



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 18th September 2026

Attendance: 94%

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our Open Evening. We hope you found it a valuable opportunity to gain an insight into how your child is settling into their new year group, as well as learning more about the curriculum and the exciting learning opportunities they will experience throughout the year.

Communication with School

We would like to remind parents and carers that all electronic communication with school should be sent through the school admin email address or via School Comms.

Seesaw has recently changed, and to ensure that communication between home and school is clear, consistent and acted upon appropriately, we have removed the messaging and commenting facilities. Please therefore use our official admin communication channels whenever you need to contact us. Thank you for your support with this.

Open the Book

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rev Roger and the Open the Book team for their first visit of the new school year. It was lovely to have them back in school, sharing a Bible story with the children and helping to bring it to life.

Year 6 Transition

Our Year 6 pupils visited Archbishop McGrath Catholic High School for a transition day, where they had the opportunity to take part in PE and ICT activities. Experiences such as these are a valuable part of preparing our pupils for the next stage of their education, giving them the chance to become familiar with a secondary school environment and enjoy learning in different surroundings.

We are very proud of the way Year 6 represented our school and embraced the experience.

After-School Club Survey

A survey has been sent out to parents and carers regarding the possibility of introducing an after-school club. We would be very grateful if you could take a few moments to complete the survey.

Your responses will help us to understand the level of interest and determine whether running the club would be feasible.

Thank you for your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs L Forster

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

- **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), parents/carers welcome
- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October:** Half Term
- **Tuesday 10th November:** Nasal Flu Vaccines (R-Y6)
- **Friday 13th November:** Eucharist, 9:15am. All parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 4th December:** PTA Christmas Fete & Class Enterprise
- **Wednesday 9th December:** Christmas Dinner Day
- **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



SNACK REMINDER



**FRUIT, VEGETABLES,
CHEESE OR YOGURT**



**CRISPS, CHOCOLATE,
BISCUITS, SWEETS OR
CAKES**



www.reallygreatsite.com

We're exploring bringing Motio Camps 'Beyond The Bell' After-School Club to Archdeacon John Lewis CiW Primary School, and we'd love to hear from you!

We've attached some information to give you a feel for what we offer and how our clubs run in other schools. The timings shown are examples – if longer hours are needed, we can be flexible based on demand.

To help us understand what families need, we've created a very short survey which should only take a couple of minutes to complete.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LPJWJL8>

The survey closes at 11:59pm on Wednesday 23 September.



BEYOND THE BELL

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

MORE THAN JUST CHILDCARE

ACTIVE KIDS. HAPPY KIDS.





FUN & ACTIVE SESSIONS



MULTI-SPORT GAMES & ACTIVITIES



CREATIVE PLAY



A SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT



BUILDING CONFIDENCE & FRIENDSHIPS

WHAT WE OFFER

 A fun and active after school club

 Multi-sport, games and activity sessions

 Creative activities including arts & crafts

 Supervised free play and downtime

 A safe, inclusive and nut-free environment

 Experienced, DBS checked staff

FLEXIBLE OPTIONS



1 hour3:30–4:30 | £7

2 hours3:30–5:30 | £11

10% sibling discount



OPEN TO PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN



NUT-FREE SETTING



MOVE . PLAY . MOTIO

Support
Listen
Empower
Together

Early Help & Screening Team

NEWSLETTER

Stronger
Families
Brighter
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Children
Young People
Families
Communities

Supporting Children, Young People and Families in Bridgend



Screening Team Update

We are pleased to share some exciting developments within the Screening Team.

- ✓ Welcome to Bleddyn - our new team member!
- ✓ The team is expanding to meet demand.
- ✓ Young Carers Assessments are now being completed.
- ✓ We are becoming fully integrated with the Early Help Team while remaining part of MASH.
- ✓ Waiting times have reduced from 2 months to within 1 week.
- ✓ More tailored support in line with the Signs of Wellbeing approach.

Thank you to all our partner agencies, schools and families for your continued support.

Parent & Child Feedback

"I am very grateful to have had support in what I found to be a very difficult time. The family engaged well and family life has become a lot more positive. My daughter and I have learnt to communicate better and know when to give each other space. We now listen to each other more and enjoy being around each other again. The family support worker was always on hand for support whether a visit or a phone call. I always felt listened to when at times I was at my wits end. I defiantly feel more positive moving."



"My worker was really nice and played Duplo with me."

Real
Families
Real
Change

Groups We Offer

Interested?
Get in touch to
express your interest!



Welcome to the World

An 8-week intervention offered from 24 weeks pregnancy, focusing on attachment and bonding, empathy, feelings and family life with a new baby.



Gro Brain

For parents and babies pre-birth to 12 months. Focuses on infant mental health and early parent-infant relationships.



Family Links Nurture Programme

A 10-week programme to help parents and carers build a happy family life.



Non-Violent Resistance Programme

A 7-week programme to support parents with violent or aggressive children.



Play, Grow, Learn

Pilot programme due to begin imminently in Bridgend, with sessions focusing on transition to school, good routines, speech development and playing with your child.



Parent/Carer Wellbeing

A 7-week course which focuses on improving health and wellbeing and is an engagement tool before progressing onto the more formal parenting courses. Run on needs basis.



Talking Teens

A 4-week programme designed to help parents and carers navigate the challenges of raising pre-teens and teenagers.



Current Focuses

- ✓ Exploitation.
- ✓ Early Help are now following the Signs of Well-being Approach.
- ✓ We are working on a pilot for parent Café's to roll out in Bridgend, following training with PAN Cymru.
- ✓ Currently working on pilots for Welcome to the World and Talking Teens following training with The Centre for Emotional Health.



Training Recently Undertaken by Staff

- ✓ Bears - Building Early Attuned Relationships.
- ✓ PACE - a therapeutic framework based on Playfulness, Acceptance, Curiosity, and Empathy designed to help adults build safe and trusting relationships with children who have experienced trauma.
- ✓ Conflict management - teaches professionals how to identify, prevent, and de-escalate tense or aggressive situations with service users, families, and colleagues.
- ✓ Talking Teens.
- ✓ Welcome to The World.



Upcoming Training for Staff

- ✓ Parent Café Training with PAN Cymru.
- ✓ Mental Health First Aid.
- ✓ Impact of Shame.



Investing
in our team
for brighter
tomorrows



Working Together for Happier, Healthier Futures



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