



# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

**Friday 27th February 2026**

**Attendance: 92%**

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all. My name is Mr Street and, as you may be aware, I am currently acting as Executive Headteacher - sharing my time between Archdeacon John Lewis and Pen-y-fai Church in Wales Primary school (where I have been the Headteacher for the past 10 years) until Easter, while Mrs Forster undergoes a planned medical procedure.

I would like to express my sincere thanks for the warm and positive welcome I have received from the whole school community. It has been a pleasure to meet the pupils and to begin working with such a dedicated and caring staff team. I have already been impressed by the children's enthusiasm, kindness, and excellent behaviour, and I look forward to continuing to support the school during this temporary period.

As well as repeating my gratitude towards all of the staff here, I would also like to offer particular thanks to **Mrs Bowen** and **Mrs Richards**, who have provided exemplary support in their roles as Acting Heads of School. Their leadership and commitment have been invaluable in ensuring continuity for the pupils.

Thank you once again for your support, which is also invaluable. I am very pleased to be placed here to work with your fantastic children and will continue to do all I can to help the entire school community until Mrs Forster returns, after Easter.

With much kindness,

**Mr Street**

*Acting Executive Headteacher of Archdeacon John Lewis and Pen-y-fai Church in Wales Primary Schools*



We look forward to sharing photos from today's Eisteddfod in next week's newsletter!

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# Upcoming Events

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** St David's Day menu
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** Communion Prep 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 close 11:30pm 02/03/26
- **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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# ST DAVID'S DAY

# Menu

**Week Commencing 2nd March 202**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**

**Minted Lamb Burger**

or

**Glamorgan Sausage**

or

**Vegan Dippers**

Served with

**Sweetcorn, Peas & Broccoli**

**Herby Diced Potatoes**



**Welsh Ice Cream**  
**or Welsh Cakes or Fresh Fruit Salad**  
**or Welsh Llaeth y Llan Yogurt**

CATERING SERVICES

# 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.



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.