



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 4th July 2025

Attendance: 91%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enjoy the sunshine and longer days, there's a real sense of excitement and exploration in our Nursery and Reception class. At the heart of our Early Years environment is a passion for outdoor learning - a space where our children thrive, grow in confidence, and develop a love for nature and discovery.

We're thrilled to share that our outdoor area has recently been transformed with **brand-new play and learning equipment!** The children have wasted no time in climbing, balancing, digging, building and imagining in these engaging new spaces. Whether it's making mud pies in our outdoor kitchen or embarking on an adventure trail with friends, every corner of our garden is designed to support creativity, cooperation and physical development.

Our approach is deeply inspired by **Friedrich Froebel**, the pioneer of early childhood education. Like Froebel, we believe that young children learn best through play, hands-on experience and meaningful relationships with the world around them. Our outdoor environment reflects this belief - it's a place where curiosity is encouraged, where natural materials spark imagination, and where every child is supported to grow at their own pace.

Why Choose Our Nursery & Reception?

- A safe, nurturing and stimulating environment for 3-5 year olds
- Highly experienced and caring staff
- A strong emphasis on outdoor and nature-based learning
- Inspired by Froebelian principles of holistic child development
- Regular communication and strong partnership with families

As we look ahead to the new school year, we are pleased to announce that **limited Nursery & Reception places are still available for September 2025**. If you, or someone you know, is looking for a warm and inspiring setting for their child to begin their learning journey, we would love to welcome you in for a visit.

To arrange a tour, or register your child, please contact the school office.

Let's keep nurturing curiosity, building confidence, and enjoying the great outdoors together!

Warm regards,

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

Keep in Touch:

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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 7th July: Year 6 Leavers Service, Llandaff Cathedral (for pupils/staff only)
- Tuesday 8th July: Family Engagement Officer Drop-In Session, 8:45am-9:15am
- Wednesday 9th July: Hygiene & Puberty Talk with the School Nursing Team (Y4 - Y6)
- Monday 14th July: Reports sent to parents
- Tuesday 15th July: Family Engagement Officer Drop-In Session, 8:45am-9:15am
- Wednesday 16th July: Transition Session for all pupils to meet their new teachers
- Wednesday 16th July: Drop in session for parents, 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Thursday 17th July: Year 6 Leavers Service, at school 9:15am (parents/carers/families welcome)
- **Monday 21st July: INSET Day 6 of 6**



INSET Days 2025-2026

- Monday 1st September
- Friday 24th October
- Monday 5th January
- Monday 23rd February
- Friday 22nd May
- Monday 20th July

As we near the end of the school year we have accumulated a fair amount of lost property!

You can check the lost property boxes any time - these are located in the foyer.



Please ensure that all uniform, lunch boxes, PE kits etc have your child's name on them. We aim to return lost property directly to the children, but this is not possible if things are not clearly labelled with their name.

If your child accidentally brings home something belonging to someone else, please return it to school or place in the lost property boxes.

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



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School Savers Club

Next week will be our last school savings collection of the year. It has been another successful year, and we continue to expand our school membership and partnerships with new schools. I would like to thank all the staff, children, and families who have embraced school savings – it is lovely visiting all the schools and meeting so many children building good habits and learning about money management.

The children do not need to withdraw any savings as we will return in September. However, if your child wishes to withdraw some or all of their savings, a BACS withdrawal (Bank Transfer) can be arranged online at any time by their parent/guardian using the [School Withdrawal Form - Bridgend School Savings](#). BACs transfers are the easiest way to withdraw their savings, and we encourage all our savers to choose this option whenever possible. We aim to process all BACs withdrawals within 48 hours.

During the summer holidays, we can be contacted through our website at [Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union](#) or by visiting the main Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union office at 1/1A Caroline Street, or by calling us on 01656 667089.

A note regarding our Year 6s: If they have a younger sibling in school, they are more than welcome to continue saving for them. Alternatively, they can save directly with the credit union by setting up a standing order or visiting the branch in Bridgend.

If you have any other questions, you can find lots of information at [Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union](#). You can contact us through our website (including during school holidays) or via email at damianf@blscu.co.uk.

NB: From September, the collection day at Archdeacon will be a Tuesday.

Thanks once again for all your support!

Kind regards,
Damian Faulkner





"This is a dinosaur contest..."



Delicious ice creams...



What a great Iron Man suit!



This ice cream looks delicious Piper!



What a delicious ice cream...



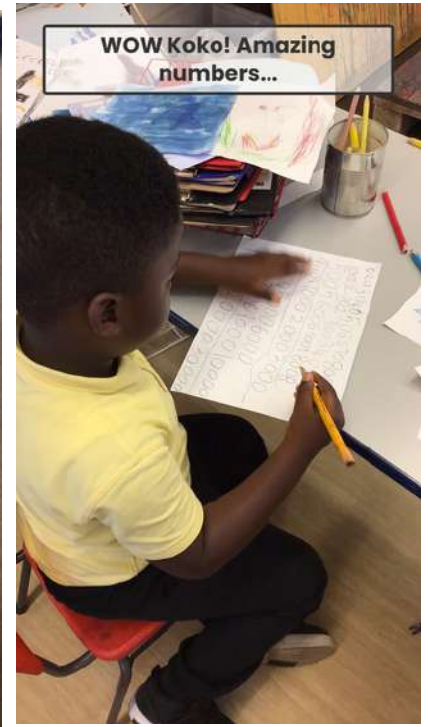
Working together...



