



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 9th October 2026

Attendance: 94%

Celebrating St Francis of Assisi

Today, we came together for a special Eucharist to celebrate the life of St Francis of Assisi. A sincere thank you to all the parents, carers and family members who joined us, and to Rev Mark and Rev Sam for leading our worship.

During the service, we thought about animals and the beauty of God’s wonderful world, reflecting on the importance of caring for all living things and protecting the environment around us.

We also considered how St Francis demonstrated our Christian values of loving and compassionate through his kindness, care for others and respect for God's creation. We encouraged the children to think about how they can follow his example in their everyday lives.

Young Minds Day – A Splash of Yellow!

Today, our school was brightened by children wearing something yellow or something that makes them happy as we marked Young Minds Day.

This was a lovely opportunity to remind everyone of the importance of looking after our mental health, sharing our feelings, showing kindness and recognising the little things that bring us happiness.

Learning Lifesaving Skills – Teddy Bear CPR

There was also some very important learning taking place as the children brought their favourite teddy bears into school to practise CPR!

Using their cuddly companions, the children were introduced to basic lifesaving skills in a fun, memorable and age-appropriate way.

A special thank you to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who took on leadership roles, helping the younger children and demonstrating the techniques with patience, confidence and encouragement.

It was lovely to see our older pupils being such positive role models, demonstrating our Christian values of loving and compassionate through their care and support for others.

What a wonderful day of celebration, kindness, happiness and learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

- **Friday 16th October:** Messy Church (Miss Conlon / Miss Cummings), parents/carers welcome
- **Friday 16th October:** PTA Movie Night (Y1 - Y6) - tickets available on Gateway!
- **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 20th November:** PTA Disco (N - Y6) - tickets available on Gateway!
- **Friday 4th December:** PTA Christmas Fete & Class Enterprise
- **Friday 11th December:** PTA Disco (N - Y6) - tickets available on Gateway!
- **Wednesday 9th December:** Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation for 'Y Bont') & 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
- **Tuesday 5th January:** All pupils return to school

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



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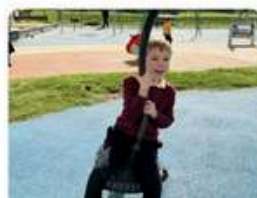
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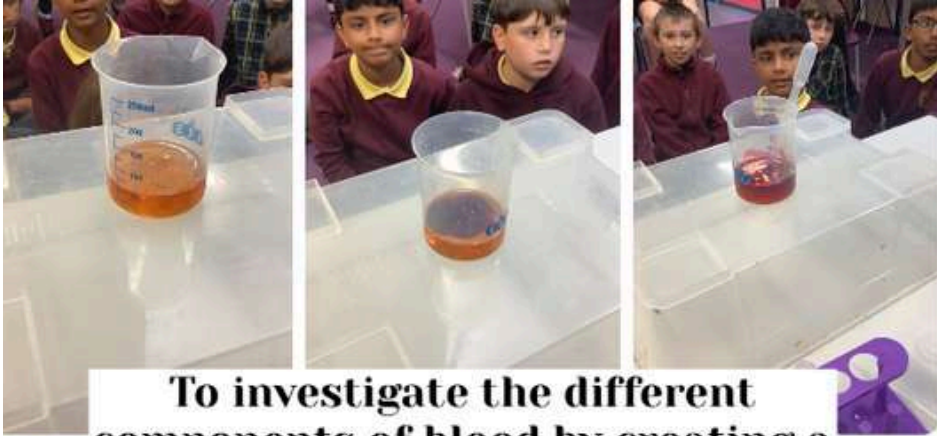
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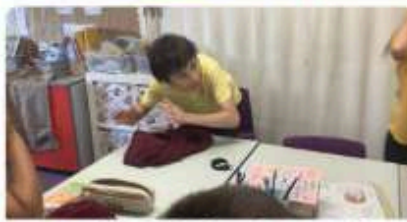
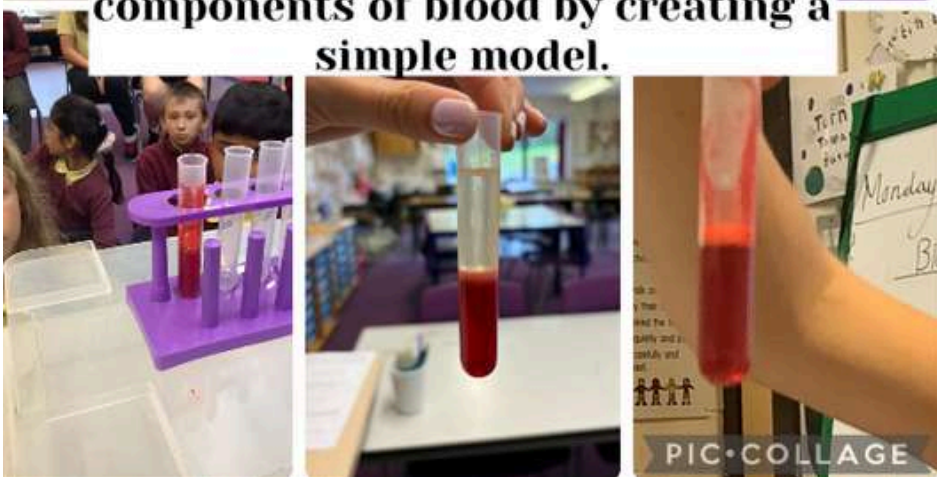
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PIC•COLLAGE



To investigate the different components of blood by creating a simple model.



