

# OLSM Newsletter

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## **Thank you for your support.**

Over the last 2 weeks of the autumn term, we were very grateful for the fantastic support that was shown by our parents, carers and wider school community. The positive feedback regarding the lower phase nativity and the upper phase Advent service was most grateful. The staff send their thanks to you all for the amazing support you provided.

## **Pupil leaders' charity fundraising**

Our 4 pupil leaders, Edie, Tanga, Olivia Jay and Benjamin have identified 2 charities that they would like to support via termly fund-raising opportunities. The charities are Cancer Research UK and Therapy Dogs Nationwide. The Advent Service was the first identified fund-raising opportunity by the group and they are very pleased to inform you that £261.90 was raised. They would like to pass on their thanks to you all for this outstanding amount that will be split equally between the 2 charities.

## **Year 3 swimming restarts.**

The year 3 class swimming lessons restarts next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> 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 clubs restart this week.

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.**

**Lower Phase family engagement afternoon** - From 2.00pm on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

**Upper Phase family engagement afternoon** - From 2.00pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.

**Parent/carers consultation evenings-**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2025 from 3.45 pm.

## **Afterschool childcare wraparound club**

The afterschool wraparound childcare club restarted last Tuesday. The session 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.**

### 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.

### 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-13.01.2025 -24.01.25)

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 angen?**

**(What do you need?)**

**Dw i angen siswrn, os gwelwch yn dda.**

**pensil**

**rwber**

**glud**

**diod**

Upper Phase/Progression step 2/3

**Beth wyt ti angen?**

**(What do you need?)**

**Dw i angen siswrn, os gwelwch yn dda.**

**pen glas**

**rwber**

**ffon glud**

**diod o ddŵr**

**mynd i'r ty bach**

### 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](mailto:EliasS5@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 1 class. Mrs Flynn- [flynnj41@hwbcymru.net](mailto:flynnj41@hwbcymru.net)

Year 2 class. Mrs Dunlop- [dunlopa14@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:dunlopa14@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 3 class. Miss Farr- [FarrR12@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:FarrR12@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 4 class Mrs Rose- [RoseM10@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:RoseM10@Hwbcymru.net)

Year 5 class. Mr Fuchs- [fuchss6@hwbcymru.net](mailto:fuchss6@hwbcymru.net)

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy- [McCarthyM22@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:McCarthyM22@Hwbcymru.net)

Mr Evans- [evansv36@monmouthshireschools.wales](mailto:evansv36@monmouthshireschools.wales) **please note the new email address.**

Additional Needs Co-ordinator - Miss Everett- [EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net](mailto:EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net)

School office - [OLSM.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales](mailto:OLSM.Primary@monmouthshireschools.wales) **please note the new email address.**

### 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

#### 24/25 INSET days.

27<sup>th</sup> June 2025,  
21<sup>st</sup> July 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 |

### 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](mailto: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](http://www.stmichaelcentre.org.uk) or 01873 857570. Or e-mail to [saintmichaelscen@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://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](https://www.facebook.com/OurLadyandStMichaelChurch)