



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 19th December 2025**

**Attendance: 93%**

## Chair of Governors – Advent 2025

As I look back over 2025, I realise what an exceptionally busy year this has been. The Estyn inspection we had added extra pressure to all learners, parents and staff in the school. However, the outcomes of the Estyn inspection were particularly complementary of the school, learners and parents/carers. Estyn reported that, "The provision for pupil's well-being, such as the work to improve pupil's awareness and resilience are a strength of the school." Adding that over 90% of pupils make good progress.

The work in school to prepare learners for the Nativity performance has given children an understanding of all that Christmas means and how the Christmas gift of Jesus provides hope for all.

All the staff and children that have worked so hard to attain these high levels of achievement in all aspects of school life need to be congratulated. The staff, pupils and parents/carers at Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School work together as a team to provide outstanding results month after month.

Achievement in all aspects of school life is excellent, but when this is combined with comments about the friendliness, courtesy and respect from children to school visitors, the result is truly exceptional.

This year we have also seen improvements to our external doors, site security and cloakrooms as well as a school library, an ICT area and a room for creative arts.

During Advent and our preparations for Christmas it is so easy to be carried away with daily chores without realising the hope that Christmas brings.

As Jesus told his disciples and is recorded in John 14:27,  
*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."*

I wish you joy and peace this Christmas.

**M J Hawthorne**

Chair of Governors

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## Upcoming Events

- **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January:** INSET Day 3 of 6
- **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** All pupils return to school
- **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January:** Y6 Cycle Training Catch Up Session
- **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:** Messy Church (Mrs Hodges' Class)
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January:** Eucharist - all welcome!
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February:** Half Term
- **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:** INSET Day 4 of 6

THANK  
YOU



**We raised £55 for Y Bont  
on Christmas jumper day!**

### 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.

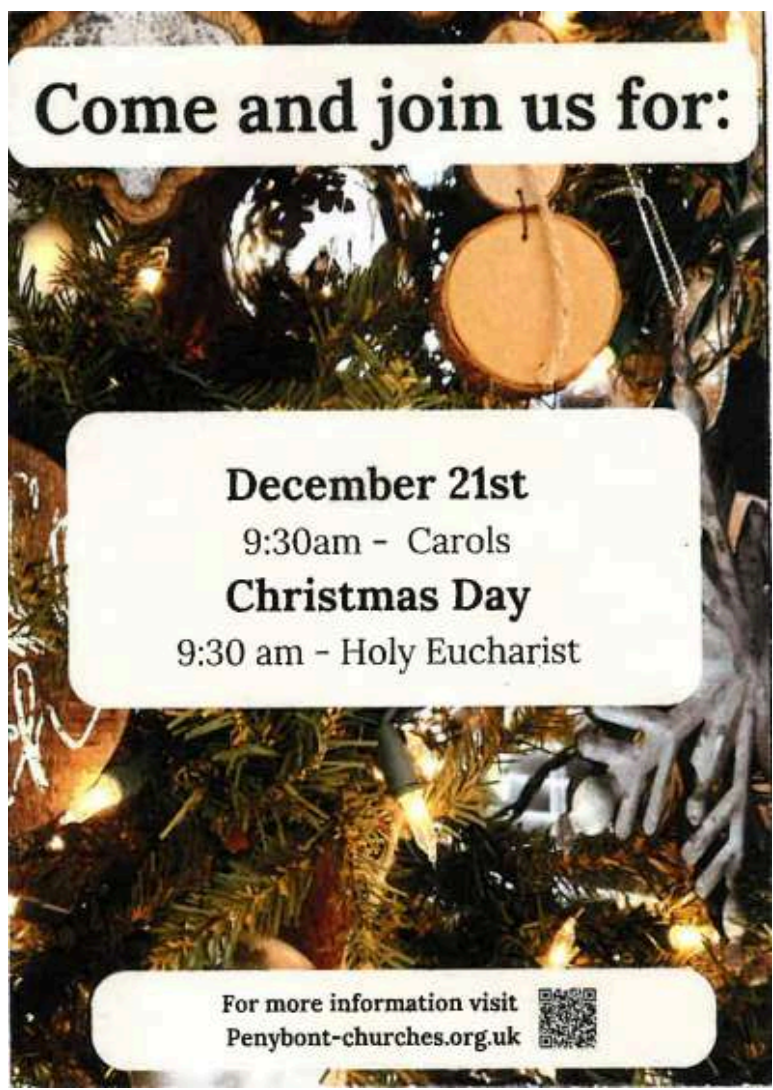
Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to [admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru](mailto:admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru)



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The services are held at Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School and are about an hour long, including hymns.

We offer an informal environment with seating set up around tables. Sunday school runs alongside the service for the children.

Communion on Christmas Day is open to anyone baptised who would normally receive in their home church. Gluten free communion wafers are available.

