

OLSM Newsletter

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Upper Phase Advent Service

Our Upper Phase classes will take part in the School/Parish Advent service next Monday 16th starting at 6.00pm in Our Lady and Saint Michael's church.

Children from the classes are asked to wear their school uniform for the evening and arrive back at school for 5.30 pm. Parents and carers will then be welcome to take their seats.

Family members and carers with children in the Upper Phase classes are most welcome to attend along with parishioners and others from the wider community.

Please join us after the service for light refreshments in the school hall.

Year 3 swimming

The year 3 class swimming lessons have concluded for this term. The lessons will restart on Tuesday 14th January 2025.

Christmas Lunch Day

Our school Christmas lunch day is next Wednesday 18th December. Children may wear their Christmas jumpers on this day or other Christmas items.

If you would like your child to have a Christmas lunch meal you must ensure you book a lunch via ParentPay.

PTA Christmas fayre-please remember!

The Christmas Fayre will take place on Thursday 19th December. The PTA would like to ask the following-
Christmas Class Colours - *We are politely asking families to donate items of their class colour to create Christmas hampers to be raffled at this year's Christmas fayre.*

Reception- Green, Year 1 – Red, Year 2 – Purple, Year 3 - Orange/Yellow, Year 4 - Gold/Silver, Year 5 – Blue, Year 6 – Pink.

Items may be brought in from the first week of December.

Thank you so much to those who have already donated items to the class hampers.

Kind regards. Mrs Leanne Clark

School clubs

All school clubs have now ended for this term.

We request that family members of those children who have attended the **lunchtime book club** return all borrowed books asap. There are many books still outstanding. Thank you.

Autumn term dates for your diary.

Upper phase carol concert-

Monday 16th December at 6.00pm in OLSM Church.

Christmas Lunch Day- (Christmas Jumpers and other Christmas clothing can be worn on this day)

Wednesday 18th December 2024.

Christmas Fayre-

From 3.00 pm Thursday 19th December 2024.

Spring term 2025 dates for your diary.

Lower Phase family engagement afternoon - From 2.00pm on Tuesday 21st January 2025.

Upper Phase family engagement afternoon - From 2.00pm on Thursday 23rd January 2025.

Parent/carers consultation evenings-

Tuesday 18th February 2025 and Thursday 20th February 2025 from 3.45 pm.

Reception class 2025 school places

Applications for your child to start our school in September 2025 are now open. Please contact the school if you would like to apply for your child to start OLSM from September 2025.

The closing date for applications is 5 pm on the 9th of January 2025.

Please ensure you complete an application by the closing date as applications after this time will be considered late and an offer of a school place, may not be made.

Term dates 2024/2025

Term	Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	02/09/2024	28/10/2024	01/11/2024	20/12/2024
Spring	06/01/2025	24/02/2025	28/02/2025	11/04/2025
Summer	28/04/2025	26/05/2025	30/05/2025	21/07/2025

24/25 INSET days.

6th January 2025,
27th June 2025,
21st July 2025.

Parish information.

CAR PARK – A reminder that in order to drive onto the car park between 8.35am - 9.10am and 2.45-3.45pm each school day a car park permit is required. These are only given for the reasons of health, disability, special needs etc. Please do not use the car park during these times if you do not have a permit. If you have a permit, please display it clearly in your car. If you have a permit, please display it clearly in your car. E-mail Fr. Matthew on fr.matthew@live.co.uk for info.

Filipino Xmas Party – Saturday 21st December at the Labour Club Abergavenny. Starts 5 pm onwards (till late). You may wish to bring food to share. Due to overhead costs we kindly request for £20 contribution / per Family, £5 single /per person. Programme includes, ** Awarding of Bayanihan Certificates, *kids surprise number, *singing/dancing. *Raffles /prizes, and lots of surprises. Pay on the door, see Lolita/Fr. Matthew for info.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE - Friday 20th December, 7pm. A number of priests will be available for confessions.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES – At 8am, 10am and 6pm in OLSM Church. Children's liturgy operates at the 10am mass.

BAPTISMS – If your child hasn't been baptised, why not consider approaching Fr. Matthew. Children of all ages, as well as infants, are welcome to receive the grace of Holy Baptism. Some conditions apply, but Fr. Matthew is more than willing to discuss the possibility. Contact him on 851051.

St. Michaels Centre - is available for booking for family events and functions, such as children's parties etc. Info available at www.stmichaelcentre.org.uk or 01873 857570. Or e-mail to saintmichaelscen@outlook.com

CWTCH ANGELS – COMMUNITY SHOP, at Hatherleigh, near Homemakers, off Union Rd West, with food items and household items for families in need. They have a lot of good food, baby equipment, clothes and other essentials all free. A small donation can be given but is not expected. No documents e.g. for benefits are required. Open weekdays 11.30 to 2.30 and on Sat and Sun between 10 and 12 tel 07982435560

LIVE-STREAMING - All services from Church continue to be live streamed on the parish website, in particular our Sunday masses at 8am, 10am and 6pm www.olsm-abergavenny.co.uk

ONLINE EVENING PRAYER – every day, apart from Saturday, at 5pm on both the parish Facebook page and the parish website - www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch