



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 18th July 2025**

**Attendance: 91%**

As we come to the end of another wonderful year at Archdeacon John Lewis, we have taken the opportunity to reflect on the many achievements and shared experiences that have made this year so special.

We are incredibly proud of all our children – their hard work, enthusiasm, and growth have been a joy to witness. From academic accomplishments to creative expression and sporting success, every child has contributed to the vibrant life of our school.

A special goodbye and good luck goes to all our Year 6 leavers and to some other children who are moving to new schools. We will miss you, but know that you will continue to shine wherever you go.

I am incredibly proud to lead this school as Acting Headteacher and I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and our committed governors and church. Your ongoing encouragement and involvement make such a difference to our school community.

A big thank you as well to everyone who took part in and supported the Sponsored Soccer event, raising funds for our Healthy Schools initiatives and a donation to Soccer Aid. You helped us raise a fantastic £515.29!

As we head into the summer break, I wish all our families a restful, safe, and enjoyable holiday. A thank you from everyone for your kind words of support and gifts. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

With warmest wishes,  
**Mrs Forster**

**We donated £15 of the sponsorship money raised to Soccer Aid, Unicef**



**SOCCER AID**



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## Upcoming Events

- **Monday 21st July: INSET Day 6 of 6**
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September: INSET Day 1 of 6**
- **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September:** All pupils return to school



### INSET Days 2025-2026

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

## **BRACKLA ACTIVE FOR LIFE HOLIDAY SCHEME**

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Brackla Community Council

AT BRACKLA SPORTS CENTRE

**28 July - 15 August**

**Monday - Friday**

**Times: 10am-2pm**

**Ages: 8-11 years**



\* **Registration Evening...**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 4:30pm – 6:00pm

At Brackla Sports Centre

# ACTIVE FOR LIFE 2025



## 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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# Music for Youth National Festival

**James Georgiev** (Year 5) represented both Bridgend Music Service and our school with exceptional talent, professionalism, and enthusiasm at the Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham Symphony Hall last Friday.

It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved!

Not only did the pupils perform brilliantly in the festival, but they also took part in two inspiring workshops: the BBC Ten Pieces session and an Army Side-by-Side Band Workshop.

Well done James, we are very proud of you!



Please click below for further photos and videos:

<https://www.facebook.com/BridgendMusicService>

<https://www.instagram.com/bridgend.music.service/>



Before you switch off for the holidays, take a minute to check if you're eligible for the School Essentials Grant.

It could help with the cost of PE kit, uniform, and stationery, taking the pressure off back-to-school prep.

<https://www.gov.wales/get-help-school-costs>

<https://www.bridgend.gov.uk/residents/schools-and-education/grants-for-school-pupils/school-essentials-grant/>



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**EDUCATION WALES**  
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Through the **School Essentials Grant**, your child could get **up to £200** for:

- Sports equipment
- School uniform
- Classroom essentials

# Join us for Bridgend Nature Festival!

Join us at Newbridge Fields  
to celebrate local wildlife,  
learn environmental skills  
and connect with nature  
enthusiasts!

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> of  
July 11:00-  
15:00

Newbridge Fields,  
Bridgend

Nature hunts, fungi  
walks, willow crown  
making, species  
identification  
workshops and more!

Free and  
welcome to all!



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LOCAL NATURE PARTNERSHIP

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# SUMMER CAMPS

**AMIGOS**

4-6 YEAR OLDS

**SKILLS**

6-11 YEAR OLDS



**BOOK NOW**  
to avoid  
disappointment

# FIT 4 CHANGE



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Wellbeing Solutions LTD

**GET READY TO MOVE,  
GROW, AND ACHIEVE—TOGETHER!**

## What we do..

The Fit 4 Change Project is a fun, **FREE** programme for families, parents, carers, and children (ages 8+) in Port Talbot and Bridgend.

Boost your fitness, build confidence, strengthen self-awareness, and learn to push and support each other as a team.

Through goal setting, group workouts, and positive habits, we're creating stronger families and connected communities.

## Contact Us:



[info@Impact-raw.com](mailto:info@Impact-raw.com)



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**RAW PERFORMANCE**  
FIT FOR LIFE

Dear Parents/Guardians of children 8+

We're thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for your family to get active and have fun together! In the past, Raw Performance has successfully run fully funded, free-to-attend family fitness sessions, and we're delighted to bring them back to Bridgend.

This time, we've teamed up with Impact Wellbeing Solutions to launch our brand new Fit 4 Change programme! These sessions are designed for children in year 4 and above to participate in fun activities and exercise alongside their parents or guardians.

Why join Fit 4 Change?

Participating in activities like Fit 4 Change offers numerous benefits for both children and adults:

**Strengthened Family Bonds:** Spending active time together creates lasting memories and strengthens your relationship with your child.

**Improved Physical Health:** Regular exercise is crucial for everyone's well-being, promoting a healthier lifestyle for the whole family.

**Boosted Mood and Energy:** Exercise is a natural mood enhancer and can help reduce stress and increase energy levels.

**Enhanced Coordination and Skills:** Fun activities can help children develop their motor skills, coordination, and teamwork.

**Positive Role Modeling:** When children see their parents engaging in healthy habits, they are more likely to adopt them themselves.

**Increased Confidence:** Achieving goals together, even small ones, can boost self-esteem for both children and adults.

We've attached some pictures so you can see the fun in action!

Sessions will run at Brynteg Comprehensive School Sports Hall every Monday from June 9th. 6-7pm

If you're interested in attending our new Fit 4 Change programme and would like more details, please get in touch with Steve Tallis directly:

Phone: 07494857610

Email: [Info@Impact-Raw.com](mailto:Info@Impact-Raw.com)

We can't wait to see you and your family at Fit 4 Change!



# Coity 700

A celebration of the Dedication of St. Mary's Church, Coity in 1325

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

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10 : 00 - 17 : 00

- Church Open Day (Heol yr Eglwys, Coity Bridgend, CF35 6BL)
- Parish Registers on Display
- Ringing of a Peal by Llandaff Bell Ringers
- Cream Teas in the Church Hall

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THE MINISTRY AREA OF PEN-Y-BONT AR OGWR  
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