

OLSM Newsletter

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Lower Phase Nativity

Our 3 lower phase classes are performing their Nativity play on Tuesday 10th and Thursday 12th this week. Information on obtaining tickets has been sent via email. If you require further information, please contact the school office.

Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 12th December is Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children UK. Children are welcome to **wear anything Christmassy** on this day it doesn't just have to be a jumper. Families are encouraged to make any donations on behalf of this charity via ParentPay. Donations will be accepted from Tuesday this week and left open until the end of the term. Any value of donation is most welcome.

Year 3 swimming

The year 3 class swimming lessons continue next Tuesday 10th December. The leisure centre recommend that children bring the following items to their swimming lesson.

- One-piece Swimming costume or Swimming shorts (must be above the knee). Towel. Hair band or swimming hat (long hair must be tied back). Goggles (if they choose). Children must remove all jewellery before they swim, i.e. watches, stud earrings.

These sessions are part of the curriculum and are not optional.

Please can the children wear their PE kit/jogging bottoms to school, to allow them to get changed more easily.

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.

kind regards. Mrs Leanne Clark

Parking on the side streets

Regrettably, we have had several complaints from local residents regarding dangerous parking along nearby roads.

When parking and walking to school, please be mindful of where you park and ensure you park safely. We have been asked to remind school families to be mindful of other pedestrians and local residents when parking to drop off their children.

MCC have informed us that Parking Wardens will be patrolling the area over the next few weeks.

Class PE days.

Children may wear their PE kit to school on their PE days.

Tuesday: Year 5. Year 3 swimming. (Children may wear their PE kit to help them get changed)

Wednesday: Reception / Year 1 / Year 2

Thursday: Year 6 **Friday: Year 4** (Please note the change of day).

Lunch bookings

We are unable to book a child's lunch on a family's behalf. If a child has not had a lunch booked the school office will contact families to bring in a packed lunch. Lunch bookings can be made at least a week in advance.

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School clubs

All school clubs have now ended for this term.

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School/Parish car park

Please can all school families remember the following- **As last year the car park is permit only between 8.35-9.05 am and 3.00-3.45 pm.** We are very grateful to our school families for continuing to follow the processes that have been established to make our school car park safe. Permits are only given for specific reasons and families are requested to apply to Fr Matthew if they feel they have a valid reason for a permit. **Finally, please remember that there is no entry via St Michaels Road.**

Autumn term dates for your diary.

Lower phase Nativity-
Tuesday December 10th at 2.00 pm and Thursday December 12th at 2.00 pm.

Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children
Thursday 12th December

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 also)
Wednesday 18th December 2024.

Christmas Fayre-
From 3.00 pm Thursday 19th December 2024.

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Welsh phrase of the fortnight-2.12.24 -13.12.24)

To support your pronunciation of the words below you may find this website useful-
[Welsh pronunciation dictionary \(forvo.com\)](http://forvo.com)

Lower Phase/Progression step1/2	Upper Phase/Progression step 2/3
Oes gyda ti? (Do you have a?) Oes, mae gyda fi. Nag oes, does dim gyda fi.	Oes gyda ti? (Do you have a?) Oes, mae gyda fi. Nag oes, does dim gyda fi. Now have a go at extending your sentence! Oes pensil oren gyda ti? Oes, mae pensil oren gyda fi. Dyma ti! Nag oes, does dim pensil oren gyda fi. Sori!

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

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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.

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