



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 13th February 2026**

**Attendance: 92%**

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Reminder: please ensure snacks and lunch boxes are free from nut based products. Diolch!**

As we come to the end of another busy and successful half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. It has been a fantastic few weeks filled with learning, achievement, and memorable experiences for our pupils. We have seen wonderful progress across all year groups and the children have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience, and a positive attitude towards their learning. It has been a pleasure to see their confidence continue to grow.

We have also enjoyed several special events and visits from the clergy, members of St Mary's Church, Brackla, medical students and Size of Wales workshops. These opportunities enrich the curriculum and help bring learning to life. Thank you to all families who supported these events.

Attendance remains a key priority for our school.

Thank you for ensuring your child attends regularly and arrives on time each day – it truly makes a difference to their progress and wellbeing.

After half term, the children will be taking part in our school Eisteddfod as well as the e-Steddod. We have sent out information about a home task based on the theme 'Belonging'. We strongly encourage all children to take part, as they will receive a house point for their efforts. We look forward to celebrating their creativity and talents.

As we head into the break, we hope you all enjoy a well-earned rest and some quality family time. School will reopen on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February for pupils. Please remember to check that uniforms are ready and are labelled with your child's name.

Finally, I would like to thank our dedicated staff and governors for their hard work and commitment this half term. Their passion and care help make our school a supportive and inspiring place for every child.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable break.

**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher



The full video of the YouthCOP2025 events at Cardiff and Bangor is available to view here:

<https://vimeo.com/1154050224/238cf937c1>

We think it captures the energy of the event brilliantly!



Thank you to Juls Price for the beautiful new tapestry for our entrance foyer.

**Keep in Touch:**

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# Upcoming Events

- **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)
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day - see poster below for more information
- **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 - bookings open now!
- **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

## 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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# Eisteddfod Home Task 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that our school will once again be celebrating the Welsh culture and language through our annual Eisteddfod. As part of the celebrations, all pupils are invited to take part in a Home Task linked to this year's theme.

Eisteddfod 2026 Home Task Theme: **Belonging / Perthyn**

This theme encourages pupils to think about the people, places, and communities that make them feel safe, valued, and connected. We warmly welcome creative interpretations of the theme.

Children may choose one of the following:

**Artwork** – a drawing, painting, collage or mixed-media piece

**Model** – a sculpture or 3D creation

**Poster** – using words, images, or both

**Poem or short piece of writing**

**Photography** – a single photo or small series with a short explanation

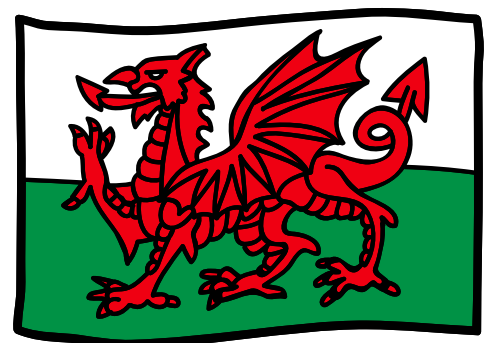
We encourage children to create something that expresses what belonging means to them—whether that's their family, school, culture, friendships, hobbies, or a special place.

Please return all Home Task entries to your class teacher at school by **24.02.2026**.

All entries will be displayed as part of our school Eisteddfod, and pupils will have the opportunity to share and celebrate their creativity with their peers.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to seeing the wonderful work the children produce.

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# Pancake Day



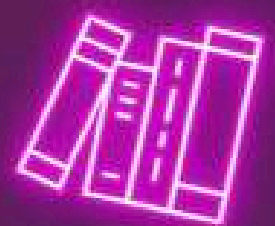
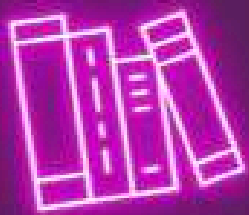
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celebrate with  
**Pancakes &  
Fruit**  
at lunchtime on

**Tuesday 24th February  
2026**



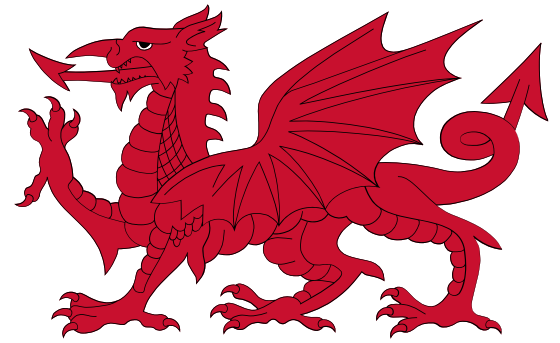
# Thursday 5th March **WORLD BOOK DAY!**

- Pupils are welcome to wear their PJs or book related fancy dress and bring in their favourite book on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March.
- Book Swap - we will accept books for the book swap any time after half term, please send them in with your child. The book swap will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Additional books may be purchased for 20p each.

