



ARCHDEACON JOHN LEWIS NEWSLETTER

‘Strength Through Knowledge and Faith.’

Friday 16th October 2026

Attendance: 94%

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

It has been another busy and exciting week in school, with many wonderful opportunities for our pupils to learn, participate and make our school proud.

Thank You to St Mary's Church

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the members of St Mary's Church for hosting a wonderful Messy Church Coffee Morning for our Year 3/4 pupils. The children thoroughly enjoyed the activities and warm welcome, and we are grateful for the strong partnership between our school and church community.

Year 6 Heart Health Workshop

A big thank you also goes to Mrs McCall's sister, Gemma, who is a Specialist Cardiac Nurse Practitioner and Sonographer at the Princess of Wales Hospital. Gemma visited our Year 6 pupils this week and provided a fascinating insight into how the heart works and helped children develop a greater understanding of heart health and the important role healthcare professionals play in our communities.

Sporting Success

Well done to all the pupils who represented the school at the Litchard Netball Tournament today. You demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the event and were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We are very proud of you all.

PTA Movie Night

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA members and volunteers for organising and running today's Movie Night. Events such as these take a great deal of planning and preparation, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and commitment given by our PTA to provide enjoyable experiences for our pupils while raising valuable funds for the school.

Our PTA plays a vital role in supporting the school community, and we would love to welcome some new faces. If you are able to spare a little time, whether regularly or occasionally, and would be interested in helping with future events, please contact the school office. Any support, no matter how small, is greatly appreciated and helps make these opportunities possible for our children.

Harvest Foodbank Collection

A reminder that our Harvest Foodbank Collection will take place on Friday. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food items to support local families in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Every donation, no matter how small, will make a difference.

We wish all our families a wonderful weekend.

Mrs L Forster

Acting Headteacher

Keep in Touch:

www.ajlprimary.co.uk | 01656 815520 | admin@archdeaconjohnlewisps.bridgend.cymru | Message us using the School Gateway app

Safeguarding and Child Protection information can be found here: <https://www.ajlprimary.co.uk/whos-who/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

Upcoming Events

- **Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October:** Half Term
- **Monday 2nd November:** All pupils return to school
- **Friday 6th November:** Xmas4Schools artwork deadline (more info will be sent home soon!)
- **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



