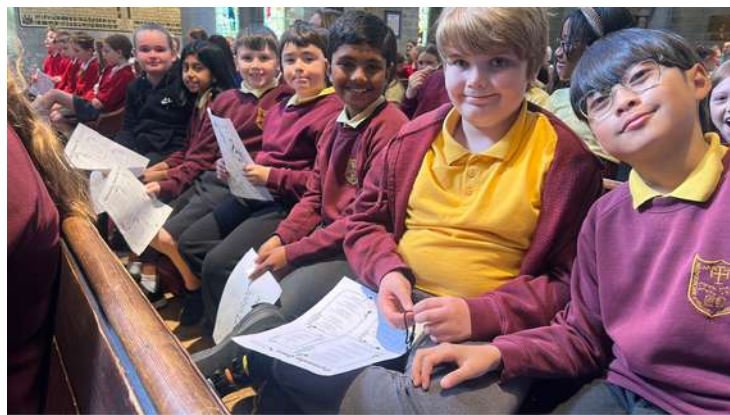
*Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr Dros Dro*



**Well done to Criw Cymraeg  
for this fantastic achievement!**

# Gymanfa GANU

A Gymanfa Ganu is a Welsh festival of sacred hymns, sung with four-part harmony by a congregation, usually under the direction of a choral director.





## Eco- Committee Competition

On Friday, you will be given a sunflower seed and a pot for you to participate in our eco- committee competition.

You need to plant, care and water your seed and hope that it will grow. Why not make a wish for the environment as you are planting it? Maybe you could give it a cool name too?

We will ask you to bring your sunflower to school when it is established and prizes will be awarded to the winning sunflower and most successful gardener!

Please send in any photos of your growing adventure!

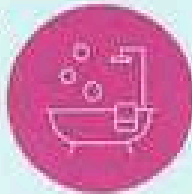
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The Eco- Committee Team



# Simple ways to save money on your utility bills!

Around 12% of your energy bill is spent on heating water – shorter showers not only save water but energy too.



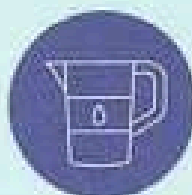
Doing a 30 degree wash can help save 57% in energy, ensure that you are filling your washing machine to cut down on water and energy usage.



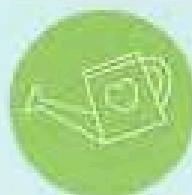
Using a bowl or plug when washing the dishes could save up to 50% water.



When waiting for the tap to run warm, collect the water in a jug or bowl and use this for the kettle or watering plants.



Use a water butt to collect rainwater and use it to water plants or wash the car.



## Need support with your bill?

Head to [dwrcymru.com/helpwithbills](https://dwrcymru.com/helpwithbills) to learn more.

Check for any leaking toilets! Did you know a leaking loo can waste between 200 and 600 litres of water per day? That can add a staggering £100-£300 per year onto your water bill!



We may be able to fix your leaking loo for free! Visit [dwrcymru.com/cartref](https://dwrcymru.com/cartref) to learn more.



Our easy to use Get Water Fit Calculator allows you to find out how much water you use every day, provides you with hints and tips on water efficiency and offers FREE water saving products.



[dwrcymru.com/getwaterfit](https://dwrcymru.com/getwaterfit)





**DYNAMOS  
CRICKET**



**This is  
our game.**

[dynamoscriccket.co.uk](http://dynamoscriccket.co.uk)

**Join us at:**

Vale Cricket Club in Earntown CF95 5BA, for **GIRLS ONLY** cricket sessions, to suit ages 8-11.

**Session dates:**

May 12th, 19th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, July 7th

**Session timings:**

6pm to 7pm

**Contact:**

Ashly O'Brien 07455 308805

**Something for  
everyone...**

**THIS IS THE START OF  
SOMETHING NEW!**

# ***Central@4***

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
EASTER TOGETHER**

**DOORS OPEN AT 3:30PM**

*WITH DRINKS AND SNACKS*

**INFORMAL SERVICE 4PM - 5PM**

*INCLUDING CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP, TALK, AND  
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES*

**LIGHT BITE TO EAT FROM 5PM**

*FINGER FOOD AND DRINKS*

**EASTER DAY, 4PM  
NOLTON CHURCH HALL**

**PENYBONT —  
— CHURCHES**



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# OGI OGI OGWR

YOUR LITTLE WELSH FESTIVAL

PARC GWLEDIG BRYNGARW COUNTRY PARK

29.06.25 | 12-5YH/PM



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Cultural Trust

## MENTER BRO OGWR



DEFNYDDIWCH EICH CYMRAEG - USE IT OR LOSE IT!