To explain how CPR helps the circulatory system when the heart stops beating





Year 4/5 National coding week

Learning objective: To create and code an interactive ocean scene using Scratch.

As part of our Blue Abyss topic, pupils used Scratch to code an underwater scene. Pupils successfully coded sprites to represent floating ocean pollution.



Expressive arts

Drama

Act

Mime

Settlements

Learning the roles of
tribal communities

Bronze Age life

Farming

Expression

How was life in the
Bronze Age different
from the Stone Age?

PIC•COLLAGE

Harvest Collection

**We will be collecting for our local food bank between Mon 5th Oct - Fri 23rd Oct.
Thank you in advance for your generosity!**

- Please ensure all donations are in date
- Small packets are easier for to distribute
- We also accept good quality carrier bags
- Please note we can only accept food that is non-perishable, sealed and in date
- Please refer to the list on the link below for what is currently most needed

<https://bridgend.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/food-donations/>



Locations to drop off food donations:



Tesco Extra, Cowbridge
N4, CF31 3SQ
Monday to Saturday
06:00 - Midnight
(Sundays, 10:00-16:00)

Tesco, Brewery Lane,
CF31 4AP
Monday to Saturday
06:00 - 22:00
(Sundays, 10:00-16:00)

Tesco, Castle St,
Maesteg, CF34 9DS
Monday to Saturday
06:00 - Midnight
(Sundays, 10:00-16:00)

Tesco Express, Heol
Fach, North Cornelly,
CF31 4LN
Monday to Sunday
06:00 - 22:00

<https://bridgend.foodbank.org.uk>

Donate food

Over 90% of the food distributed by foodbanks in The Trussell Trust network is donated by the public – that's why your food donations are absolutely vital to our ability to give...

 Bridgend Foodbank



Archdeacon John Lewis
Church in Wales Primary School

PREMISES HIRE

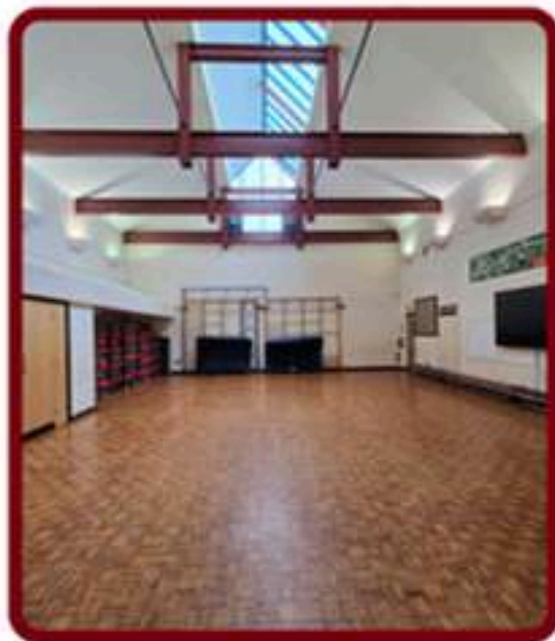
At Archdeacon John Lewis, we make select areas of the premises and outdoor areas available for events, meetings, conferences and activities to a wide variety of groups within and outside the local community.

The hire of any area of the school also allows for the use of our toilet facilities too. Please note, we are not able to hire our kitchen area. However, you are welcome to bring your own refreshments on to the premises.

Prices are competitive and discounts for block bookings are available.

- ✓ Ideal Central Location
- ✓ Modern Amenities
- ✓ Plenty of Parking
- ✓ Discounts for Block Bookings

Scan to
complete an
enquiry form





£3.50

YEAR 1 - YEAR 6

PTA MOVIE NIGHT

FRI 16TH OCT 3.20PM-5.30PM

Ticket includes: popcorn, drink and a hot dog
Please book on the Gateway app!

TICKET
CINEMA

ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS PTA

« DISCO NIGHT »

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER

Nursery to Year 1 - 5:15pm to 6:00pm

(parents to stay)

Year 2 to Year 6 - 6:15pm to 7:15pm

TICKETS ON THE APP!

