

# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 16th May 2025**

**Attendance: 91%**

Today, we waved off some very excited children and staff as they head off on their much anticipated PGL and Llangrannog residential trips. We wish them all a truly unforgettable experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and lots of fun.

We're also proud to share that we have achieved our 'Sun Safe Accreditation'. A big thank you to Mrs Hodges and the Healthy School Ambassadors who have worked so hard in promoting our sun safe policy. More details on how to keep safe in the sun can be found further down the newsletter.



We also say goodbye to Miss Doran who is starting her maternity leave today. We are sure you will join us in wishing her all the very best for this exciting new chapter. It is a very special time and we are all looking forward to lots of cuddles with her new arrival.

During her absence, Mrs Richards will become the full-time teacher in Year 5/6 and Mrs Morgan will become the full-time teacher in Nursery/Reception. These arrangements ensure that there is a smooth transition and we're confident that the children will continue to thrive with consistency and care.

Have a lovely weekend.


**Mrs Forster**

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Safeguarding and Child Protection information can be found here: <https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/whos-who/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

## Upcoming Events

- **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**

## FAO: Parents of 3 to 4 year-olds

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

With the May 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.

Or contact our national helpline on **03000 628 628**



## 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.

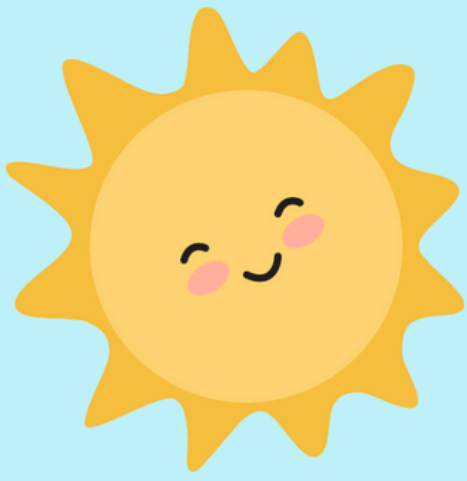
Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to [admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru)



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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.





# Road Safety Wales

## Diogelwch Ffyrdd Cymru

### e-bikes/e-scooters

Road Safety Wales is highlighting the law surrounding e-bikes and e-scooters and we need your help!

Some people may have innocently purchased an e-bike or e-scooter, unaware that they could be breaking the law when riding it. Road Safety Wales is asking schools and colleges to share some information so that collisions and injuries can ultimately be avoided.

#### e-bikes

An e-bike is an electrically assisted pedal cycle equipped with an electric motor to assist riders when they pedal. You need to be at least 14 years old to ride an e-bike, but you don't need a driving licence.

Some people have attempted to modify their e-bike, so it is important to check that the motor has a maximum power output of 250 watts and not able to propel the bike when it's travelling more than 15.5mph.

By law, an e-bike cannot propel a rider unless they are pedalling as well. If you see what you think is an e-bike and the rider isn't pedalling, it is classed as an electric motorcycle and they have much stricter rules.

You wouldn't ride a motorcycle with a petrol engine when you didn't have a licence or insurance - the rules are exactly the same with an electric motorcycle!



#### e-scooters

Some people may be considering an electric scooter (e-scooter), particularly if they have seen others riding them locally.

However, it is illegal to use a privately owned e-scooter on public roads, pavements or cycle lanes. In fact, the only place to legally ride an e-scooter in Wales is on private land with the permission of the landowner - everywhere else it is against the law.

Some people may not appreciate the effect that riding illegally has. For someone with sight or hearing loss, it could have such an effect on them that they feel unable to go out on their own, hampering their mobility options and perhaps even resulting in the loss of their independence.

Unfortunately, people have already been killed and seriously injured when riding inappropriately and illegally. Nobody wants to see other families having to cope with the aftermath of similar heartbreaking incidents.

In some parts of the UK, government trials are taking place where you can rent an e-scooter and use it on the road and in cycle lanes if you hold a full or provisional driving licence. In Wales, there are currently no trials taking place.



Please don't get caught out by riding illegally. Make sure you know the law on e-bikes and e-scooters.

# National Fire Chief's Council key fire safety messages for e-bikes and scooters

## Information shared by Fire and Rescue Services in Wales

E-bikes and e-scooters are becoming increasingly popular. Most are powered by lithium-ion batteries which can be charged in the home. The use of these batteries in a wide range of household products is becoming increasingly common.

It is important when charging e-bikes and e-scooters, you do so safely to avoid a risk of a fire starting and putting your families and homes at risk.

With an increased use of e-bikes and e-scooters, comes a corresponding fire safety concern associated with their charging and storage. The use of these products is expected to continue to rise. Some fire services and fire investigators have seen a rise in e-bike and e-scooter battery fires.

### Charging

- Follow the manufacturer's instructions when charging and always unplug your charger when it has finished charging.
- Ensure you have working smoke alarms. If you charge or store your e-bike or e-scooter in a garage or kitchen, ensure you install detection; we recommend heat alarms rather than smoke detectors for these areas.
- Charge batteries while you are awake and alert so if a fire should occur you can respond quickly. Don't leave batteries to charge while you are asleep or away from the home.
- Always use the manufacturer approved charger for the product and if you spot any signs of wear and tear or damage, buy an official replacement charger for your product from a reputable seller. Do not cover chargers or battery packs when charging as this could lead to overheating or even a fire.
- Do not charge batteries or store your e-bike or e-scooter near combustible or flammable materials.
- Do not overcharge your battery - check the manufacturer's instructions for charge times.
- Do not overload socket outlets or use inappropriate extension leads - use un-coiled extensions and ensure the lead is suitably rated for what you are plugging in to it.
- In the event of an e-bike, e-scooter or lithium-ion battery fire, do not attempt to extinguish the fire. Get out, stay out, call 999.

### Storage

- Avoid storing or charging e-bikes and e-scooters on escape routes or in communal areas of a multi-occupied building. If there is a fire, it can affect people's ability to escape.
- Responsible Persons should consider the risks posed by e-bikes and e-scooters when they are charged or left in common areas such as bike stores, mobility scooter charging rooms or other means of escape. They may wish to offer advice to residents on the safe use, storage and charging of these products.
- Store e-bikes, e-scooters and their batteries in a cool place. Avoid storing them in excessively hot or cold areas.
- Follow manufacturer's instructions for the storage and maintenance of lithium-ion batteries if they are not going to be used for extended periods of time.

### Damage and disposal

If you need to dispose of a damaged or end of life battery, do not dispose of it in your household waste or normal recycling. These batteries, when punctured or crushed can cause fires in bin lorries, recycling and waste centres.

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If you require more information about e-bikes or e-scooters, please contact Road Safety Wales.

Telephone: **02920 250600**

E-mail: [communication@roadsafetywales.co.uk](mailto:communication@roadsafetywales.co.uk)

You can also contact your local road safety team [here](#).

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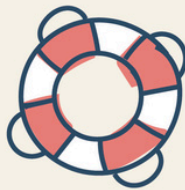
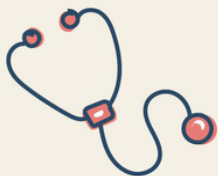


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# FOOTBALL CAMPS BRIDGEND

MAY HALF TERM

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