

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 16th January 2026

Attendance: 93%

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were delighted to welcome the 'Open the Book' team into school. We were captivated by the wonderful acting and confident speaking that brought to life the story of the visit of the Three Kings to Jesus. The storytelling was engaging and thoughtful, helping the children to deepen their understanding while enjoying a memorable shared experience.

We have also been exploring our new school values of **Curious and Active** through the story of Jesus' baptism. The children learned how Jesus showed curiosity and activity through his life. This provided a meaningful opportunity for reflection, with pupils thinking about how they themselves can be curious learners and active citizens in their everyday lives.

The children also reflected on the idea of 'thinking globally and acting locally', considering how small actions in school, at home and in the community can make a positive difference. It has been wonderful to hear their thoughtful responses and see them making meaningful connections between their learning and everyday life.

Alongside this, we were pleased to welcome medical students into school who worked with Miss Evans-Jones' class to help them learn more about the human body and what it is like to study medicine. The pupils were fascinated to hear about the students' studies and asked thoughtful questions, showing great curiosity and enthusiasm as they explored how the body works and how science helps us to stay healthy.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs L Forster

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Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Tuesday 24th February:** Y5 and Y6 trip to ABMG for 'Matilda Jr'
- **Friday 27th February:** Eisteddfod (PM only)
- **Monday 2nd March - Friday 6th March:** Communion Prep with Rev. Mark at 1pm (Y5-Y6)
- **Friday 6th March:** E-steddfod - watch live on e-sgol's Facebook page!
- **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



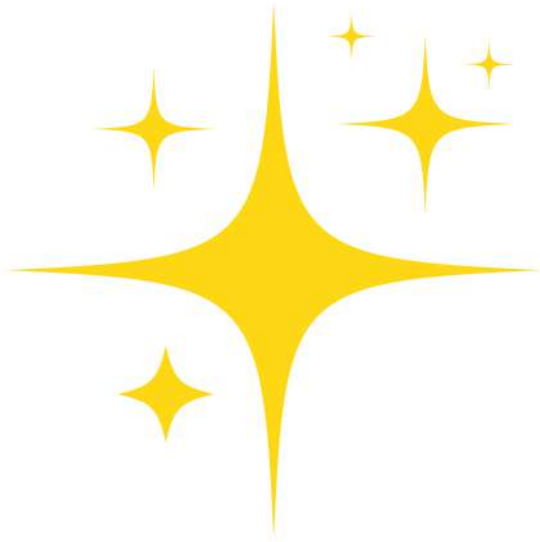
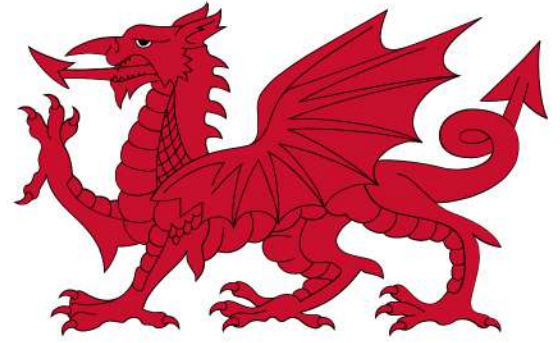
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Criw Cymraeg



Star of the Week



Values Certificate



'Curious & Active'



Open the Book



**Thank you to
St Mary's
Church,
Brackla**



Preparing fruit and vegetables!



We learned about where different fruits and vegetables come from, we explored them using our senses, learned how to prepare them safely and then tasted them! Lots of the children tasted new things and worked together really well.



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Cosmic yoga- winter



Penguin



Eagle



Sleigh



Medical students from Cardiff University



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