12.10.26



Mix



Measure



Roll



Knead



Squish

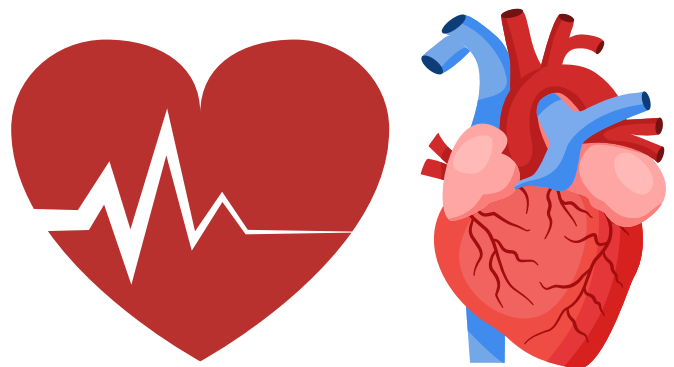
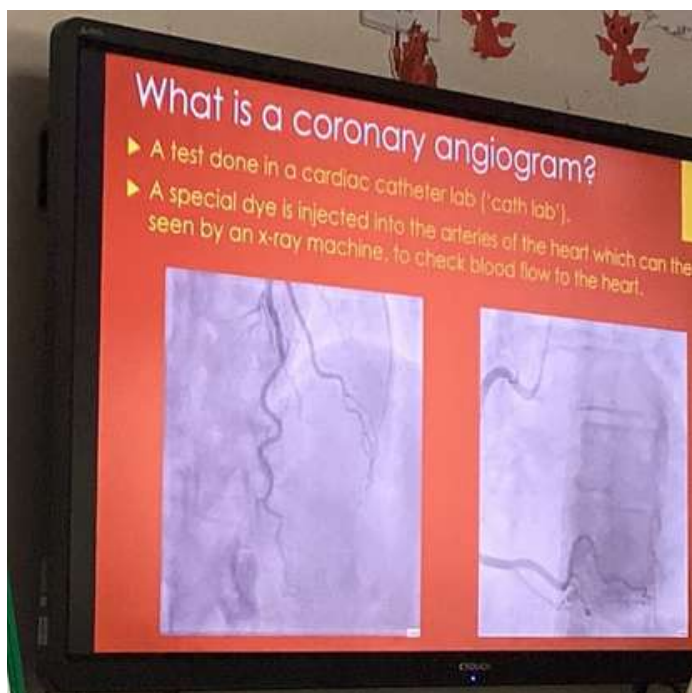
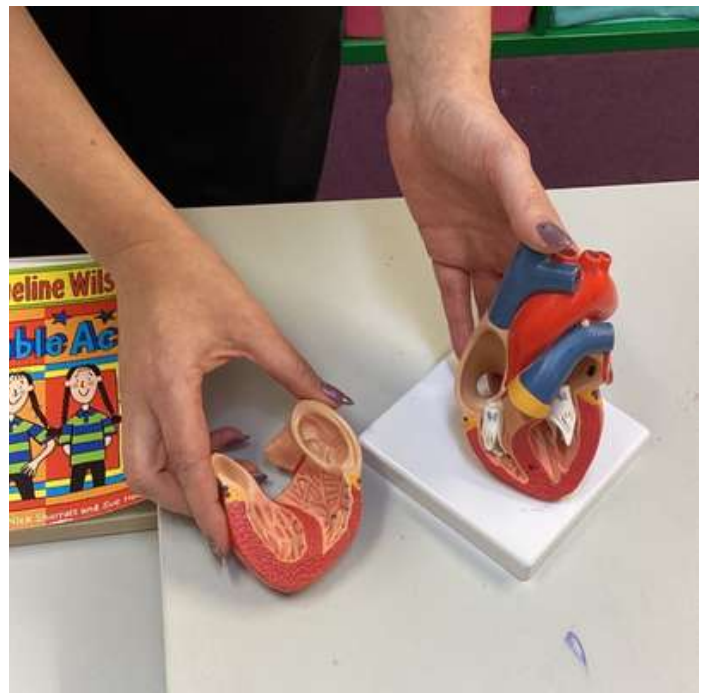
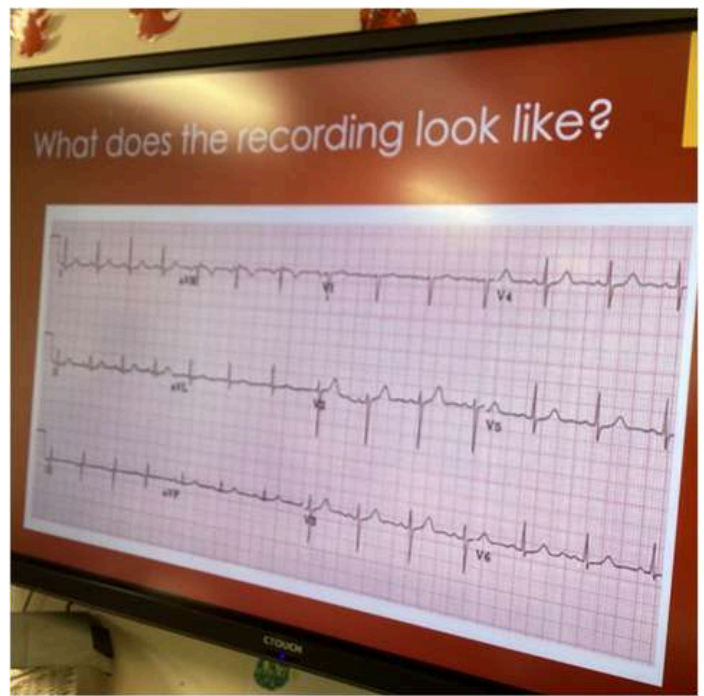
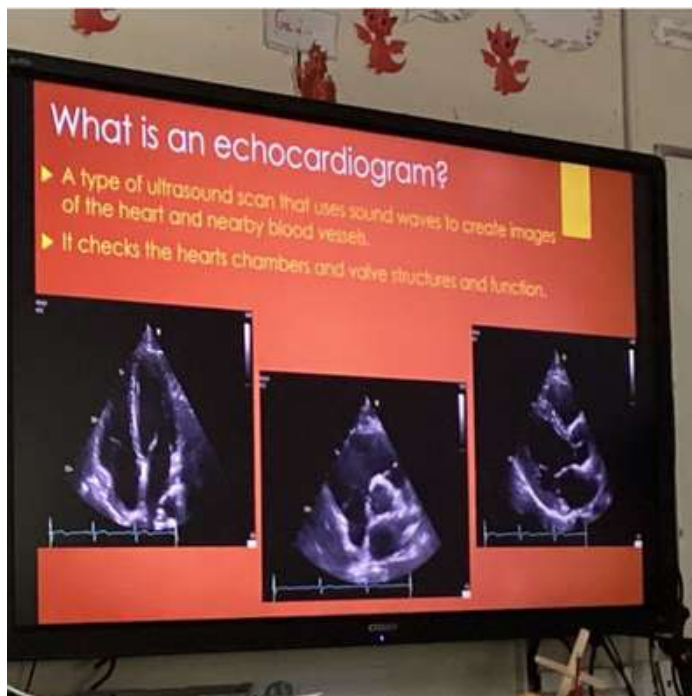


