



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 2nd October 2026

Attendance: 93%

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at school, with lots of fantastic learning opportunities taking place across all year groups.

Homework Success in Miss Conlon's Class

Pupils in Miss Conlon's class have been working hard on their homework project, creating impressive Roundhouse models. I have been delighted by the creativity, effort and attention to detail shown in the finished work. Thank you for supporting the children with their learning at home.

Toddler Stay and Play

This week we were pleased to welcome Jade from BCBC to run our Toddler Stay and Play session. These sessions are held every Tuesday at 10am and all families with children aged 0-2 years are warmly invited to attend. It is a wonderful opportunity for young children to play, explore and socialise whilst parents and carers meet other local families.

Visit to Bridgend Library

Mrs Hodges and her class enjoyed an educational visit to Bridgend Library this week. The children had a fantastic time exploring the library, learning about the services available and developing their love of reading. Thank you to the staff at the library for making us feel so welcome.

School Decarbonisation Project

We are delighted to share that BCBC has been awarded a Welsh Government grant to decarbonise our school. Over the coming weeks, contractors will begin setting up on site in preparation for a range of improvements, including the installation of new radiators, heat pumps, windows, doors and additional insulation.

These works will help improve the energy efficiency of our school and support a more sustainable future. We will work closely with the contractors to ensure that disruption to learning is kept to a minimum, while maintaining the highest standards of health, safety and security for our pupils, staff and visitors throughout the project.

Upcoming Eucharist Celebration

A reminder that our next Eucharist Celebration will take place on Friday 9th October at 9:15am. Families, friends and members of the community are all welcome to join us for this special service.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another wonderful week ahead

Mrs Forster

Acting Headteacher

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

- **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
- **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



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

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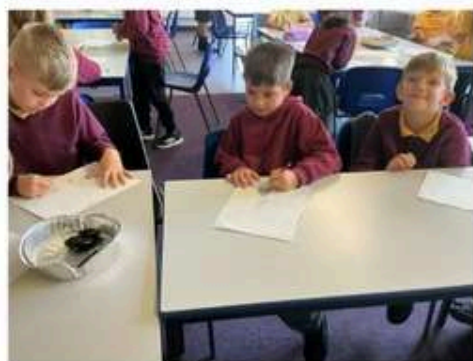
Donate food

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

On Monday as part of our Blue Abyss topic, pupils in Year 4/5 examined sea creatures including fish, mussels and crab using magnifying glasses to observe fine details like scales, claws and fins.

Pupils created detailed sketches using pencil to bring their creature to life using a variety of techniques.



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