

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 9th January 2026

Attendance: 92%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families, and welcome back! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break filled with special moments together. It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and see so many happy faces as they settled back into school life.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Christmas experiences. There have been lots of enthusiastic discussions about what Father Christmas brought them and the fun activities they enjoyed over the holidays. It has been a joy to see their excitement and confidence as they talk with their friends.

Our younger children have been busy exploring ice, showing great curiosity as they investigated how it feels, looks, and changes. This hands-on activity sparked lots of interest and conversation, supporting their learning through play and discovery.

Miss Conlon's class had a fantastic gymnastics lesson, making excellent use of the gym equipment. The children worked hard to practise balancing, climbing, and moving in different ways, developing both their physical skills and confidence.

We look forward to another exciting term full of learning, exploration, and fun. Please see the calendar on our website/important dates below for the various events we have leading up to Easter.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher



Keep in Touch:

www.ajlprimary.co.uk | 01656 815520 | admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru | Message us using the School Gateway app

Safeguarding and Child Protection information can be found here: <https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/whos-who/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 16th January:** Deadline for parent governor applications (3pm)
- **Friday 23rd January:** Messy Church (Mrs Hodges' Class) 9:15am
- **Friday 30th January:** Eucharist - all welcome at 9:15am
- **Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February:** Half Term
- **Monday 23rd February:** INSET Day 4 of 6
- **Friday 27th February:** Eisteddfod (PM only)
- **Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March:** Communion Prep with Rev. Mark at 1pm (Y5-Y6)
- **Wednesday 4th March & Thursday 5th March:** Parents Evenings
- **Friday 13th March:** First Communion Eucharist - all welcome at 9:15am
- **Wednesday 25th March:** Easter Bonnet Service (SRCM/RH/EB) 9:15am
- **Thursday 26th March:** Easter Service in Coity Church (Y1 - Y6) - all welcome at 10am
- **Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April:** Easter Holidays
- **Monday 20th April - Friday 1st May:** Swimming Lessons (Y4 - Y6)
- **Monday 4th May:** Bank Holiday
- **Friday 8th May:** Eucharist - all welcome!
- **Friday 15th May:** Messy Church (Mrs Richards/Mrs Morgan's class)
- **Friday 22nd May:** INSET Day 5 of 6
- **Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May:** Half Term

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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Parent Governor Required

We wish to inform you that the governing body of Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales VA Primary School has the following number of parent governor vacancies:

1 (one)

If you wish to be considered for election, please submit the following information to the school by **3:00pm on Friday 16th January**. (Any applications received after this date will not be taken into account.)

Your application can be submitted via email to admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru or in writing to the school office.

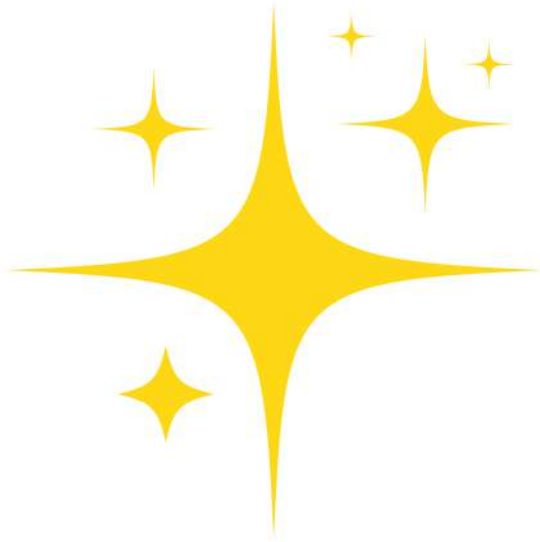
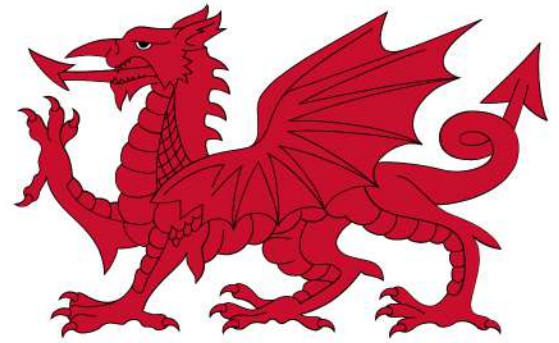
- 1. Your Name**
- 2. Address**
- 3. Telephone number**
- 4. Child's name**

You must also include a **short statement of no more than 100 words** which will be included in the ballot form. Please note if you exceed the word limit, only the first 100 words will be included on the ballot form.

Please sign and date the information you submit to the school.



Criw Cymraeg



Star of the Week



Values Certificate



'Curious & Active'



Exploring the ice.



Cold



Hard



Smash



PIC•COLLAGE





SHOP ROLE PLAY-
USING MONEY
AND SPEAKING
WELSH.



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Independent
Counting to 20



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