



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 23rd January 2026

Attendance: 93%

Dear Parents and Carers,

As part of our Welsh curriculum, pupils have been busy completing a range of engaging activities that celebrate Welsh language and culture. The children in Year 4, 5 and 6 took part in an exciting **Mari Lwyd workshop**, where they learned about this traditional Welsh custom through storytelling, music, and participation. Mrs Bowen's class enjoyed making delicious **Welsh cakes**, developing practical skills while learning about Welsh heritage.

Alongside this, children have been learning and playing a variety of **games designed to develop their Welsh oracy skills**. These fun, interactive activities have helped build confidence in speaking and listening, encouraging pupils to use Welsh naturally and enthusiastically. See if they can teach you how to play a few games at home!

We would also like to say a **huge thank you to Rev Mark, the members of St Mary's Church, Brackla, and Laura Ames** for hosting a wonderful **Messy Church coffee morning** for Mrs Hodges' class. Thank you as well to all the **parents and carers** who attended and enjoyed taking part in the activities based on the Bible story of **'Jonah and the Big Fish'**. It was a lovely opportunity for everyone to learn, create, and spend time together.

We are celebrating **Eucharist next Friday** and warmly welcome you, along with your extended families and friends, to celebrate with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

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

Upcoming Events

- **Friday 6th February:** PTA Movie Matinee of 'Elio', Y2-Y6 £3.50 (tickets on the gateway app)
- **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'
- **Wednesday 25th February:** Y2 and Y5 visit from the Fire Service
- **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.

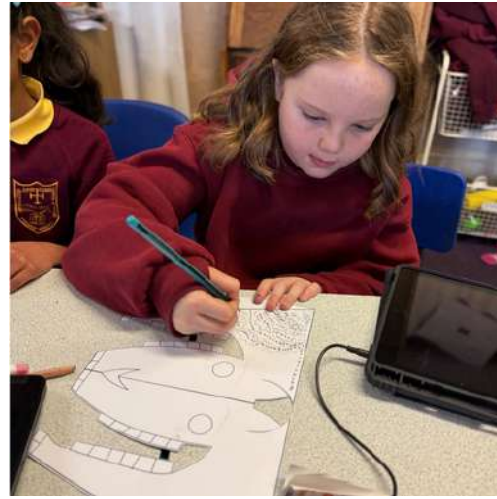
Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru



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**Mrs Bowen's class enjoyed having a go at making
Welsh cakes / Picau ar y Maen.**

Blasus iawn / Very tasty!



