

# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 9th May 2025

Attendance: 91%



Dear Parents/Carers.

We have had a meaningful and memorable week at school as we marked the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day. Our day started with a special worship lead by the Worship and Values Senedd Committee. The children did a wonderful job telling the school about this important moment in history through songs, stories and thoughtful reflections.

We would like to say a very special thank you to Mrs Parfitt, one of our church members, who shared with the children her personal war-time experience growing up in Dover. Year 4, 5 and 6 were shown some photographs and artefacts that were very special to Mrs Parfitt and her family and they had the opportunity to ask her lots of questions. Her recount added a real sense of history and helped the children to understand the significance of the sacrifices made.

Back in class, the children read a personalised letter from a WW11 veteran, John Eskdale (Age 101). They read all about his experiences of the war and how he started as a volunteer in the fire service before joining the Royal Marines. The children have been writing letters back to John as well as completing a variety of VE Day learning activities and VE Day themed school dinner. Please scroll down to see some class photographs of the day.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the church members, St Mary's, Brackla, for hosting such a lovely Messy Church Coffee morning for the Nursery/Reception class and their families. It was a warm, welcoming event, and we are so grateful for the continued support and kindness shown to our school community.

On Monday, we welcome Rev Mark Broadway to celebrate Eucharist. The service will start at 9.15am and we look forward to welcoming you and your families to this event.

**Mrs L Forster**



Acting Headteacher

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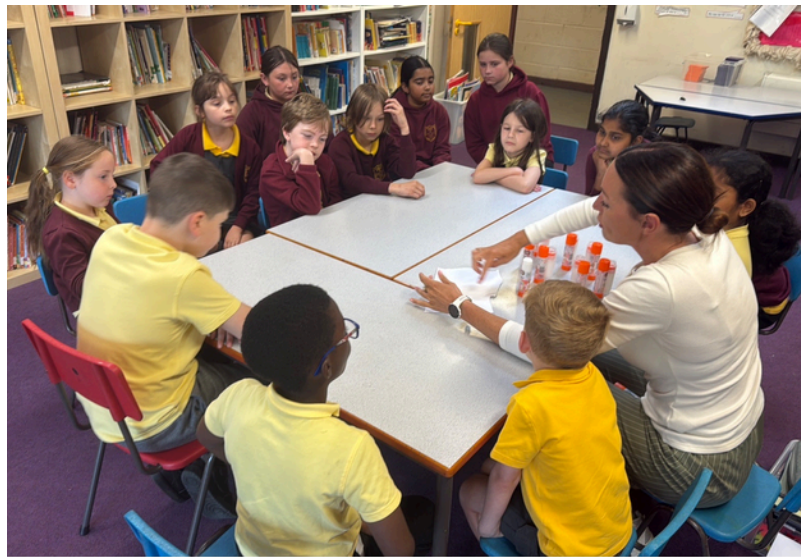
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## Upcoming Events

- 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**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day
- Monday 16th June: Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome! 
- Friday 27th June: Messy Church (Year 5/6)
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day (2<sup>nd</sup> date in case the weather is bad on 13<sup>th</sup> June!)
- 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**

Our Eco-Committee are excited to announce that we have officially made the switch to using eco-friendly, re-usable glue sticks!

Thank you to Leah, from Learn Play Nexus, who came along to give us a demonstration and explain how we are helping the environment by making this change.



## 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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# SUN SAFETY



## COVER UP

Wear clothing that covers your skin.



## APPLY SUNCREAM

- Apply before school.
- Bring bottle (with name) into school.
- Roll on / easy to apply is preferred.
- Please encourage independence at home to practise, younger children will be supported.



## WEAR A HAT AND SUN CREAM

Broad brimmed hats provide better protection.



## SEEK SHADE

Reduce UV radiation by taking shelter in the shade.



Yesterday we celebrated VE Day's 80th Anniversary. The Worship and Values Committee held a school worship and we had a special visit from Mrs Parfitt who recounted her memories of being a little girl during WW2.

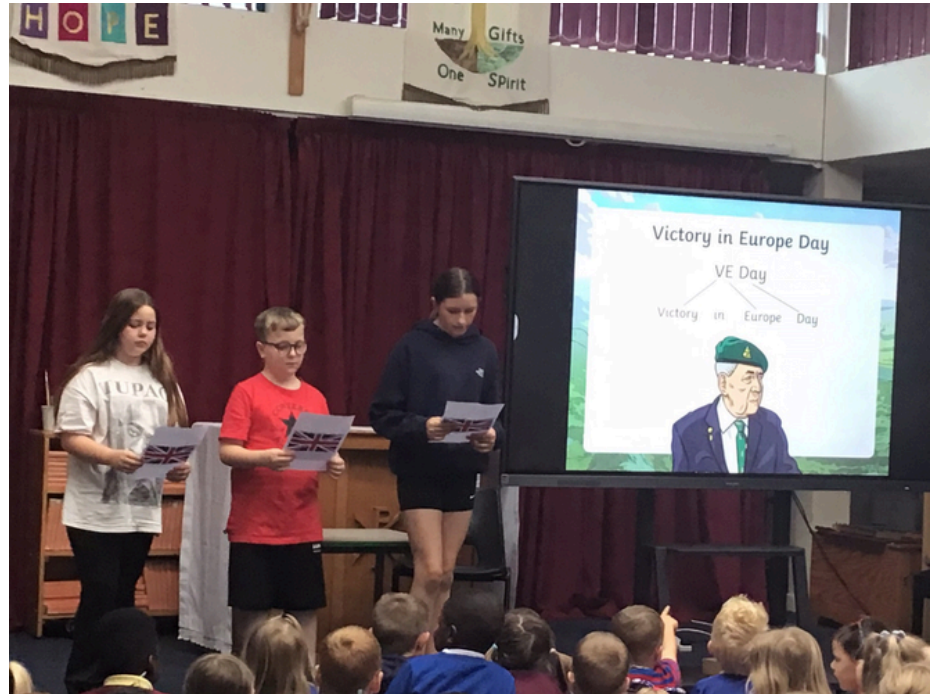
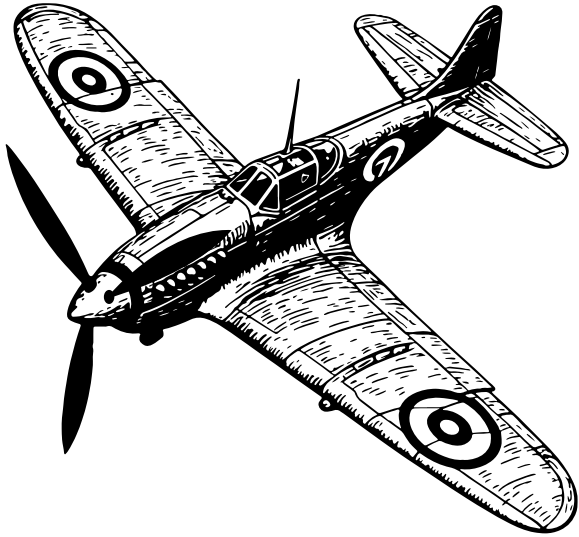
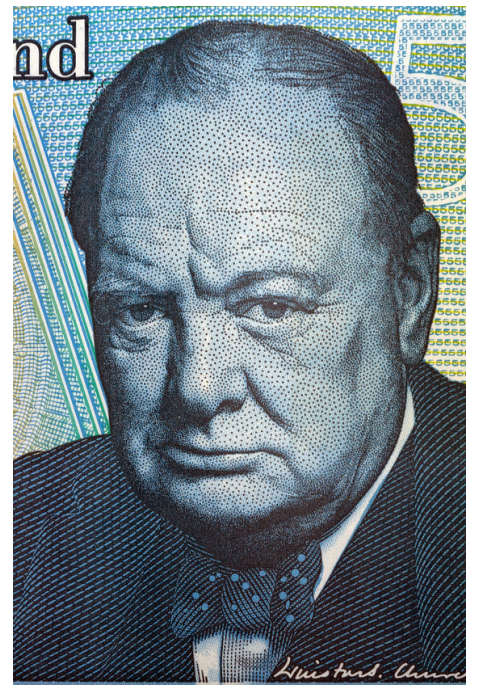
After the worship she showed us some of her family treasures and artefacts like identity cards, photographs and recipe books.

