

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 11th September 2026

Attendance: 94%

Dear Parents/Carers,

First Eucharist Celebration

A heartfelt thank you to Rev Roger, and to all the parents and families, governors and church members who joined us to celebrate our First Eucharist service. It was a wonderful occasion and a special opportunity for us to come together as a school and church community.

We are also very grateful to the church for providing refreshments following the service. It was lovely to spend time with families, catch up on everyone's news, and share in the celebration together.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the occasion so memorable. Your support and involvement are greatly appreciated.

Christian Values and Worship

This half term, our Christian values are Loving and Compassionate. In our Monday worship, we reflected on the importance of using the words please, thank you, and sorry, and how these simple words can help us show kindness, respect, and care for others. We also explored the theme of forgiveness through the Bible story of The Prodigal Son, learning that God's love is unconditional and that forgiveness can help restore relationships when mistakes are made. We encouraged the children to think about how they can demonstrate love, compassion, and forgiveness in their daily lives at school, at home, and within our community.

Parents' Open Evening

We hope you will join us for our Parents' Open Evening on **Wednesday 16th September** from **3.30pm to 4.30pm**. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, see how they are settling into their new class, and celebrate the positive start they have made to the school year. Class teachers will also be available to share information about the curriculum and learning experiences planned for the term ahead. We look forward to welcoming you and working together to support your child's learning and development.

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

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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

- **Wednesday 16th September:** Open Evening for Parents, 3:30pm-4:30pm (no appt required)
- **Thursday 17th September:** Y6 Transition Session at ABMG
- **Wednesday 23rd September:** PTA Meeting, 3:30pm. All welcome!
- **Friday 25th September:** Race Against Hate, Newbridge Fields (Y6)
- **Monday 5th October:** Individual and Sibling Portrait Photos
- **Friday 9th October:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 16th October:** Messy Church (Miss Doran / Miss Cummings)
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October:** Half Term
- **Friday 13th November:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 4th December:** PTA Christmas Fete & Class Enterprise
- **Friday 11th December:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All parents/carers welcome
- **Wednesday 16th December:** Christmas Service in Coity Church
- **Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January:** Christmas Holidays
- **Monday 4th January:** INSET 2 of 6

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.

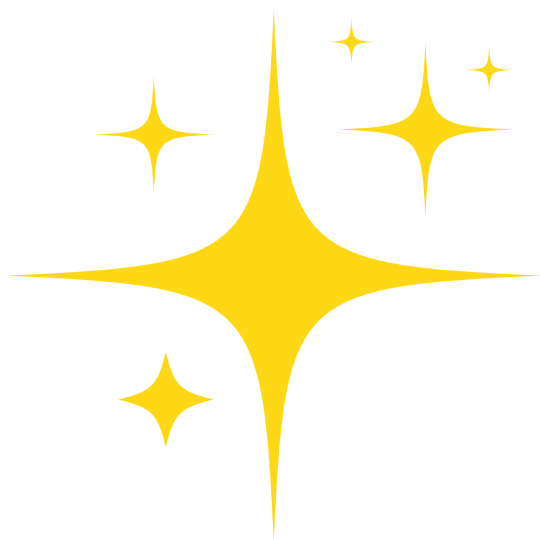
Any updates to personal information can be submitted on the Gateway app or by email to admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru



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Star of the Week



Values Certificate



Eucharist Service





Archdeacon John Lewis Primary School PTA

V O L _ N T E E _



What's missing?



U R



We need UR help!



Join our friendly PTA to help organise Movie Nights, Discos, Summer and Christmas fetes and more to benefit our school community. First meeting of the academic year **23rd September 3:30pm.**



★ Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles are all welcome!



Contact Mrs Hulme:

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SCHOOL SAVINGS CLUB

Is back! Save a little, every week

Looking after money is a skill for life. Our club helps children build the savings habit early — in school, with a little help from each other.

Our savings day is every...

TUESDAY

How it works

- Save as much or as little as you like — it all adds up.
- Every saver gets their own savings book, wallet and piggy bank.
- Collections happen in school, every week, with the children helping to run the club.
- Withdraw online or by handing a Withdrawal Form to the Savings Club.



What is a Credit Union?

A not-for-profit financial co-operative, owned and controlled by its members. Credit Unions are regulated like banks, so your money is protected — and savings earn an annual dividend.

Bridgend Lifesavers has served the area since 2004 and now runs 18 school savings schemes across Bridgend County Borough.

How do we join?

New savers: sign up any time. Fill in the online form at www.bridgendschoolsavings.com or return a paper application to school. Your child gets a wallet, paying-in book and piggy bank, and can start saving straight away.

Already a member? Nothing to do — just keep saving. Lost a paying-in book? We'll issue a new one with the balance up to date.

www.bridgendschoolsavings.com

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OPEN DAY

19TH SEPTEMBER 2026

All 8 churches in our Ministry Area will offer an activity and 7 of them, which are historic sites, will be open all day for refreshments 10am – 4pm.

HOW MANY CHURCHES CAN YOU VISIT?

Collect a sticker from each one – can you collect them all?

Each full set of stickers wins a prize!

All Saints Church, Penyfai

Heol Eglwys, Pen-y-fai,
Bridgend CF31 4LU

Historical display
Bell ringing at 10:00 to
celebrate the restoration
of the bell tower
Refreshments all day

St David's, Laleston

Wind St, Laleston,
Bridgend CF32 0LB

St David's 800 display
Bell ringing at 11:30
Refreshments all day

St Teilo's, Merthyr Mawr

Merthymawr Rd, Bridgend
CF32 0LS

Historical talks
Cefn Cribwr tune band
Wedding celebration display
Welsh cakes baked in front
of you!
Refreshments all day

St Illtyd's, Newcastle

11 The Square, Bridgend
CF31 4HA

Bell ringing at 10:00
Organ recital at 15:00
Flower demonstrations
Refreshments all day

St Mary's Church, Nolton

Merthymawr Rd N, Bridgend
CF31 3NH

Bell ringing at 10:00 and 15:00
Historical Talks on Irish Row at
11:00 and Island Farm at 14:00
Juke Box Hymn requests
12:00 - 14:00
Messy church session run by
St Mary's Church, Brackla
Refreshments all day

St Mary's Church, Coity

Heol Yr Eglwys, Coity,
Bridgend CF35 6BG

Guided tours of the church
Parish Records on display
Bell ringing all day celebrating
300th anniversary of current peal
Refreshments all day

St Mary's Church, Brackla

Situated inside Archdeacon
John Lewis School

Providing a Messy Church
activity at St Mary's, Nolton

St Crallo's, Coychurch

The Court, Coychurch,
Bridgend CF35 5EL

Find out about your church quiz
Memories of St Crallo's
Music from Jo, Colin + Jeff
Refreshments all day



Explore • Discover • Enjoy

OUR CHURCHES • OUR HISTORY • OUR COMMUNITY

An exciting community day is taking place on Saturday, 19th September - Open Bridgend. Churches, chapels and other historic buildings will be open from 10am to 4pm, offering a variety of activities and exhibitions.

Children's activities (Messy Church) will be taking place at St Mary's Church, Nolton, Merthymawr Road, CF31 3NH, in the town centre. The Messy Church activities will be fun and interactive and will help children in their experience of church. The activities will be available from 10am to 1pm. Children and parents may already be familiar with Messy Church from the activities provided each term in AJL school by members of St Mary's Church, Brackla.

More information on all the events taking place on 19th September is available here
<https://bridgendhistorysociety.wordpress.com/open-bridgend/>