

# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 6th February 2026**

**Attendance: 93%**

The saying that 'you are never too old to learn' is certainly true for our staff. I would like to thank them for the significant amount of behind-the-scenes work that continues to take place.

This is just a snapshot of the training that has occurred this term.

Staff have received training in a Welsh Government reading programme to further develop reading skills in the upper juniors, while also engaging in professional learning to strengthen progression in the teaching of grammar and punctuation across the school. We have also continued our engagement with the Welsh Government to further develop our curriculum and assessment procedures. We have also worked with a Diocesan officer to further develop our Religion Values and Ethics curriculum. In addition, staff in the Early Years are undertaking training in the Froebelian Principles to support the continued development of the curriculum for our youngest learners. This ongoing commitment ensures we continue to provide the best possible learning experiences for our pupils.

Children in Years 5 and 6 have received a kind invitation from Rev Mark Broadway to explore the opportunity to prepare for First Holy Communion, Baptism, or to take a more active role in school worship as a server. Letters with further information have been sent home today, and families are warmly encouraged to read through them together and consider how their child may wish to be involved.

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher

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# Upcoming Events

- **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
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Pancake Day!
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Y5 and Y6 trip to ABMG for 'Matilda Jr'
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February:** Y2 and Y5 visit from the Fire Service
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February:** Eisteddfod (PM only)
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Communion Prep with Rev. Mark at 1pm (Y5-Y6)
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** E-steddfod - watch live on e-sgol's Facebook page!
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March & Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** Parents Evenings
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** First Communion Eucharist - all welcome at 9:15am
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Bonnet Service (SRCM/RH/EB) 9:15am
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Service in Coity Church (Y1 - Y6) - all welcome at 10am
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Holidays
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** Swimming Lessons (Y4 - Y6)
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May:** Eucharist - all welcome!
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Messy Church (Mrs Richards/Mrs Morgan's class)
- **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** INSET Day 5 of 6
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May:** Half Term



Don't forget to submit your vote in the Parent Governor Ballot by 10am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

## 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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# Pancake Day



Let's  
celebrate with  
**Pancakes &  
Fruit**  
at lunchtime on

**Tuesday 24th February  
2026**



The Ministry Area of Penybont ar Ogwr

# COMMUNION PREPARATION

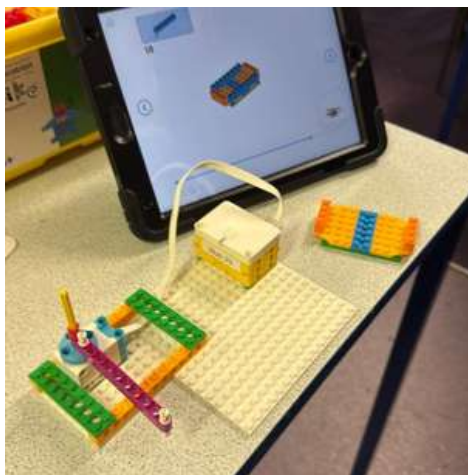
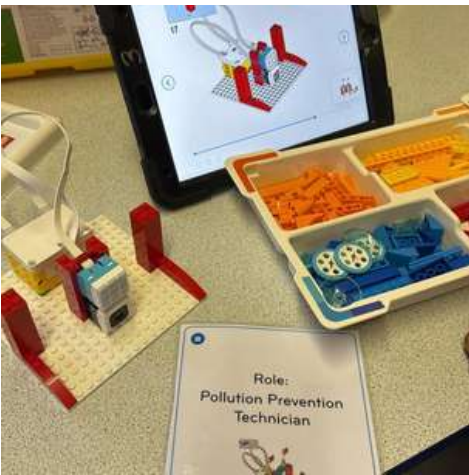
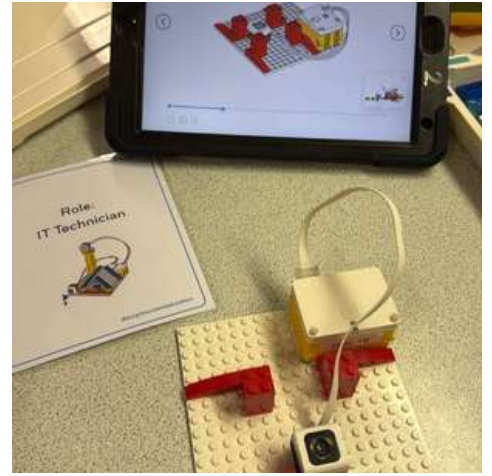
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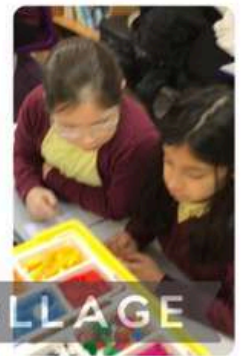
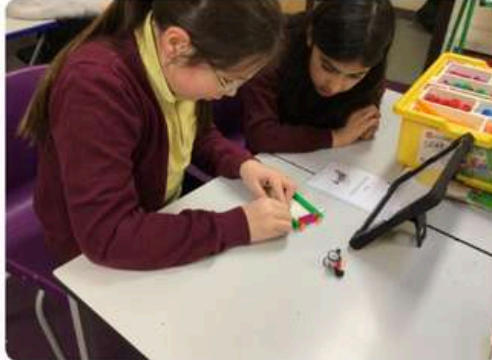
**CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE**

Consent forms have been sent home with your child(ren). Please return them to the school office ASAP.

Please could you also log onto the Gateway app to give your consent for your child's photograph to be taken and shared with the church for use in their newsletters/social media.

# Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed a hands-on workshop with Dŵr Cymru.





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# The Bug Hotel





# Using AI Safely

When used responsibly, AI has many positive uses, such as entertainment, making life easier, and brainstorming ideas. However, it can be misused and cause harm.

## AI Isn't Always Right



AI can make things up, misinterpret questions or miss key details.

It predicts; it doesn't "know" the truth.

It can sound confident even when it's wrong.

Check facts using a trusted source, such as a teacher or reliable websites

## Don't Rely on AI



AI can be a useful tool for research, studying, and generating ideas.

However, relying on it can weaken important writing, problem-solving, and independent thinking skills.

AI should support learning, not replace it.

## AI Can Be Biased



AI is trained on data, which can be biased.

It can present unfair or one-sided views.

This means AI may sometimes reflect stereotypes about gender, race, sexuality, or other characteristics.

When using AI, think critically.  
Ask: Is this fair? Who might this harm?

## AI Isn't a Real Friend



Some AI chatbots seem human and appear to have a personality, but they are not real people.

Do not become emotionally dependent on AI or share personal information, such as your address or phone number.

If something feels serious or upsetting, talk to a real person you trust.

## AI Work Isn't Your Work



AI can quickly create essays, artwork, and answers, but handing in AI-generated work as your own is dishonest and breaks school rules.

Instead, use AI for ideas or feedback, and make sure the final work is genuinely yours.

Learning is about developing your own thinking, not copying answers.

## AI Can Fake Reality



Some people use AI to create fake images, stories, voices, and videos.

"Deepfakes" can be used to:

- bully people by falsely showing them doing something illegal or inappropriate
- pretend to be other people online
- scam people

If something looks suspicious, don't share it and report it to a trusted adult or platform.

Before you use or share AI content, ask:

- ? Is it true?
- ? Is it fair?
- ? Is it safe?
- ? Is it mine?

If something worries you: Stop ▶ Report ▶ Tell A Trusted Adult



# FOOTBALL CAMPS

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

LOCATION: BRIDGEND

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



**Monday - Thursday**  
16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 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