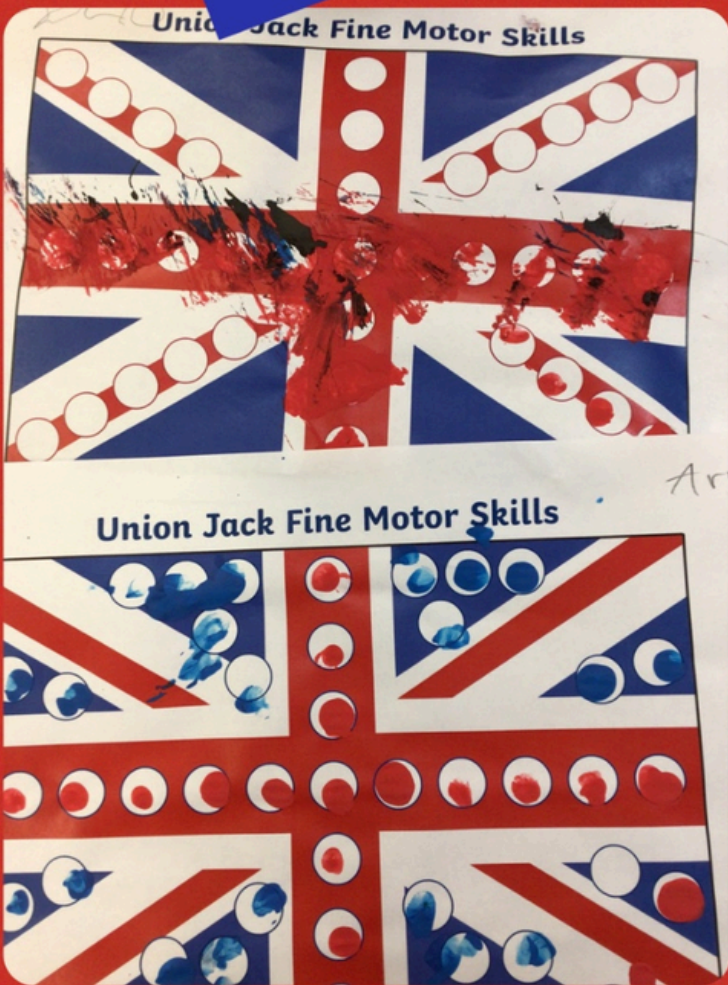
The children asked her questions about her experience and she told them a story about a bombing on her family's farm.

Thank you Mrs Parfitt for taking the time to visit us and share your story.









**SUMMER**

# HALF TERM CAMPS

**AMIGOS**

Age 4-6 years

**SKILLS**

Age 6-11 years





# Messy church



# FOOTBALL CAMPS BRIDGEND

MAY HALF TERM



Sibling  
Discount  
Available

TUESDAY 27TH MAY -  
FRIDAY 30TH MAY

8:30AM-4:30PM

EARLY BOOKING  
DISCOUNT  
£16 per day  
if booked before  
May 12th 2025  
£20 Per day If  
booked after  
12/05/25

ARCHDEACON  
JOHN LEWIS  
SCHOOL  
BRACKLA



Boys & Girls  
aged: 5-11years  
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME