

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

'Strength through knowledge and faith.'

Friday 6th March 2026

Attendance: 92%

This week has been a truly special one in our school calendar as we celebrated our annual Eisteddfod – a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to embrace and showcase the richness of our Welsh culture. The enthusiasm, talent, and pride shown by all of our children were inspiring.

A huge congratulations to Teilo, who achieved first place, and to Dyffrig and Eiddogwy, who came joint second. Their hard work and creativity shone through, and we are incredibly proud of them.

On Friday, we also held our e-steddfod online. We are delighted to share that our school placed 3rd out of 5 schools across Wales – a fantastic achievement and a testament to the dedication and spirit of our pupils.

We are so proud of every child who took part, supported their peers, and helped make this week such a memorable celebration of Welsh heritage.

We also really enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week. It was wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm for reading and the joy they brought to the day's activities.

Looking ahead, we will be holding our First Communion Eucharist service on **Friday 13th March at 9:15am**. This is always a meaningful and joyful occasion in our school community, and all are warmly welcome to join us.

A reminder that our Easter Bonnet Service for pupils in Nursery to Year 3 will take place on **Wednesday 25th March at 9:15am**. Please ensure all Easter bonnets are brought into school by **Friday 21st March**, clearly labelled with your child's name. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Executive Headteacher

Keep in Touch:

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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 13th March:** First Communion Eucharist - all welcome at 9:15am
- **Friday 20th March:** PTA Matinee, Year 1 - Year 6. 3:30pm-5:20pm. Tickets on Gateway!
- **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
- **Wednesday 6th May:** Class Photos and Y6 Leavers Portrait Photos
- **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
- **Friday 19th June:** Messy Church (Miss Evans-Jones' class)
- **Tuesday 30th June:** Y6 Transition Day at ABMG
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Y6 Leavers service at Llandaff Cathedral (pupils and staff only)
- **Monday 20th July:** INSET Day 6 of 6
- **Tuesday 21st July - Monday 30th August:** Summer Holidays

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



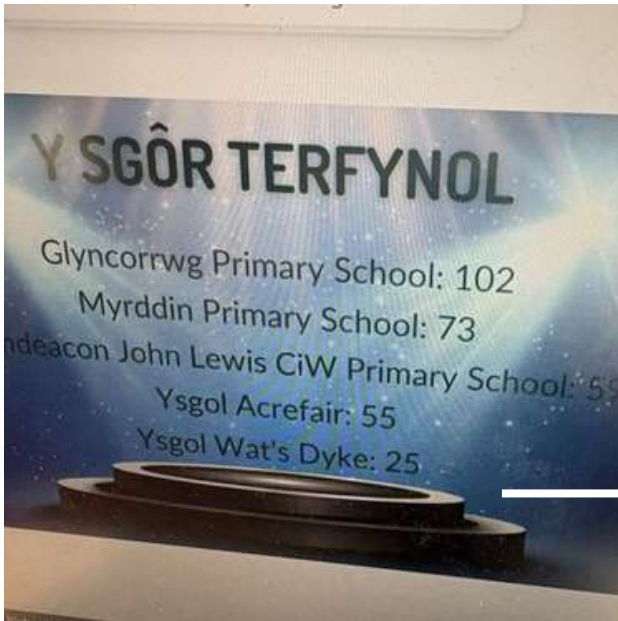
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Teilo



**Dyffrig
Eiddogwy**



Happy World Book Day 📖

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£3.50

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6

PTA MATINEE

FRI 20TH MARCH 3.20PM-5.30PM

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



Palm Sunday 2026

You're invited.

29th March, 10am
St Mary's, Nolton
Kids activities, Palm
Procession, and more.

www.penybont-churches.org.uk

You're Invited...

Every Friday in term time
1:30pm - 3:00pm

**Join us for informal play,
crafts, chat, & refreshments.**

Nolton Hall,
Merthyrmaur Road North,
CF31 3NH
(Next to St. Mary's Church)

A welcoming, faith-rooted
space for parents, carers and
little ones from new born to
school age.

Join for as much or as little as
you would like!

**PENYBONT —
— CHURCHES**



Any questions? Contact us at...
CentralSeedlings@penybont-churches.org.uk

BRIDGEND YOUNG CARERS EASTER

WELLBEING SESSION

Venue:

Brackla Sports Centre
located at Archbishop
McGrath Catholic High
School, CF31 2DN

When:

Thursday 9th April 2026
10am - 12pm

Age Group:

We are aiming this towards
Young Carers 12 years old
and under.

The session aims to support young carers' wellbeing by giving them time away from their caring responsibilities, opportunities to build friendships, and a space where they feel listened to and valued.

For more information please contact
Youngcarerswellbeing@Bridgend.gov.uk



BASEBALL

OPEN DAY

We are holding a Baseball open day on 8th April for children who would like to try baseball and potentially join our academy. Spaces are limited, so please register your child to secure a place.



*"Your chance to
shine starts here
- don't miss it!"*

- *Ages 10-17*
- *Boys and girls welcome*
- *All equipment included*
- *No experience required*
- *Qualified coach*
- *Free to attend*

8TH APRIL 2026

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Litchard playing fields

Register Today! ✨