Refreshments are served free of charge.

If you're a guest, please do make yourself known to a member of the team (often seen handing out service books).

# The Christmas Experience with St Marys Church, Brackla



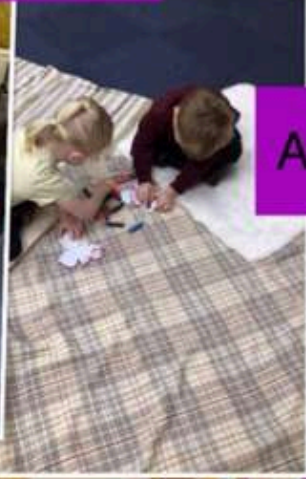
# Christmas experience



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Advent



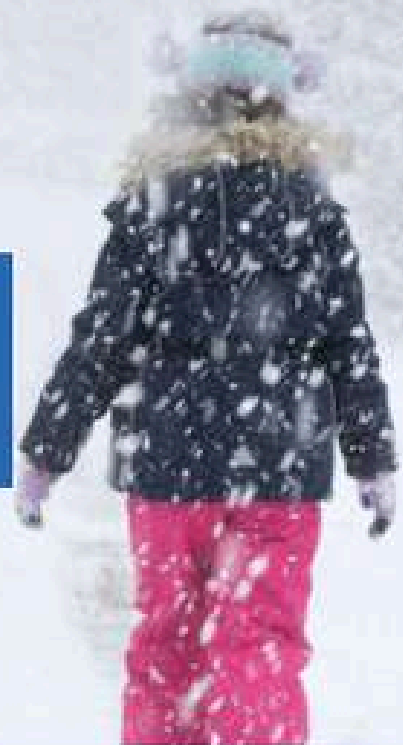
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# Talk to your children about Water Safety!



Flooding and ice in winter can be dangerous for children. Keep your children safe and talk to them about water safety.

## STAY AWAY FROM THE EDGE



- Keep back from slippery banks.
- Never walk or play on ice.
- Stick to well-lit areas and plan your walks during daylight.
- Avoid walking or driving through floodwater.

## KEEP CHILDREN AND PETS CLOSE



- Teach children to stay off the ice and avoid floodwater.
- Keep dogs on a lead near ice and slippery banks.

## IF YOU FALL THROUGH THE ICE



- Keep calm and call for help.
- Float on your back until you feel calm, then try to climb out.
- If you cannot climb out, continue to float and keep your head clear of the water.

## IF YOU SEE SOMEONE IN TROUBLE - CALL 999



- Do not enter cold water, ice, or flood water to rescue someone.
- Assist from a safe distance. Use rescue equipment, something that floats or something that could help such as a rope or tree branch.

## ENJOY THE WINTER SAFELY!



## FLOOD SAFETY UPDATES

Sign up for flood warnings on the [Natural Resources Wales website](https://www.naturalresources.wales/ flooding/ sign-up-to-receive-flood-warnings)

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Stay informed about weather conditions and flood warnings.



# Coughs and sneezes spread diseases



always carry tissues



cover your coughs and sneezes



throw used tissues in a bin



always clean your hands

## Stop germs spreading



# Stop norovirus spreading

Norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug', is the most common stomach bug in the UK. It can spread easily through close contact, or by contaminated surfaces, food or water.

The main symptoms of norovirus include a sudden onset of nausea, followed by projectile vomiting and diarrhoea, usually 1 to 2 days after becoming infected. Other common symptoms include a high fever, a headache and aching arms and legs.

Good hand hygiene is important to stop norovirus spreading.

## To stop norovirus spreading, you should:

- wash your hands thoroughly using soap and warm water after using the toilet or contact with a sick individual and before preparing and eating food.
- stay off school or work until you have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least two days
- not rely on alcohol gels instead of washing your hands, as these do not kill the virus
- wash any contaminated clothing or bedding using detergent at 60°C using disposable gloves to handle any items
- use bleach-based cleaners to disinfect surfaces

**If you catch it, stay home for 48 hours after your symptoms clear**

## DO

Wash clothes and bedding at 60°C



Wash hands with soap, clean surfaces with bleach-based disinfectants

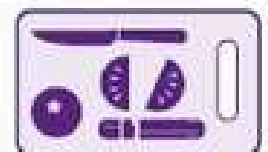


## DON'T

Go to work or school, visit care homes or hospitals



Prepare food for others



Most people will make a full recovery in 2-3 days without needing any medicine. It is important to keep hydrated – especially children and the elderly.

Try not to visit A&E or GP surgeries if you have symptoms of norovirus unless advised to do so by a healthcare professional, as this may spread the bug to others. Call ahead to a GP or ring NHS 111 if you are worried about your symptoms.

Further information is available at NHS 111 or NHS.uk (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/norovirus/>)



# 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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