

OLSM Newsletter

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We live, we love, we learn, we grow in Jesus.



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Year 4 swimming

The year 4 swimming sessions have now finished for this term.

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.

School trips

Our Reception and Year 1 classes go on a trip to Caerphilly this Monday 7th July, to visit the Gruffalo trail will Year 2 and Year 3 visit Noah's Ark on Wednesday 9th.

Information was sent last week to carers and parents of the children in the classes regarding the trips.

Year 6 play and leavers Mass

Year 6 leavers play, Tuesday 8th July at 6.00pm and Wednesday 9th July. Tickets have been sent home to the classes involved.

Leavers Mass for just Year 6 family members and friends, will take place on Friday 11th July at 10.00 am.

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

School clubs

Lower phase book club – Tuesdays 12.30-1.00 pm. Upper Phase book club – Fridays 1.00 – 1.30 pm.

Please ensure that all library books/school reading books are returned this week.

Football club – Finished for the term.

Netball club Tuesday – 3.30-4.30 Year 4, 5 and 6

Running club Wednesday – Finished for the term

Smoothwall safeguarding web security system

All MCC schools now use Smoothwall software to monitor the use of all school digital equipment. If any school user accesses an inappropriate website, the school safeguard lead is notified, and the users access details are identified. This technology ensures that our school equipment is never used inappropriately.

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.

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.**

Class assembly and mass dates

Class assemblies will take place mostly on a Thursday at 10.20.

Thursday 10th July Year 2 class assembly.

Friday 11th July Year 6 leavers Mass – 10.00 am

Welsh phrase of the fortnight-30.06.2025 -11.07.25)

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 step 1/2

Ble mae doli?

Where is the dolly?

Dyma doli.

Here is the dolly.

Ble mae llyfr? Where is the book?

Ble mae potel dwr? Where is the water bottle?

Ble mae cot? Where is the coat?

Ble mae het? Where is the hat?

Upper Phase/Progression step 2/

Ble mae ysgrifbin glas?

Where is the blue pen?

Dyma ysgrifbin glas.

Here is the blue pen.

Ble mae llyfr ffuglen? Where is the fiction book?

Ble mae potel dwr pinc? Where is the pink water bottle?

Ble mae cot coch? Where is the red coat?

School staff changes

As you have already been made aware, sadly Miss McCarthy has decided to retire at the end of this term. We are currently looking to appoint an Assistant Head teacher from September.

Additionally, as you may have already appreciated after the staffing structure was announced last week, we are also saying goodbye to some other staff.

Miss Jayne who currently supports our Reception class, has gained a new role in Abertillery Learning Campus, while Mr Rutherford, who supports Year 4 and Miss Morris, who supports Year 5 have successfully applied to enrol on further higher education courses.

We would like to wish all staff members the very best of luck in their future endeavours. They will be greatly missed by us all.

Wales in Bloom judging

Our school will be judged by a Wales in Bloom judge this Wednesday 9th July. Lots of parts of the school look lovely but sadly some of the flowers that we planted haven't thrived as well as we would have liked due to the very hot weather. In a bid to make our school bloom a little more we would be very grateful if any families who have flowering pot plants could bring them in on Wednesday morning for the children to place them around the school. They can then be collected on Thursday afternoon. If you are able to support us in this request, we would be most grateful.

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.

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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.