

OLSM Newsletter

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Year 5 John Muir award assembly

Our Year 5 families are invited to attend school for 2.00pm on Monday 14th. The class have produced an assembly to showcase the work they have done to support achieving the John Muir science award. The Mayor of Abergavenny will also attend to learn all about the work that was completed with the Friends of Castle Meadow. All year 5 family members are welcome to attend.

School fayre and colour run

Thank you very much to our PTA and other volunteers that worked so hard last Friday to organise the school fayre and colour run event. Thank you also to our school families for the tremendous support you all provided. A wonderful afternoon with lots of fun to round off the year on a high.

Presentation afternoon.

Presentation afternoon will take place on Wednesday 16th July. 2.00 – 3.15pm in OLSM church.

Please note –

Parents/carers will be invited by email to this event, if their child is to receive an award.

Please remember!

At the recent new parent/carer 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

School book club

Please can any outstanding book club books or reading books that have been borrowed, be returned by the end of the week. Thank you for your support.

Wales in Bloom judging

Thanks to Izzy and Anwen from Year 5 for showing the Wales in Bloom judge around on Wednesday. He was once again very impressed with all the hard work that has been done and wished to congratulate those who have helped over the last year. Some children from Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 also met the judge today at the new Tesco civic beds to talk about how our school has supported the town this year in planting up new flower beds.

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.

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.

21st July 2025.

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.

CAR PARK –

Recently we have noticed that an increasing number of non-permit cars are using the car park at pick up at the end of the day. Monitoring will occur this week to ensure that the parking rules are being followed, for the safety of all.

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.

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.

CALVARY MONUMENT – The large cross standing at the entrance to the site, is a memorial of Our Lord's death on Good Friday and is also a War Memorial, the 1st in Abergavenny, erected in 1920. Please could parents/carers please ensure that the monument is treated with respect, and reverence. Please do not allow your children to play on or around the monument. It is a sacred site and must be revered and treated with respect. Thankyou Fr. Matthew.

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)

CHARITY EVENING for CRY – CARDIAC RISK IN THE YOUNG – Saturday 12th July, St. Michaels Centre 5.30pm on wards. Tickets £15 to include Hog Roast. Music, Bar, Auction. Call Mario on 07940 442662. All proceeds to CRY.

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

CAR PARK – A reminder that to drive into 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.