PIC•COLLAGE

Making boats 🚤



PIC•COLLAGE



Year 6 enjoyed a lesson with Gemma, who is a Specialist Cardiac Nurse Practitioner and Sonographer from the Princess of Wales hospital.



Happy Shwmae Su'mae Day! We celebrated by making posters and listening to Welsh songs to see what words we could identify. We also made 'Croeso' posters to go around our school!



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



This year we are taking part in the **Xmas4Schools Christmas Project** to help raise some funds for the school!

Over the next week or so, pupils will be given an artwork sheet to create their masterpiece at home. You will be able to purchase these as Christmas items if you wish. Pupils are welcome to do one each, or can collaborate with siblings for a joint piece if preferred!

If you are taking part, artwork sheets will need to be completed and returned to school by **Friday 6th November**.

Please visit www.xmas4schools.co.uk for more information.



Archdeacon John Lewis
Church in Wales Primary School

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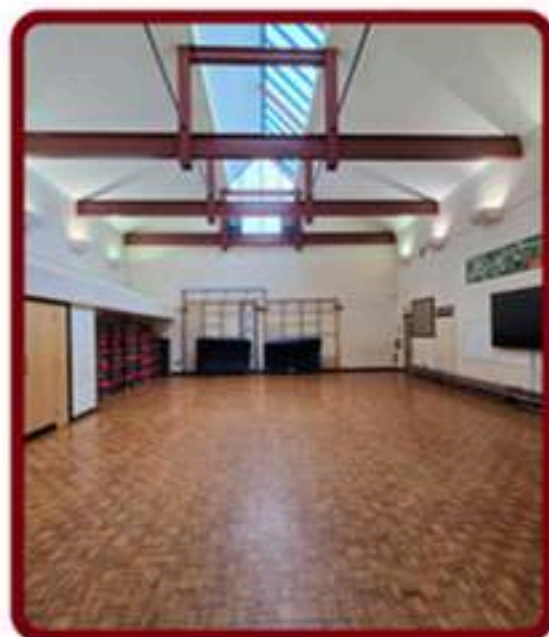
At Archdeacon John Lewis, we make select areas of the premises and outdoor areas available for events, meetings, conferences and activities to a wide variety of groups within and outside the local community.

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

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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

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

The PTA would be really grateful for donations of unopened toiletries, gift sets and other prizes for the Christmas Hamper raffle.

