

OLSM Newsletter

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Santes Dwywen-Normal clothes, wear something red.

Saturday 25th January is Santes Dwywen day, the Welsh Saint Valentine. To commemorate this day, we will celebrate on Monday 27th with children completing some activities associated with this celebration. This day will be a normal clothes day, and we ask that children wear something red or with some red in it/on it (Socks with a bit of red/red stripe, red hair band, red jumper, red t-shirt etc).

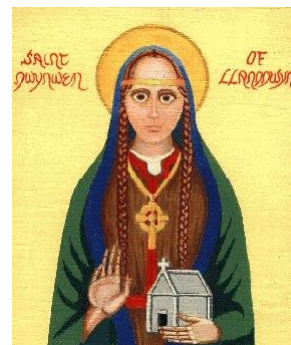
Welsh language phrases-

Dydd Santes Dwywen Hapus! (Happy Saint Dwywen Day!)

Dyma gerdyn i chi- here is a card for you.

Dyma flodau i chi- here are flowers for you.

Dyma stori Santes Dwywen- here's the story of Saint Dwywen.



Fluoride Varnish Van

On Wednesday 29th January, the local NHS dental team will arrive at the school to support children in Reception class, year 1 and year 2, who will have fluoride varnish applications to their teeth. Letters have already been sent home. If you would like your child to benefit from this opportunity, please return the consent form asap. Fluoride varnish has been proven to reduce dental decay in young children.

Prescription medicines

School staff are only able to administer medicine to children, if the medicine is prescribed by a doctor and a medicine administration permission form is filled in (available from the school office). School staff usually only administer medicine if it needs to be given more than three times a day.

Year 3 swimming.

The year 3 class swimming lessons continue next Tuesday 28th January 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.

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.

Spring term 2025 dates for your diary.

Parent/carers consultation evenings-

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

Class assembly dates

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

Thursday 6th February Year 6 assembly.

Thursday 3rd March Reception class assembly.

Thursday 13th February Year 4 assembly.

Thursday 4th March Year 1 assembly.

Thursday 20th February Year 2 assembly.

Thursday 13th March Year 3 assembly.

Thursday 27th March Year 5 assembly.

Class Masses

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

Tuesday 28th January at 10.00 am Year 5 and year 6 Mass.

Tuesday 11th February at 10.00 am Year 3 and Year 4 Mass.

Tuesday 18th February at 10.00 am Year 5 and year 6 Mass.

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.

Afterschool childcare wraparound club

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.

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.

Welsh phrase of the fortnight-27.01.2025 -07.02.25)

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

Beth wyt ti'n wisgo?

What are you wearing?

Dw i'n gwisgo...

sgert - a skirt

crys - a shirt

crys-t - a t-shirt

siwmpwr - a jumper

esgidiau - shoes

trowsus - trousers

Upper Phase/Progression step 2/3

Beth wyt ti'n wisgo (heddiw)?

What are you wearing (today)?

Dw i'n gwisgo...

sgert coch - a red skirt

crys glas golau - a light blue shirt

crys-t gwyn - a white t-shirt

siwmpwr glas - a blue jumper

esgidiau du - black shoes

trowsus llwyd - grey trousers

Breakfast club

Breakfast club runs from 8.00 am until 8.45.

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.

School/Parish car park

We would like to thank our school families for supporting the school and following the guidance information sent via email last week. Please remember the **car park is permit only between 8.35-9.05 am and 3.00-3.45 pm**. 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.** Please continue to do your up most to keep the car park safe for all users both pedestrian and those permitted to use a vehicle.

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.

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.

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.

SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY – Is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord or Candlemass, when we remember when the infant Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after he was born and was acclaimed to be the Light of the world. Hence the tradition on that day of the blessing of candles in Church that day, with our main service at 10am.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE – Monday 3rd FEBRUARY – When we pray for all religious sisters and brothers on Monday 3rd February. Archbishop Mark will be celebrating mass here at 12noon, with many of the religious Sisters of our Archdiocese joining us. All welcome.

CHARITY CONCERT – SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY 7pm, in OLSM in aid of our local firefighters – Abertillery Male Voice Choir and the Sunshine singers. Tickets £10 in advance – see poster at back of Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE – Thanks to the 10 families who have enrolled their children on this year's First Holy Communion preparation course. The next preparation session is on **Sunday 9th February at 9am** in St. Michaels Centre, followed by 10am Mass.

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