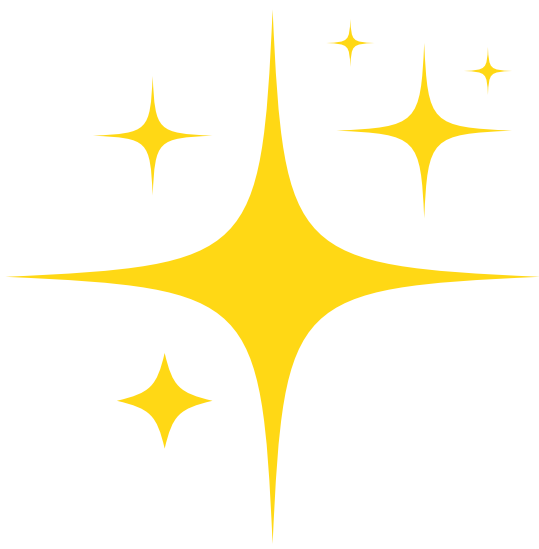




**Criw Cymraeg**



**Star of the Week**



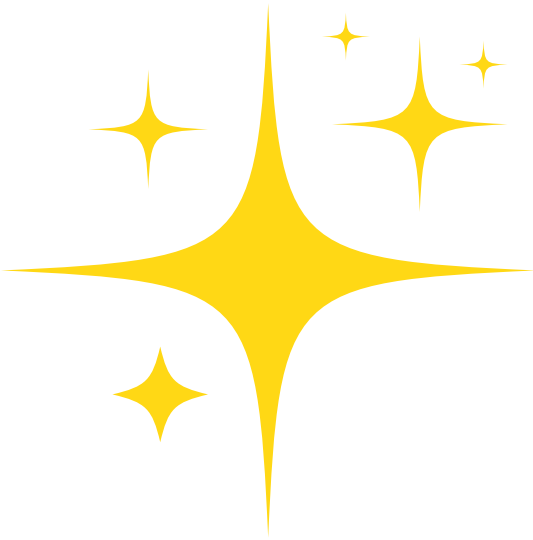
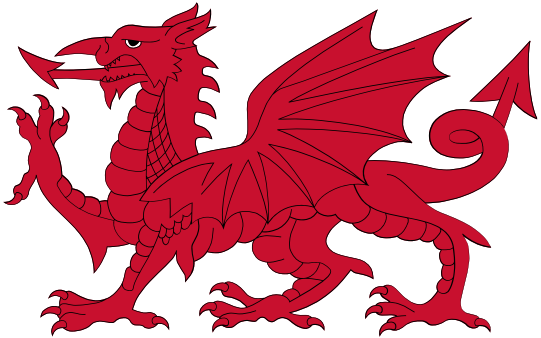
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**'Curious & Active'**



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The Ministry Area of Penybont ar Ogwr



# COMMUNION PREPARATION

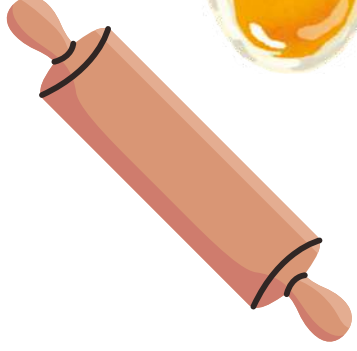
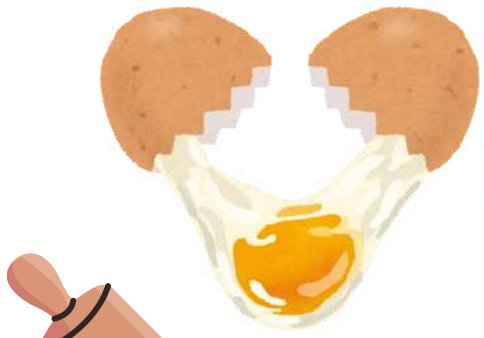
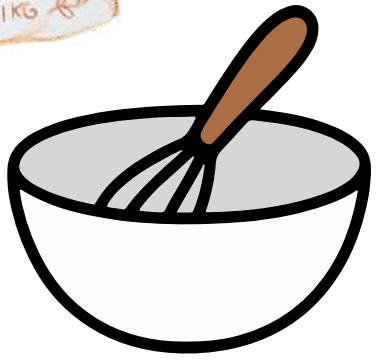
**Open to all children in  
years 5 and 6 as  
preparation for first  
Communion, Baptism, or to  
take a more active role in  
school worship as a server.**

**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.

# The Gingerbread Man





WE CREATED OUR OWN GIANT DOT ART INSPIRED BY THE BOOK 'THE DOT' 11.02.26



PIC • COLLAGE



**Thank you for coming to our Messy Church Coffee Morning!**









# SPRING HALF TERM JOIN OUR CAMPS

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# Free Hockey Event



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**Looking for something new to try this Half Term? Make new friends and get active, TRY HOCKEY!**

Bridgend Ladies Hockey Club invites you to our Youth Hockey Event on 21st February, 10am-12, Pencoed Comprehensive Pitch.

This free event is open to all girls aged 8-14 years including those with some prior experience or none at all.

All equipment provided. Just wear your trainers!

**Free club T-shirt for every girl that signs up.  
Free tea and coffee for all parents & carers.**

For more info and to book your place email [Bridgendladieshc@gmail.com](mailto:Bridgendladieshc@gmail.com)



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# 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