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE TO BUY
ON THE NIGHT

£2.00



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ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS PRIMARY SCHOOL

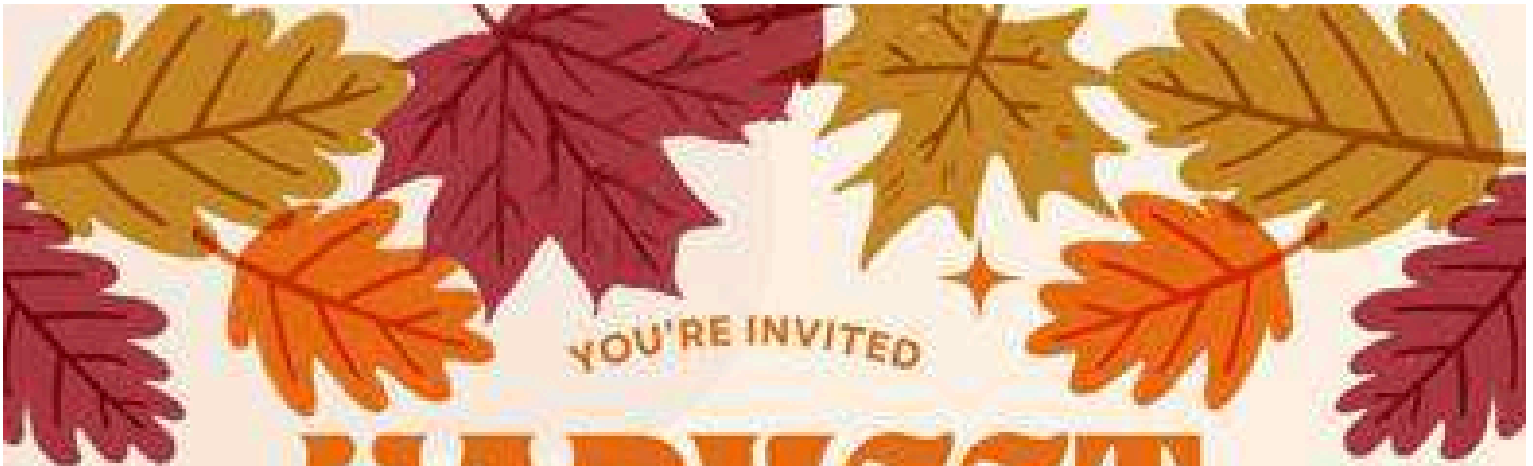
PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER

**N - Y1: 5:15PM-6:00PM
(PARENTS TO STAY)**

Y2 - Y6: 6:15PM-7:15PM

**BOOK ON THE APP!
REFRESHMENTS SOLD
ON THE NIGHT**



YOU'RE INVITED

HARVEST FAYRE

SAT. 17 OCT.

FREE
ENTRY

10AM - 4PM

- HARVEST LUNCHES PORK PIE/ CHEESE
- CAKES AND SAVOURIES
- WELSH CAKES COOKED IN FRONT OF YOU
- TEA AND REAL COFFEE
- CRAFT STALLS/CHUTNEYS AND JAMS
- LIVE MUSIC
- CARDS AND OTHER STALLS
- TOMBOLA AND RAFFLE
- SCAVENGER HUNT, FOREST SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES



St Teilo's Church, Merthyr Mawr

PENYBONT
CHURCHES

In aid of our toilet project



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES!

AT CENTRES AT BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH

FAMILY SWIM

Maesteg Swimming Pool | Pencoed Swimming Pool | Ynysawdre Swimming Pool

JUMPINGYM

Bridgend Life Centre | Maesteg Sports Centre

ACTIVE4LIFE

Ogmore Valley Life Centre

BOUNCE & PLAY

Ogmore Valley Life Centre

INTENSIVE SWIM LESSONS

Bridgend Life Centre | Pyle Swimming Pool

STROKE IMPROVEMENT DISTANT BADGES

Pyle Swimming Pool

SCAN TO VIEW THE FULL TIMETABLE

Or visit: haloleisure.org.uk/whats-on



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PJSS
DEVELOPMENT
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OCTOBER HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMPS



**MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER –
THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER**



AGES 5 – 11 YEARS



BRIDGEND

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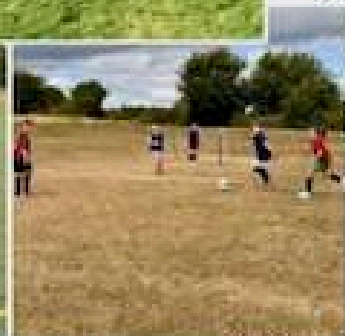


8:30AM – 4:30PM

£19

**EARLY BOOKING
DISCOUNT
PER DAY**

BOOK NOW →



**FUN & ENGAGING
SESSIONS**



**QUALIFIED
COACHES**



**OPEN TO ALL
ABILITIES**

