



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 8th May 2026

Attendance: 92%

Staff Update

At the end of the summer term we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Bowen, who is leaving us to take up her new post as ALNCO at Archbishop McGrath Comprehensive School.

Mrs Bowen has given an incredible 19 years of dedicated service to our school, during which time she has been held in the very highest regard by pupils, parents and colleagues alike. She is widely respected for her considerable experience, brilliant work ethic and, above all, her child-centred approach, always ensuring that the needs and wellbeing of pupils remain at the heart of everything she does. Her commitment, professionalism and care have had a lasting impact on our whole school community.

Mrs Bowen’s departure will be a huge loss to the school, both professionally and personally, but we are delighted to see her taking this exciting next step in her career and know she will make a significant difference in her new role. We wish her every success and happiness for the future.

The Governing Body is currently giving careful consideration to the best way forward to appoint a successor to Mrs Bowen, and we will be in touch with parents and carers as soon as we have any further news regarding this.

There will be plenty of opportunities over the rest of the summer term to say goodbye properly, but for now it is important to repeat what a huge loss Mrs Bowen will be to the school and to offer our biggest thanks for the significant and lasting impact she has had on the lives of so many children.

Mike Street

Acting Exec Headteacher

Archdeacon John Lewis Church in Wales Primary School

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 15th May:** Messy Church (Mrs Richards/Mrs Morgan's class)
- **Friday 15th May:** Forces Fitness (VC / CEJ) 9:00am-11:00am - wear PE kit/sports clothes
- **Friday 15th May:** Dydd Seren a Sbarc - wear white/red/green/something Welsh
- **Friday 22nd May:** INSET Day 5 of 6
- **Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May:** Half Term
- **Sunday 14th June - Wednesday 17th June:** PGL Residential Trip Y5 & Y6
- **Friday 19th June:** Messy Church (Miss Evans-Jones' class)
- **Friday 26th June:** Eucharist, 9:15am - all welcome!
- **Friday 26th June:** Sports Day & PTA Summer Fair
- **Tuesday 30th June:** Y6 Transition Day at ABMG
- **Friday 1st July:** Sports Day (reserve date)
- **Wednesday 8th July:** Y6 Leavers service at Llandaff Cathedral (pupils and staff only)
- **Monday 13th July:** Reports for all pupils sent home (via email)
- **Wednesday 15th July:** Open Evening for All Parents
- **Thursday 16th July:** Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am, parents & carers welcome
- **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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Attendance Policy

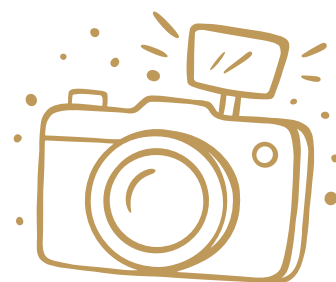
We have updated our Attendance Policy. You can find this on the school website here:
<https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/school-policies>

We value your feedback, so please let us know if you have any queries/concerns.

School Photos

Class group photographs are now ready to view and purchase at the following links:

- **Nursery/Reception** <https://htmp.st/NURS-RECEP-311C1B5DC7>
- **Year 1/Year 2** <https://htmp.st/YEAR-1-2-3978DC5EB2>
- **Year 2/Year 3** <https://htmp.st/YEAR-2-3-F96BD40BA6>
- **Year 4/Year 5** <https://htmp.st/YEAR-4-5-372BAA4477>
- **Year 5/Year 6** <https://htmp.st/YEAR-5-6-8821160F1D>



Free delivery to school is available for orders made by **Wed 20th May**, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5.

If you need assistance or have any questions regarding your order, please contact Tempest directly by calling 01736 751555 (option 3) or click 'Contact' on their website htempest.co.uk

I will send out information re: ordering Y6 individual portrait photos as soon as I have it. This is likely to be next week.

School Meals

Please be advised that on **Monday 11th May** the kitchen will be serving the Week 3 Monday option. The rest of the week will be the Week 1 menu as normal.

The menu and schedule is available to view and download here:
www.ajlprimary.co.uk/contact-us/the-school-day/school-clubs/attendance/school-gateway-app/school-uniform/school-dinners

I have also attached a copy in this newsletter. Printed copies are available from the school office by request.

PRIMAVERA MENU

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

WEEK 3

MONDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Broccoli & Tomato Pasta
Herby Diced Potatoes
Baked Beans, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Raspberry Peach Swirl Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Beef Bolognese *
Or Falafel Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Turkey & Stuffing in rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Lentil Shepherds Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Green Cabbage, Carrots & Diced Swede
Jelly with Strawberry Swirl

THURSDAY

Meatballs in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Carrots, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Fish Fillet *
Or Spinach and Chickpea Curry
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Mandarin topped Sponge Slice

MONDAY

Mini Omelette with Pork Sausage *
Or Sweet & Sour Vegetables
Potato Wedges or Vegetable Rice
Baked Beans, Garden Peas, Salad
Eve's Sponge & Custard

TUESDAY

Cod & Salmon Fish Fingers *
Or Vegetable Plant Ball in Tomato Sauce
Pasta or Diced Potatoes/Boiled Potatoes
Broccoli, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Pork & Apple Sauce in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable Sausage
Creamed or Boiled Potatoes
Green Beans, Swede & Broccoli
Tropical Rice Pudding

THURSDAY

Chicken Fillet in Rich Gravy *
Or Vegetable & Bean Casserole
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Carrots, Cabbage, Country Vegetables, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza *
Or Quorn Dippers
Jacket Potato or Chipped Potatoes
Mini Corn Cobs, Mixed Vegetables, Salad
Fruit Muffins or Turti Fruitti Flapjacks

MONDAY

Breaded Fish Goujons *
Or Mushroom and Leek Bake
Jacket Potato or Sauré Potatoes
Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Broccoli, Salad
Toffee Apple Brownies with Fruit Slices

TUESDAY

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce *
Or Southern Style Vegetable Burger
Pasta or Potato Wedges
Mixed Vegetables, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn, Salad
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

WEDNESDAY

Roast Beef with Rich Gravy *
Or Garden Vegetable Pie
Boiled or Creamed Potatoes
Baton Carrots, Cabbage, Swede
Artic Roll and Fruit Wedges

THURSDAY

Pork Frikadellions *
Or Quorn Fillet
Creamed Potatoes or Boiled Potatoes
Baked Beans, Carrots, Garden Peas
Fruit Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

FRIDAY

Chicken Tikka/Korma *
Or Vegetarian Hot Dogs
Vegetable Rice or Chipped Potatoes
Broccoli, Sweetcorn, Garden Peas, Salad
Strawberry Delight Crunch

April 2026

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1	2	3

May 2026

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

July 2026

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Also served daily:

Fresh Fruit, Wholemeal Bread, Yoghurt, Semi-Skimmed Milk, Water

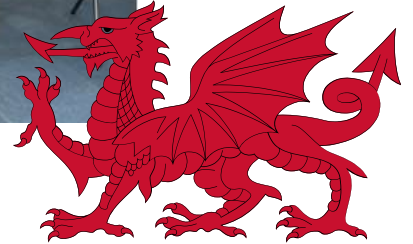
Occasionally due to circumstances beyond our control it may be necessary to change or replace some menu items or ingredients.

Please note our menus/food may contain allergens. We are able to provide allergen information on request or please visit the Bridgend CBC website for more information.

* NURSERY PUPILS



Criw Cymraeg



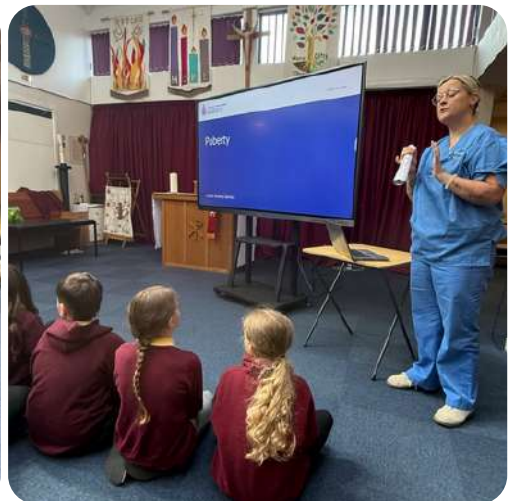
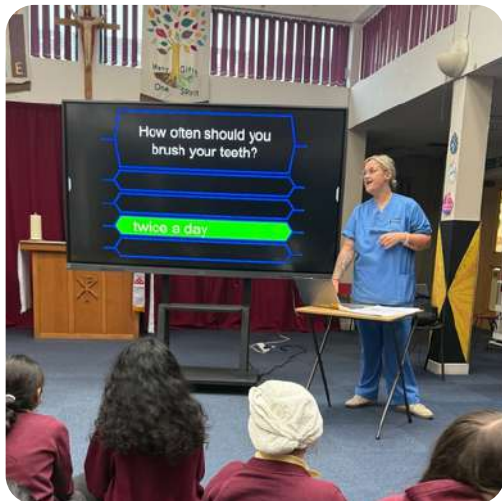
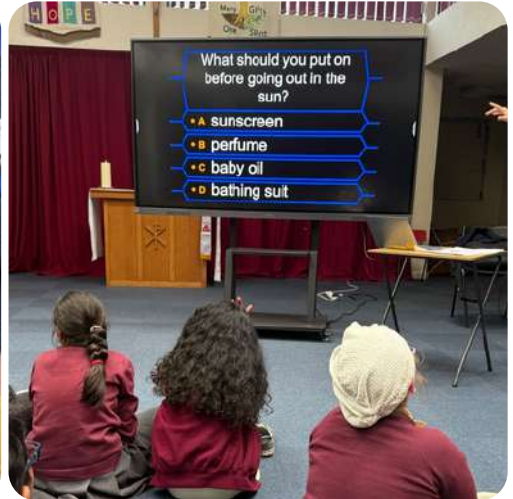
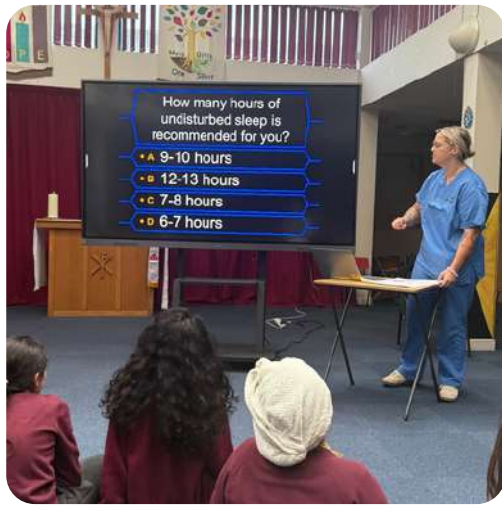
Star of the Week



Values Certificate



Year 5 had a visit from the School Nurse to learn about puberty and the importance of personal hygiene.





Making animal crowns



Happy Birthday David Attenborough!



We made journey sticks to show what we found our journey around our outdoor area.



Butterfly



Pig

Making food for animals.



Chicken

Cow

Horse



Sheep



Join the fun at St Mary's Church, Brackla!

CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

PENTECOST

Sunday 24th May, 9:30am

Superhero Fancy Dress
Encouraged!



Families welcome – Children's activities will take place during service



Spanish Soccer Schools

Half-term is fast approaching, and our popular Spanish Soccer Schools Camps are back with a range of exciting options for children of all ages and interests.

We'll be running camps at Pencoed Comprehensive School and Penyfai CIW Primary School, with something for everyone—whether your child enjoys futsal, goalkeeping, or multi-sport activities.

⚽ **SKILLS FUTSAL CAMP (Ages 6–11)**

A great option for players looking to develop their technical ability, confidence, and game understanding through fast-paced futsal sessions.

📍 Pencoed Comprehensive School

📅 26th May – 29th May

🕒 8:30am – 3:45pm

👉 <https://spanishsoccerschools.co.uk/skills-futsal-camps>

⚽ **AMIGOS FUTSAL CAMP (Ages 4–6)**

A fun and engaging introduction to futsal, helping younger children build confidence, coordination, and basic skills through drills and small sided games.

📍 Pencoed Comprehensive School

📅 26th & 27th May

🕒 8:45am – 12:15pm

👉 <https://spanishsoccerschools.co.uk/amigos-futsal-camps>

🧤 **GOALKEEPER CAMP (Ages 6–13)**

Focused on all aspects of goalkeeping, with small group sizes to allow for plenty of individual coaching and development. Our camps are tailored for Goalkeepers of all abilities, starting out or playing at a higher level.

📍 Pencoed Comprehensive School

📅 26th & 27th May

🕒 9:00am – 1:00pm

👉 <https://spanishsoccerschools.co.uk/goalkeeper-camps>

🏀 **MULTI SPORTS CAMP (Ages 6–11)**

A high-energy mix of sports and activities to keep children active, social, and entertained throughout the week.

📍 Penyfai CIW Primary School

📅 26th May – 29th May

🕒 8:45am – 3:45pm

👉 <https://spanishsoccerschools.co.uk/multi-sports-camps/>

Don't Miss Out!!

Please note spaces are limited and expected to fill quickly. We recommend booking early to secure a place and to avoid disappointment.

To book, simply use the links above. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming your child for a fun and active half-term!



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FOOTBALL CAMP BRIDGEND - Archdeacon John Lewis

8:30AM - 4:30PM

MAY 26TH - 28TH



Early Booking Discount:

£19 UNTIL 04/05/2026

£23 PER DAY AFTER EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT ENDS

SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE!

