



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 12th December 2025**

**Attendance: 93%**

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our parents and families for your wonderful support during our Nativity concerts this week. Your help with costumes, encouragement at home, and presence in the audience made such a difference.

The children delivered truly outstanding performances—we received many lovely comments, including *"The best Nativity we have ever put on"* and *"You wouldn't find better quality singing on a West End stage."* High praise indeed, and so well deserved!

A special thank you to our dedicated staff, who worked incredibly hard to produce such a polished performance. And of course, thank you to our amazing children—you were all stars. Your singing, acting, and narrating shone brightly and filled us with pride.

Thank you also to the PTA for providing refreshments, selling raffle tickets for the Christmas prize draw and funding the wonderful Christmas show 'The Roaming Gnome' for all the children to enjoy.

The children were spoilt with a delicious Christmas dinner on Thursday too - we are very grateful to our catering team for making this a special occasion for us all.

We would also like to thank all the children and families who represented our school so beautifully at the Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's, Nolton last night. Your contribution helped make the event truly special.

**We hope you will join us for our Christmas Service at Coity Church on Thursday 18th at 10am. We look forward to celebrating together.**

Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher

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# Upcoming Events

- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Service in Coity Church (Year 1 - Year 6), 10:00am. All parents/carers are welcome to join us!
- **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Criw Cymraeg Squash and Biscuits stall - 50p
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term - pupils can wear festive party wear for fun activities in the afternoon. Please check Seesaw for more details on what each class has planned.
- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** INSET Day 3 of 6
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** All pupils return to school

Stay up to date by checking the school calendar on our website - you can access it via the link below or click the 'Useful Links' tab on the School Gateway app.

[www.ajlprimary.co.uk/news-and-events/calendar](http://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/news-and-events/calendar)

You can also see our school policies on the website too. Please click the following link:

[www.ajlprimary.co.uk/school-policies](http://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/school-policies)

We have recently reviewed our attendance policy and would welcome your feedback.



## 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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Together for tomorrow





PTA

Christmas Raffle



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

## Super Ambassadors

Our Rights Respecting Super Ambassadors have been busy collecting information on the monthly matters.



### **November's monthly matters**

All classes completed the survey on Transport and we will have the results of the survey taken by children across Wales soon

*Did you know that from November, there will be new cheap bus fares for all young people aged 5-21 in Wales?*

### **December's monthly matters**

Our Super Ambassadors will meet again to discuss the following and complete a survey in class to share information with the Welsh Government.

December will be a time of celebration for many of us. You might be celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah, Bodhi Day, to name just a few of the celebrations happening across Wales and the rest of the world this month. Religious and cultural festivals are an important part of our identities, helping us celebrate our beliefs, values, and culture.

We have opportunities in school to celebrate our identity.

Each class will discuss and feedback on the following:

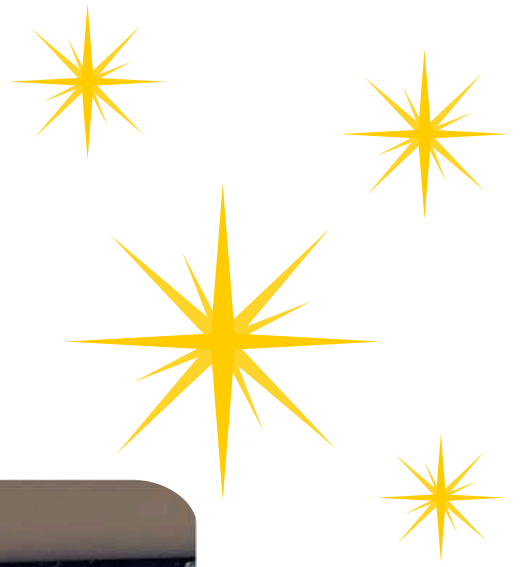
- What have you done in your school or club to celebrate your identity or culture?
- What has worked well and what would have made it better?
- How do you want to learn about other cultures?