Thank you!





£2.00

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**



Ariennir gan
Lywodraeth Cymru
Funded by
Welsh Government

GREAT NEWS FOR FAMILIES!

WELSH GOVERNMENT-FUNDED CHILDCARE IS EXPANDING ACROSS ALL POSTCODES



**ALL FAMILIES CAN NOW APPLY FOR
UP TO 12.5 HOURS FUNDED
CHILDCARE FOR TWO- TO THREE-
YEAR-OLDS.**

MORE FAMILIES * MORE SUPPORT * MORE OPPORTUNITIES

FROM 2 NOVEMBER 2026, THIS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL FAMILIES INCLUDING THOSE LIVING
IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:

**BROADLANDS
LITCHARD
LALESTON**

**PENCOED
MERTHYR MAWR
OLDCASTLE**

**PENYFAI
BRACKLA
BRYNTIRION**

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MADE IMMEDIATELY VIA THE QR CODE BELOW IN
READINESS FOR FUNDING TO START 2 NOVEMBER.



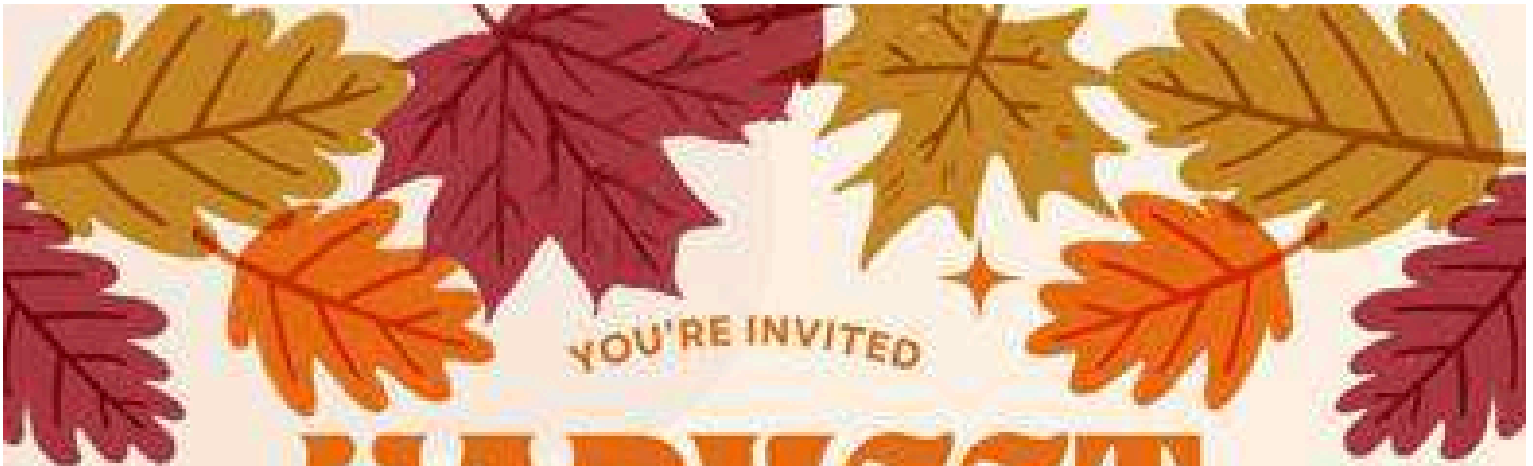
NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Childcare Access and Sufficiency Team:



flyingstart@bridgend.gov.uk





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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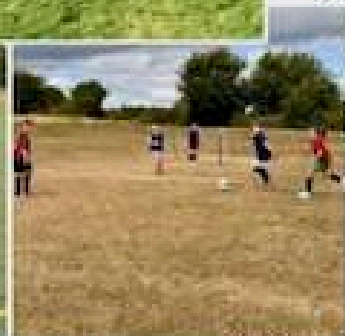


8:30AM – 4:30PM

£19

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DISCOUNT
PER DAY**

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