

OLSM Newsletter

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Goodbye to our Year 6 and staff colleagues

Last Friday was a very emotional day as we said goodbye to our Year 6 class, as they leave us and move to their new schools.

We also said farewell to 4 of our staff colleagues.

Miss McCarthy is retiring after 36 years in education and 13 years as our Deputy Head Teacher. She has been a constant inspiration for teaching as a vocation and the wonderful way she has nurtured our pupils will have a positive impact on so many lives. We wish you good luck, good health and hope you have a very well-deserved rest in between developing your garden!

Sadly, we also had to wish farewell to Miss Jayne who is leaving to work as an LSA at Abertillery learning campus and Mr Rutherford and Miss Morris who are moving to higher education to complete qualifications in physiotherapy and education respectively. Thank you all for the incredible commitment you have shown to the children in your care.

We wish them all the very best of luck for their future and we will keep them in our prayers in all that they do. God bless each and every one of them.

Summer holidays

Last Friday was our last school day this term before we finish for the summer break. **We will welcome all the children back on Tuesday 2nd of September 2025.** We hope you all have a good summer.

Please remember!

At the recent new parent/carers meeting we had a timely reminder that we can all use our PTA easy funding app, for any online purchases and still support the school. It will not cost you more but will add funds to our school.

Just sign up, download the easyfundraising app and use that to do your online shopping, and the school receives donations that cost you nothing.

Search: easyfundraising in your app store and raise money for the school just by doing your online shopping. You can find our **easyfundraising** page at

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofolsm/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Community Capital Spend Grant

We are very pleased to announce that last week we found out that our Grant Application to Welsh Government; to develop a community kitchen which will also be used for our school, has been accepted. We applied for £60,000 of funding to develop the room between the library and the intervention room. We are hoping to complete the work by February 2026.

Tesco grant

If you pop into the local Tesco over the next few weeks, please remember to collect some of the blue tokens and vote for the school in the Tesco Community Grant vote. The group that obtains the most votes will receive a financial grant. We have identified that any money we receive will be used to further develop the school outdoor areas. Please support us in this opportunity.

School uniform

From September we would like all families to do their utmost to follow our school uniform policy. We appreciate that towards the end of term, families may not want to spend on items that children may grow out of over the summer. However, from September we would like to see all our children in the correct uniform with appropriate shoes.

Please remember-

Foundation Phase Uniform (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)	Winter/Spring terms Pale blue polo shirts with or without the school logo on the left side. Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore. Navy v-neck jumper with or without logo on left side, Navy cardigan with or without logo on left side. Black socks. White socks/navy tights. Black school shoes. PE-Pale blue t-shirt with or without logo on left side. Navy shorts. Navy zipped hoodie with logo, Navy joggers. Sports socks. Daps/trainers. Summer term Pale blue polo shirts with or without the school logo on the left side. Grey shorts. Skort. Pale blue small check dress.
Key Stage 2 Uniform (Year 3- Year 6)	Winter/Spring terms Pale blue shirt with school tie. Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore. Navy v-neck jumper with or without logo on left side, Navy cardigan with or without logo on left side. Black socks. White socks/navy tights. Black school shoes. PE-Pale blue t-shirt with/without logo on left side. Navy shorts. Navy zipped hoody with logo, Navy joggers. Sports socks. Daps/trainers. Summer term Pale blue polo shirts with or without the school logo on the left side. Grey shorts, Skort. Pale blue small check dress.
Optional Extras	• Book bag with logo. • PE/swim bag with logo • Reversible waterproof fleece/jacket with logo.

Term dates 2025/2026

Term	Start	Half Term Starts	Half Term Ends	Term Ends
Autumn	Mon 1st Sept 2025	Mon 27th Oct 2025	Fri 31st Oct 2025	Fri 19th Dec 2025
Spring	Mon 5th Jan 2026	Mon 16th Feb 2026	Fri 20th Feb 2026	Fri 27th Mar 2026
Summer	Mon 13th Apr 2026	Mon 25th May 2026	Fri 29th May 2026	Mon 20th Jul 2026

INSET days for 25/26-

Monday 1st September 2025, Friday 3rd October 2025, Friday 10th October, Monday January 5th 2026, **Friday June 19th 2026 (instead of April 13th)**, Monday 20th July 2026.

Please note that we have had to move the April date to June.

Parish information.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, Monday 6th - Friday 10th October, Flying from Bristol with Tangney Tours. £770, with £140 single supplement. Hotel Alba, full board, info on website/back of Church.

HOLY BAPTISM – OLSM is a Faith school of the Roman Catholic tradition, with the parish and church at the heart of everything the school does, with Baptism being the rite of initiation for the Church. If your child hasn't received the grace of baptism for whatever reason, why not approach Fr. Matthew to ask if it possible. Some conditions do apply, but he is always ready to discuss it. (851051)

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

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