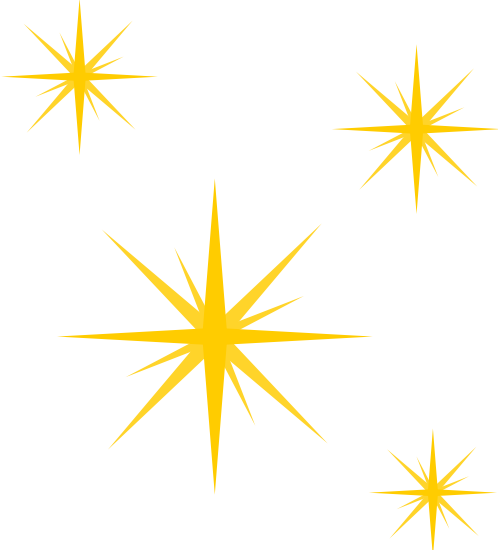
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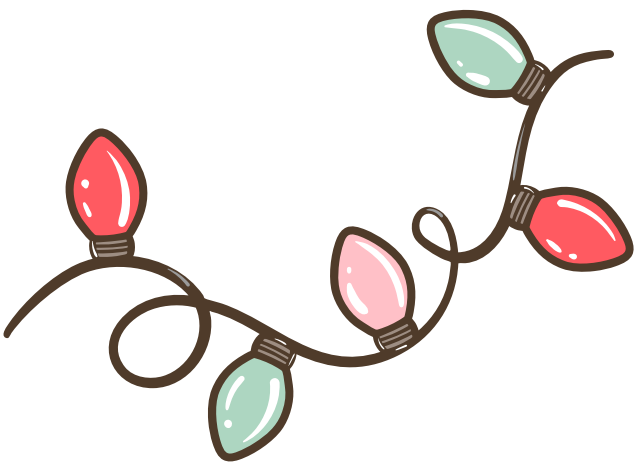


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# Christmas Dinner Day!





# Nolton Tree Festival

Thank you to Miss Conlon and our wonderful choir for their beautiful performance on Thursday evening.



The Tree Festival is running all weekend, see the poster below for more information on what is planned.

Our Christmas tree is beautifully representing our school!



## The Christmas Experience with St Marys Church, Brackla

Mrs Bowen, Miss Conlon & Miss Evans-Jones' classes enjoyed the Christmas Experience today. Mrs Richards/Mrs Morgan and Mrs Hodges' class are looking forward to this on Monday. We will share photos next week of what they got up to!





PENYBONT —  
— CHURCHES



YOU'RE INVITED  
TO OUR MINISTRY AREA

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

St Mary's Church , Nolton

**10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> December**

see seperate programme of events - updates on website





The Ministry Area of Pen-y-bont ar Ogwr

## CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL EVENTS:

Wed. 10<sup>th</sup>: 1:00pm Festival Opens

2:30pm Maes Yr Haul School

4:30pm Brynteg School

Thurs. 11<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am Morning Prayer

2:00pm Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Ogwr

4:30pm St Brides School

5:30pm Archdeacon John Lewis School

Fri. 12<sup>th</sup>: 11:00am Morning Prayer

2:00pm Organ Recital

4:00pm Llangewydd Junior School

5:00pm Penyfai School

6:00pm Ministry Area Choir

Sat. 13<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am Morning Prayer

10:00am Busker Organs Wales

11:00am Trelales School

12:00pm Ministry Area Choir

1:00pm 'A Christmas Three' - Colin, Jo + Richard


2:00pm Carers Choir

3:30pm Festive Ensemble

4:30pm: Festive Favourites - Beth + Dan

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>: 2:00pm Carol Singing with the band + raffle draw.

Raising funds for Bridgend Young Carers and our Churches





# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

**JOIN OUR CAMPS**

Head to our website to see what we have going on:  
[www.spanishsoccerschools.co.uk](http://www.spanishsoccerschools.co.uk)

Our Futsal camps for 4-6 and 6-11 year olds are a great way for children to keep fit and healthy, learn new things, meet new people and make new friends, interact with older and younger children as well as our amazing coaches, gain an independence and participate in competitive games. Our camps are tailored to suit all ability levels, from beginners to advanced individuals, these camps will be the highlight of your child's school holidays.

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