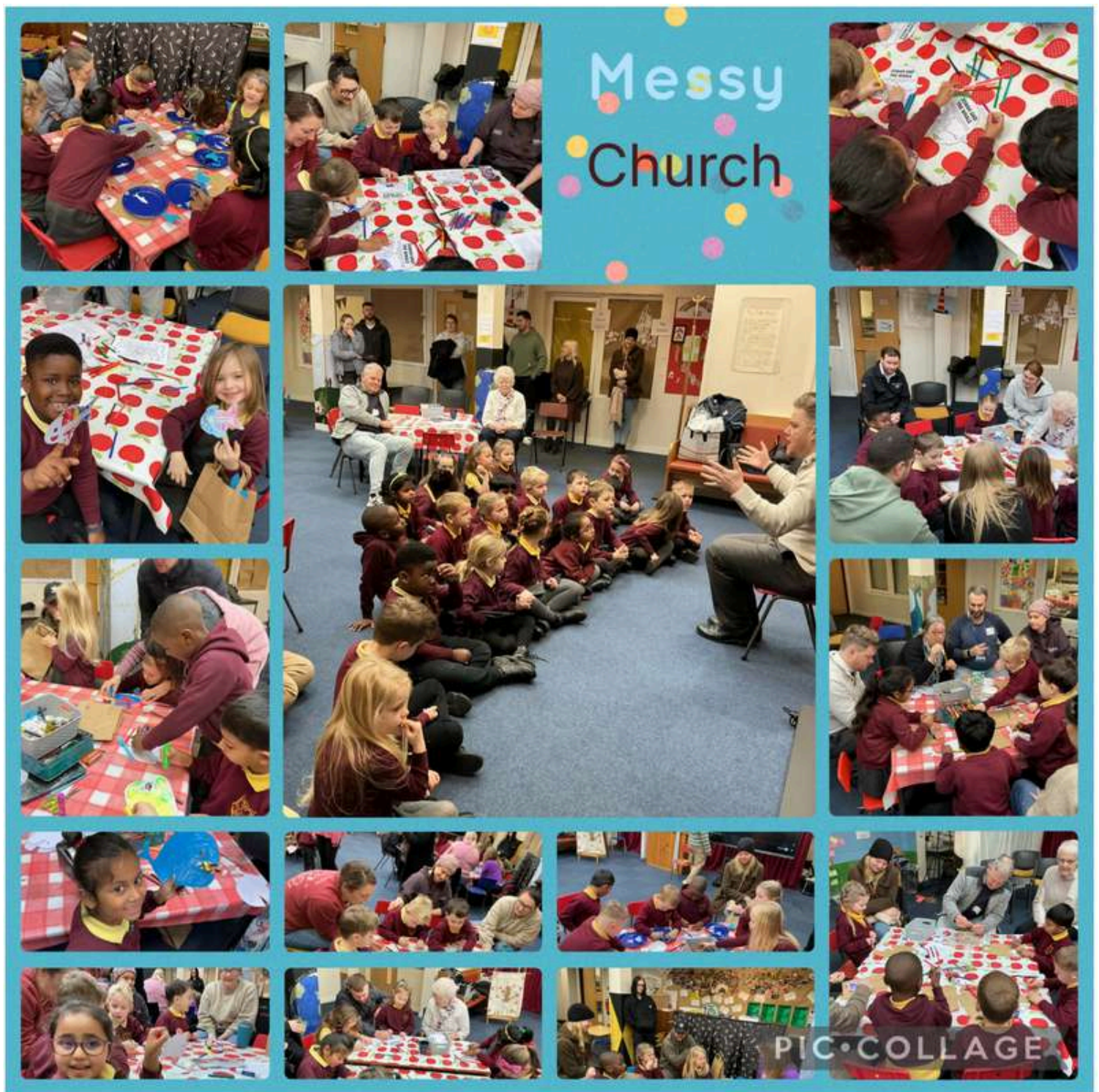
Why not have a go at home using this recipe:

<https://www.visitwales.com/things-do/food-and-drink/welsh-food-and-recipes/traditional-welsh-cakes-recipe>



Movement to music





Thank you to everyone who was able to come to our Messy Church this morning. The children absolutely loved it. Apologies if all you hear tonight are party horns! 🎉

The volunteers from the church commented on how well the children listened and their beautiful manners. 🌟

For those who couldn't make it, Reverend Mark told a very entertaining version of Jonah and the Big Fish, the children completed craft activities which they have brought home with them. I wonder if they can remember the story to retell to you.



£3.50

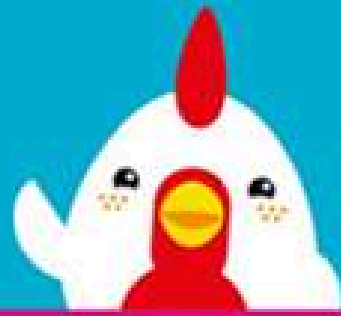
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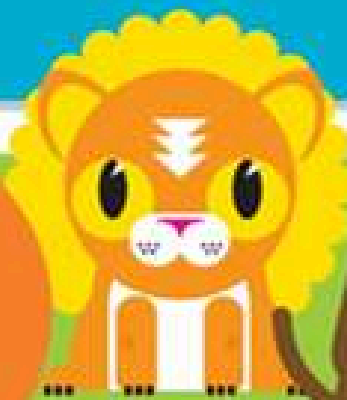
FRI 6TH FEBRUARY, 3.20PM-5.30PM

**TICKET INCLUDES: POPCORN, DRINK AND A HOT DOG
PLEASE BOOK ON THE GATEWAY APP!**





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FOOTBALL CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

LOCATION: BRIDGEND

Brackla: Archdeacon John Lewis School
8:30am-4:30pm



Monday - Thursday
16th - 19th of February

**EARLY BOOKING
DISCOUNT**

£18 per day
if booked before February 1st

£21 Per day If booked after 01/02/26

 Sibling Discount Available

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

FUN, SKILLS, GAMES & DEVELOPMENT



Boys & Girls
aged: 5-11 years
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME