

# ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

**Friday 3rd July 2026**

**Attendance: 92%**

What a fantastic week we have had at school!

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families for supporting both our Sports Day and the PTA Summer Fête. Sports Day was a wonderful success, with the children demonstrating great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship throughout the day. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers cheering the children on. The PTA Summer Fête was equally successful and created a wonderful sense of community. We are incredibly grateful to our PTA volunteers and to everyone who attended, donated and supported the event.

The children have also enjoyed some exciting enrichment opportunities this week. Rock Steady Music School visited us to deliver a whole-school assembly which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to experience live music and learn about playing in a band.

In addition, the University of South Wales visited Years 4, 5 and 6 to lead a fascinating DNA Extraction Workshop. The children were fully engaged and enjoyed getting hands-on with real scientific investigations.

With the weather forecast looking lovely again this week, please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that children come to school with a sun hat, refillable water bottle and that sunscreen is applied before school. This helps us to keep everyone safe and comfortable while enjoying outdoor learning and playtimes.

A reminder to our Year 6 families that the Leavers' Service at Llandaff Cathedral will take place on Wednesday 8th July. Further information has been shared via Seesaw and Gateway, so please check these platforms for full details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We have had another wonderful week of learning and celebration, and we look forward to another busy and enjoyable week ahead.

**Mrs L Forster**

Acting Headteacher

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# Upcoming Events

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Leavers service at Llandaff Cathedral (pupils and staff only)
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Ospreys in the Community (Year 3 and Year 4)
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Reports for all pupils sent home (via email)
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Open Evening for All Parents
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:15am, parents & carers welcome
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July:** INSET Day 6 of 6
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Monday 30<sup>th</sup> August:** Summer Holidays

Remember to check our website and the school calendar to stay up to date:  
[www.ajlprimary.co.uk](http://www.ajlprimary.co.uk)

The screenshot shows the school's website with a red header. The main navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, PARENT INFORMATION, NEWS & EVENTS, and CONTACT US. Below the header is a large photo of two young girls in yellow dresses looking through magnifying glasses in a grassy field. The 'Calendar' section is visible, showing a grid for July 2026. To the right of the calendar is a sidebar titled 'In this section' with links to the calendar and newsletters for 2025-2026 and 2024-2025.

| Mon            | Tue              | Wed             | Thu             | Fri           | Sat | Sun |
|----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|-----|-----|
|                |                  | 1               | 2               | 3             | 4   | 5   |
| Violin Lessons | Y6 Transition... | Trip to Bryn... | Rock Star As... | PTA Summer... |     |     |
|                | Ukulele Less...  |                 |                 | Sports Day    |     |     |
|                | 6                | 7               | 8               | 9             | 10  | 11  |
| Violin Lessons | Ukulele Less...  | Y6 Leavers S... |                 |               |     |     |
|                | 13               | 14              | 15              | 16            | 17  | 18  |
| Reports Sent   | Ukulele Less...  | Open Evenin...  | Y6 Leavers A... |               |     |     |
| Violin Lessons |                  |                 |                 |               |     |     |

## 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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Mrs Hodges' class had a fantastic time at Bryngarw Park on Wednesday!

The children loved the nature journaling and pond dipping with the Bryngarw Rangers.



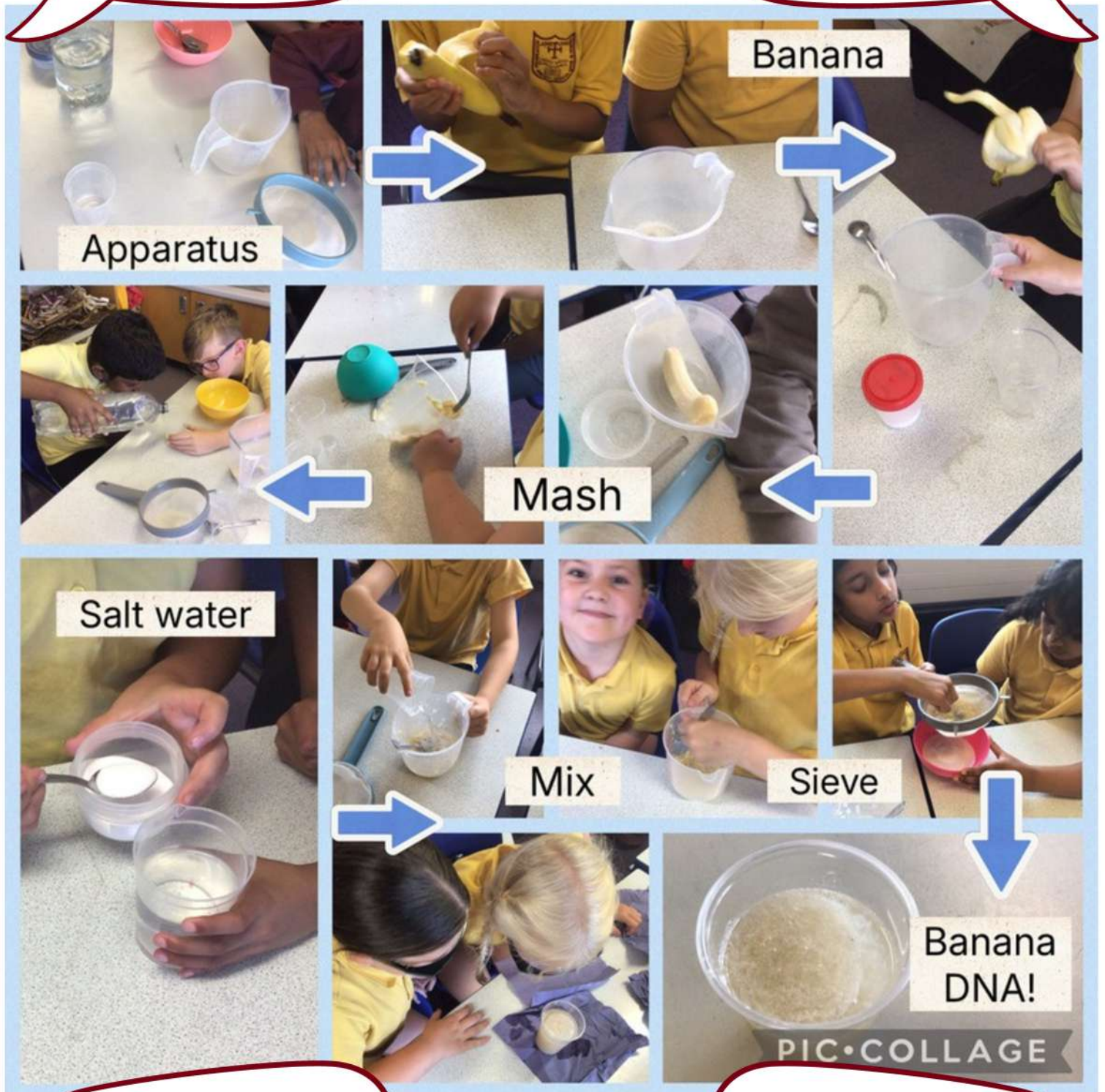
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# Rock Steady Assembly



"I learnt today that it took people almost 100 years to understand DNA"

"My favourite part was collecting the banana DNA and getting to take it home."



"I was surprised that bananas have DNA!"

"I can't believe we used alcohol to get banana DNA"



# Bridgend School Savings

Next week will be our last school savings collection of the year. It has been another successful year, and we continue to expand our school membership and partnerships with new schools.

I want to thank all the staff, children, and families who have embraced school savings – it is lovely visiting all the schools and meeting so many children building good habits and learning about money management.

The children do not need to withdraw any savings as we will return in September. However, if your child wishes to withdraw some or all of their savings, a BACs withdrawal (Bank Transfer) can be arranged online at any time by their parent/guardian using the School Withdrawal Form - Bridgend School Savings.

BACs transfers are the easiest way to withdraw their savings, and we encourage all our savers to choose this option whenever possible. We aim to process all BACs withdrawals within 48 hours. If required, we will always make efforts to arrange an alternative withdrawal method.

During the summer holidays, we can be contacted through our website at Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union, at the main Bridgend Lifesavers Credit Union office at 1/1A Caroline Street, or by calling us on 01656 667089.

**A note regarding our Year 6s: If they have a younger sibling in school, they are more than welcome to continue saving for them. Alternatively, they can save directly with the credit union by setting up a standing order or visiting the branch in Bridgend.**

If you have any other questions, you can find lots of information at Bridgend School Savings - Part of Bridgend Life Savers Union. You can contact us through our website (including during school holidays) or via email at [damianf@blscu.co.uk](mailto:damianf@blscu.co.uk).





### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June - USA**

Southern Fried Chicken Goujons or Quorn Nuggets & Curly Fries  
with corn on the cob, peas, sweetcorn & salad

Dessert - Doughnut

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - England**

Jumbo Cod Fish fingers or Vegan Sausage & Chips  
with beans, peas, sweetcorn & salad

Dessert - Ice Cream

### **Wednesday 1st July - Europe**

Chicago Town Pizza or Vegan Dippers & Curly Fries  
with corn on the cob, broccoli, peas, sweetcorn & salad

Dessert - Cookie

### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Australia**

Beefburger or Vegan Hotdog & Herby Potatoes  
with beans, peas, sweetcorn & salad

Dessert - Ice Cream

### **Wednesday 15th July - Sweden**

Swedish or Vegan Meatballs in Gravy & Mash Potatoes  
with carrots, broccoli & peas

Dessert - Brownie





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# SUMMER FOOTBALL CAMPS



 **BRIDGEND**

**ARCHDEACON  
JOHN LEWIS**



**DATES**

**20<sup>TH</sup> JULY –  
27<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**MONDAY –  
THURSDAY**



**AGES**

**5–11  
YEARS OLD**



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**ENDS 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

WEEK 1 - MONDAY 20<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> JULY

WEEK 2 - MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JULY - FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> JULY

WEEK 3 - MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> - FRIDAY 7<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

WEEK 4 - MONDAY 10<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

WEEK 1 - MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> - FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST

ONLINE BOOKING: [BRIDGENDTENNISCLUB.COM](http://BRIDGENDTENNISCLUB.COM)

\*OPEN TO NON-MEMBERS

\*FULL WEEK DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

\*INDIVIDUAL DAY BOOKING OPTIONS

\*20% DISCOUNT FOR CLUB MEMBERS



**BLUE CAMPS  
10-11AM  
FOR 3-4 YEARS**

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**MINI CAMPS  
10-1PM  
FOR 5-11 YEARS**

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**JUNIOR CAMPS  
1.30-3.30PM  
FOR 11-18 YEARS**

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**RUN BY LTA QUALIFIED  
COACHES**

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**INDOOR COURTS**

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**PACKED FULL OF  
RELAYS, DRILLS, FUN  
GAMES, TEAM  
BUILDING AND POINTS  
PLAY**

**NEED MORE  
INFORMATION:**

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Summer 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 to keep them active, engaged, and having fun while making new friends.

We have something for everyone—whether your child enjoys football, goalkeeping, or multi-sport activities. Click the links below to find out more!

### ⚽ **FOOTBALL CAMP (NEW FOR SUMMER 2026 - Ages 7-11)**

📍 Penyfai CIW Primary School

🕒 8.30am - 3.45pm

📅 Week 1 - Mon 20th July - Thurs 23rd July

Week 2 - Mon 27th July - Thurs 30th July

Week 3 - Mon 3rd Aug - Thurs 6th Aug

Week 4 - Mon 10th Aug - Thurs 13th Aug

Week 5 - Mon 17th Aug - Thurs 20th Aug

Week 6 - Mon 24th Aug - Thurs 27th Aug

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

### 🧤 **GOALKEEPER CAMP (Ages 6-13)**

📍 Heronsbridge School

🕒 9.00am - 1.00pm

📅 Week 1 - Tues 4th Aug - Weds 5th Aug

Week 2 - Tues 11th Aug - Weds 12th Aug

Week 3 - Tues 18th Aug - Weds 19th Aug

Week 4 - Tues 25th Aug - Weds 26th Aug

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

### 🏀 **MULTI SPORTS CAMP (Ages 6-11)**

📍 Penyfai CIW Primary School

🕒 8.45am - 3.45pm

📅 Week 1 - Mon 20th July - Fri 24th July

Week 2 - Mon 27th July - Fri 31st July

Week 3 - Mon 3rd Aug - Fri 7th Aug

Week 4 - Mon 10th Aug - Fri 14th Aug

Week 5 - Mon 17th Aug - Fri 21st Aug

Week 6 - Mon 24th Aug - Fri 28th Aug

👉 <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 Summer of Fun!