Practising our letter formation...



What a delicious ice cream Brooke...



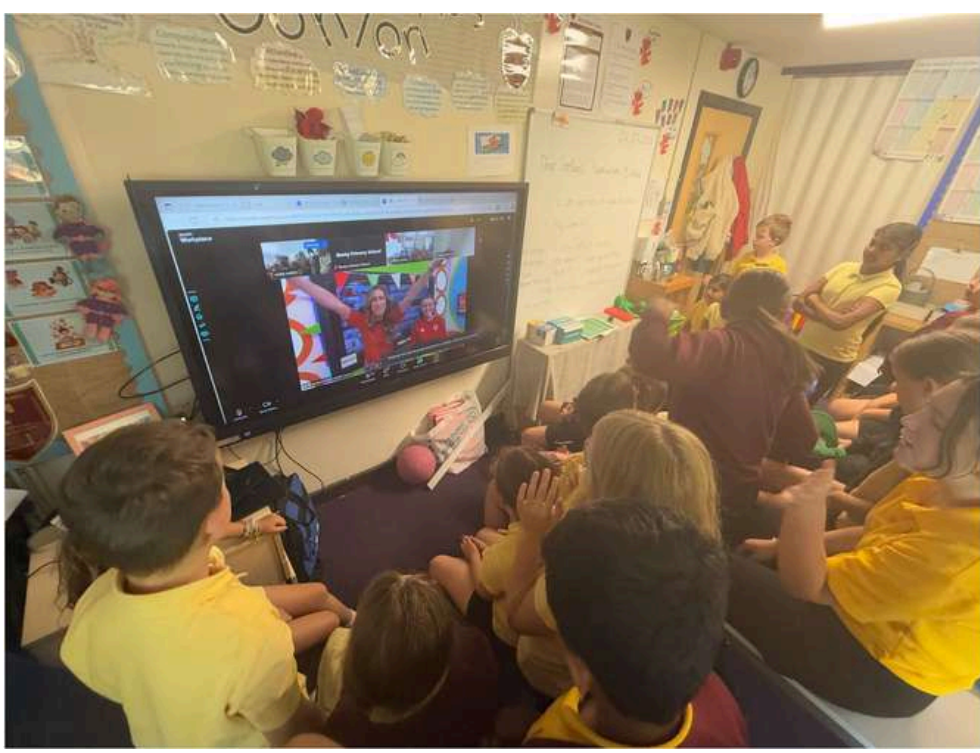
WOW Koko! Amazing numbers...

Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in 2 great workshops on Thursday - An Introduction to British Sign Language and Essential Life Saving Skills. Da iawn pawb!



We have enjoyed doing the daily mile in the sunshine this week!





Logging on to the Jambori Urdd Gobaith Cymru to enjoy and celebrate the women's Football Euro 2025'.



Cymru am byth!



**Something for
everyone...**

Central@4

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

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE

SUNDAY 22ND JUNE

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

WORSHIP STARTS @ 4PM

NOLTON CHURCH HALL

Hwyl yn y Parc Fun in the Park

I dathlu y laniad o'r Sialens Darllen y Haf a'r Rhaglen Weithgareddau'r Haf!

To celebrate the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge and the Summer Activities!

Gardd o Straeon

2025

Story Garden

Cestyll Neidio
R&B
R&B
Inflatables

Tyfu Blodyn
Yr Haul
Grow A
Sunflower

Gemau
Mawr
Giant
Games

Amser Stori
a Chrefftau
Storytime
and crafts

Zack Franks
Movement
and Dance

Crefftau a Rasys
Diwrnod Chwaraeon
Crafts and
Sports Day Races

DYDD SADWRN SATURDAY

5 GORFFENAF
JULY 12-3pm

Maes Newbridge, Pen-y-Bont ar Ogwr
Newbridge Fields, Bridgend

Am
Ddim
Free

Lots of FREE activities for the whole family, including inflatables, dancing, craft activities, stories, seed planting and lots more.

Awen Libraries colleagues will also be on hand to help you sign up to the **#SummerReadingChallenge**, which this year invites children to discover the Story Garden, where magical creatures, wild tales and the wonder of nature come to life.

SUMMER HOLIDAY INTENSIVE SWIMMING LESSONS

Our intensive lessons are perfect for children aged 4+ who are new to lessons, or children on our Learn to Swim programme wanting to progress to the next stage.

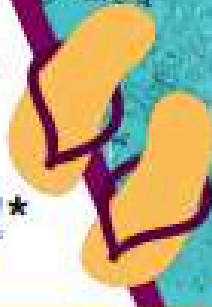
Designed to help build confidence, improve technique, and have fun, all in just 4 sessions!

Get 50% OFF your booking — only £15.75 total for 4 lessons!
That's just £3.94 per session!*

Limited spots – don't miss out!
Call us on 01432 842075, or pop in to your local pool to secure your child's place.

*Terms & conditions apply.

Book before
21st July
**GET 50%
OFF!**



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FOOTBALL CAMPS

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

BRIDGEND



Sibling
Discount
Available

MONDAY - THURSDAY
THROUGHOUT SUMMER HOLIDAYS



8:30AM-4:30PM

EARLY BOOKING
DISCOUNT
£17.50 per day
if booked before
July 7th 2025
£20 Per day if
booked after
07/07/25

ARCHDEACON
JOHN LEWIS
SCHOOL
BRACKLA

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