

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 26th September 2025

Attendance: 92%

Our annual Harvest Festival took place today with a Eucharistic service led by Rev Broadway. It was a pleasure to welcome so many from our Archdeacon community. Thank you to the children in Miss Conlon's class for their beautiful prayers of thanksgiving. Thank you too for your generosity with donations for the Bridgend Food Bank. Your support will make a real difference to local families in need. We will continue to accept donations for another week.

To celebrate this week's European Languages Day, the children took part in an assembly lead by Ms Lecue and Ms McManus, the French lead practitioner from the Central South Consortia. The children said greetings in Welsh, Spanish, German and French, and enjoyed singing a French song. The children spoke about the languages they speak at home. We would love you to share a word or phrase with us. Feel free to send these via an email to admin, on your child's seesaw account or in a note to the class teacher.

A reminder that we have organised a Parent Workshop to help with keeping your child safe online at home. Mat Jones from BCBC will be able to help you with any questions you have. Please join us on **Thursday 2nd October at 6pm** in our Church Hall.

We are pleased to share that we have partnered with 'Dragon Bags' and are therefore able to accept donations of clothes and textiles for recycling. There is further information about what can and cannot be donated on the posters that follow. Please put any donations in a bag (carrier bag, bin bag etc) and bring them to the door on the main school yard (by Mrs Bowen's classroom) at drop off/pick up times.

Alternatively, pupils can bring in the bags and put them in the collection box for you.

Please do not bring donations to any other entrance at any other time, or leave bags of donations unattended.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher



Keep in Touch:

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Upcoming Events



- **Wednesday 1st October:** Mrs Hodges' class trip to Cardiff Museum
- **Friday 17th October:** Wear red for 'Show Racism the Red Card'
- **Friday 17th October:** Messy Church (Mrs Bowen's class)
- **Thursday 2nd October:** Y6 Transition Morning at ABMG
- **Thursday 2nd October:** Online Safety Workshop for parents, 6pm
- **Tuesday 7th October:** Individual pupil portrait photos
- **Wednesday 22nd October:** Flu Vaccines (R - Y6). More info to be sent out soon
- **Thursday 23rd October:** PTA Disco - more details TBC
- **Friday 24th October:** INSET Day 2
- **Monday 27th - Friday 31st October:** Half Term
- **Monday 3rd November:** All pupils return to school
- **Thursday 6th November:** Mrs Bowen's class trip to St Fagans
- **Monday 10th November:** Applications for Reception September 2026 open
- **Friday 21st November:** Messy Church (Miss Conlon's class)
- **Friday 28th November:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All welcome
- **Thursday 18th December:** Christmas Service in Coity Church, all welcome

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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WE WANT

UNWANTED

CLOTHES

Recycle your clean unwanted textiles to support us!

We've partnered with the award-winning textiles recycler **Roberts Recycling** to **raise vital funds** and help **divert clothes from landfill!**



WHAT you can donate!

We've created this list of textile items we can accept and what we can't.

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|----------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------|---|
| SHIRTS | TROUSERS | SHORTS | T-SHIRTS | JEANS |
| JACKETS | JUMPERS | HOODIES | POLO SHIRTS | JOGGERS |
| BAGS | BELTS & TIES | BOOTS | HATS | GLOVES |
| SHOES | TRAINERS | CLEAN/NEW UNDERWEAR | SKIRTS | DRESSES |
| VEST TOPS | JEWELLERY | SWIMWEAR | LINGERIE | IF YOU'RE NOT SURE, GET IN TOUCH AND WE'LL BE GLAD TO HELP! |
| RIPPED/STAINED | SOCKS | DIRTY UNDERWEAR | BATH ROBES | SLIPPERS |
| PYJAMAS | WORKWEAR | UNIFORMS | PRINTED ITEMS | OLD FASHIONED |

WHERE you can donate!

Our box drop is located:

At the back door on the main school yard, or give to your child to bring in!



WHY you SHOULD donate!

Raise money for our cause

Inspires young people to think and act sustainably

Reduce textile waste to protect the planet

Please donate clean textiles!

Since 2009, the family-run Roberts Recycling have helped raise over £10million for their charity and school partners through textiles recycling.

Find out more at www.dragonbags.co.uk



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IF UNSURE AS TO WHETHER WE WILL ACCEPT YOUR ITEMS, GET IN TOUCH TO FIND OUT

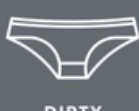
What you can't donate!



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SOCKS



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Or call us on: 0800 014 2412



Practice Welsh at Home

Welsh Apps for Home

If you would like to support your child in learning Welsh (or even improve your own!) here are useful Apps:

APPS CYMRAEG - Foundation Phase

- Magi Ann Apps
- Betsan a Roco yn y Pentref
- Fflic a Fflac iBooks
- Welsh for kids and babies
- Cymraeg for kids App
- Pacca Alpaca
- Babog Baby
- CYW
- Tric a Chlic
- Welsh 4 kids- Colours and Shapes
- Ar y fferm
- Welsh Learning for Kids

APPS CYMRAEG – Key Stage 2

- hAPus 1
- hAPus 2
- Campau Cosmig
- Campau Cosmig 2
- Codi Hwyl
- Guto Nyth Bran
- Sillafu (Spelling)
- Brawddegau (Sentences)
- Amser (Time)
- Anagramau (Anagrams)
- Dewi Sant
- English Welsh Translator
- Offline English Welsh Dictionary
- Geiriadur Gorau Saesneg Cymraeg
- Ap Geiriaduron



Practice Welsh at Home

WELSH WEBSITES

<http://www.s4c.cymru/cyw/en/games/>

These websites are based around programmes for Foundation Phase on S4C.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/shows/cymraeg>

Welsh language games based around the Cbeebies TV series.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/Resources>

The Hwb website has a wealth of interesting activities, stories and information to improve your understanding of Welsh culture/ history and the Welsh language.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learning/astroantics/index.shtml>

Here you can zoom through space and discover stories, songs and games created especially for young Welsh learners. Bliblob is an animated, talking guide who morphs into the meaning of Welsh words used in the stories and the songs. Bliblob can also be used either with the stories and songs or on its own to learn new words and sentences in a fun way.

<http://www.learn-welsh.net/>

A site for juniors to practise vocabulary- either words or sentences in a number of different ways.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/wales/learning/penigamp/>

A Welsh Second Language resource for 7-11 year olds in KS2.

<https://www.duolingo.com/course/cy/en/Learn-Welsh-Online>

Learn Welsh in just 5 minutes with our game like lessons. Whether you're a beginner starting with the basics or looking practice your reading, writing, and speaking. Duolingo is scientifically proven to work.