

OLSM Newsletter

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Half term break end

We hope you have all had a good half term break

Tomorrow we will welcome the children back to school (Monday 3rd March 2025.)

Eisteddfod Home Learning Task 2025

As last year, we are linking our school Eisteddfod with the Abergavenny Eisteddfod. The themes for their Art, Literature and Photography **competitions are outlined in the attached information sheet.** Please ensure your child's name, school and year group are written on the back of their entries.

All entries will be awarded House Points for our School Eisteddfod on 7th March. Selected entries may be entered into the Abergavenny Eisteddfod which takes place at the end of March at the Methodist Church in Abergavenny. **We will accept entries until the morning of Wednesday 5th March.**

Saint David's Day Lunch menu

As we were not in on Saint David's Day (Saturday 1st March 2025), the school kitchen will serve the Saint David's Day Lunch tomorrow Monday 3rd March. Accompanying this newsletter is the menu for that day. Please book as normal via ParentPay.

Welsh themed normal clothes may be worn on this day or alternatively something red.- Welsh costume/rugby/football shirts etc may also be worn to allow classes to have photos to celebrate this day.

Year 6 and Reception class trip to Bailey Park on Tuesday 4th March

Please could you ensure your child has a suitable coat and footwear to walk to Bailey Park on the 4th of March. The classes are, completing a joint trip in relation to their class work.

Ash Wednesday

The school will take part in an Ash Wednesday service on the afternoon of Wednesday 5th March for distribution of the ashes. This day marks the start of Lent.

World Book Day March 6th, 2025

This year we will celebrate World Book Day by asking children to come to school in comfy normal clothes and to bring their slippers for a 'Relax and Read day'. Children will also be asked to bring in their favourite book to share with their class. The day will be full of fun planned activities with the focus on celebrating the joy of books.

School Eisteddfod 2025

On Friday 7th March, we will celebrate our school Eisteddfod. Children may wear the same clothing as they wore for our Saint David's Day Lunch (i.e.- Welsh themed normal clothes may be worn on this day or alternatively something red.- Welsh costume/rugby/football shirts etc may also be worn.

School clubs

The lunchtime book club has restarted.

Lower phase book club – Tuesdays 12.30-1.00 pm.

Upper Phase book club – Fridays 1.00 – 1.30 pm.

School sports clubs will start this week.

Year 5 swimming.

The year 5 class swimming lessons will continue next Tuesday 4th March 2025. 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.

Afterschool childcare wraparound club

At present, we are having a very poor uptake of children attending the wraparound childcare sessions. Last year, a number of families expressed an interest in utilising the sessions but the number of children attending hasn't materialised. Regrettably, if the numbers attending remain low, we may have to make the decision to stop the sessions due to them not being economically viable.

The afterschool wraparound childcare club runs from 3.30 pm to 5.15 pm. The session costs £10 pound and includes a snack (a wrap/sandwich, fruit and a drink). Throughout the week the staff will follow a timetable of daily activities ranging from arts and craft, board games, and other themes. Please contact the office for more details. Booking is via ParentPay.

Class assembly dates

Class assemblies will take place on a Thursday at 10.20 am in the school hall.

Thursday 13th March Year 3 assembly.

Thursday 3rd April Reception class assembly.

Thursday 27th March Year 5 assembly.

Friday 4th April Year 1 assembly.

Class Masses

Class family members are always very welcome to attend. Masses take place on a Tuesday at 10.00 am.

Tuesday 4th March at 10.00 am Year 3 and year 4 Mass.

Tuesday 11th March at 10.00 am Year 5 and year 6 Mass.

Tuesday March 25th at 10.00 am Year 3 and year 4 Mass.

Fruit tuck

As a healthy school we only allow fruit for the morning break. If you have a child in the lower phase (R, Yr1, Y2) the school provides milk and fruit. We ask for a small fee, payable via Parent Pay to cover the fruit cost. Upper phase children (Yr. 3, 4, 5, 6) may bring in 20p daily to purchase their own fruit tuck.

No non-fruit/vegetable items are allowed for mid-morning break please.

Healthy eating school

Our school is a healthy eating school. Therefore, please can you ensure that children only bring in water in their drink bottles. Likewise, only fruit or vegetables must be brought in for morning snacks or alternatively use the fruit tuck options available within the school. (see above)

Accompanying this week's newsletter we have also included an information sheet on examples of healthy packed lunches.

Breakfast club runs from 8.00am

Breakfast club runs from 8.00 am until 8.45 am.

The childcare element runs from 8.00 until 8.25 am and costs £2. The free breakfast runs from 8.25 until 8.35 am. Families dropping off their children for breakfast club are able to use the school car park until 8.35 am. **The club is free for those who have been informed by MCC that they would have been eligible for Free School Meals.**

Welsh phrase of the fortnight-21.02.2025 -07.03.25)

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

Ble wyt ti'n byw?

(Where do you live?)

Dw i'n byw ...

yn Y Fenni - in Abergavenny.

mewn tŷ - in a house.

mewn fflat - in a flat.

mewn bwthyn - in a cottage.

mewn byngalow - in a bungalow.

Ble wyt ti'n byw?

(Where do you live?)

Dw i'n byw ...

yn Y Fenni- in Abergavenny.

mewn tŷ teras (terraced house).

mewn tŷ ar wahân (detached house).

mewn tŷ pâr (semi-detached house).

mewn bwthyn (cottage).

mewn fflat gyda drws gwyrdd (in a flat with a green door).

Contacting school/teachers

There will be times when you need to pass information on to teachers. Messages can be passed on via the school office but below you will also find a list of teacher email addresses. Please beware that teachers will only respond to emails during school-working hours 8.30-5.00pm Monday – Friday and then only when not teaching. If a message is urgent. please always contact the school office.

Reception class. Mrs Elias- EliasS5@Hwbcymru.net

Year 1 class. Mrs Flynn- flynnj41@hwbcymru.net

Year 2 class. Mrs Dunlop- dunlopa14@Hwbcymru.net

Year 3 class. Miss Farr- FarrR12@Hwbcymru.net

Year 4 class Mrs Rose- RoseM10@Hwbcymru.net

Year 5 class. Mr Fuchs- fuchss6@hwbcymru.net

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy- McCarthyM22@Hwbcymru.net

Mr Evans- evansv36@monmouthshireschools.wales **please note the new email address.**

Additional Needs Co-ordinator - Miss Everett- EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net

School office - OLSM.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales **please note the new email address.**

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.

27th June 2025,
21st July 2025.

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. E-mail Fr. Matthew on fr.matthew@live.co.uk for info.

Please be aware that infringement of safe driving rules, repeated parking offences or aggression/abuse of school and church staff, will mean parking permits will be revoked/ logging of offences with the police and bans from attendance on the school/parish grounds.