

OLSM Newsletter

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Getting Ready for school session.

A getting ready for school session will take place tomorrow Monday 16th June 2025 starting at 9.15-11.15 in the school hall. The session is open to all parents/carers who have children starting primary school this September. The session is open to both parents/carers with children starting OLSM and also those starting other primary schools in the Abergavenny area. The session is run by Acorns.

Sports Day 2025

This Tuesday 17th June is our sports day. The event will run from 10.00 -12.00. From 12.00 parents and carers are welcome to stay on the school fields to enjoy a picnic with their child/children. On this day the school will provide all children with a packed lunch if a main meal is ordered via the Parent Pay system. The forecast is for good weather so please ensure your child attends school in their PE kit, has sunscreen applied, has a drinks bottle with water and has a hat.

Hot weather this week!

The weather forecast for the week ahead suggests hot weather. Therefore, please ensure that your child/children come to school with sunscreen already applied, has a hat and brings a water bottle with water.

Year 4 swimming

The year 4 class swimming lesson will be cancelled this week due to the school sports morning. It will resume next week.

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 clubs

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

Football club - Monday 3.30-4.30 Year 4, 5 and 6

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

Running club Wednesday - 3.30-4.30 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Dates for your diary

Sports Day option 1 - 17th June 2025, 10.00-12 (midday). Family picnic afterwards until 1.00pm

Sports Day option 2 - (if bad weather on first date) Thursday 19th June 2025.

Summer fayre - 4th July 2025 after school.

Year 6 leavers play, Tuesday 8th July at 6.00pm and Wednesday 9th July.

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.**

Understanding what digital resources your child views.

We are increasingly learning that children in our school, play online games or are accessing social media which is classified as too old for them.

Social media such as 'WhatsApp' should only be used by children 13 years and over. If your child uses this, please ensure you monitor their use. Digital computer games or online games such as Call of Duty, Grand Theft Auto and other similar games are rated 18 for a reason and contain a variety of very adult content which includes, extreme sexual violence, vulgar language and other content that is certainly not suitable for primary or even younger high school aged children. It is vitally important that parents and carers are fully aware of the content that their child/children are engaging with and the potential negative impact this could have on your child's wellbeing and potential behaviour.

The following resource is designed to support parent/carers in appreciating the suitability of app/resources that children may access.

<https://hwb.gov.wales/keeping-safe-online/in-the-know/>

Class assembly and mass dates

Class assemblies will take place mostly on a Thursday at 10.20 except for the 2 dates on a Friday at the same time.

Friday 20th June Year 1 class assembly.

Friday 4th July Reception class assembly.

26th June Year 3 class assembly.

10th July Year 2 class assembly.

Friday 11th July Year 6 leavers Mass – 10.00 am.

Welsh phrase of the fortnight-16.06.2025 -27.06.25)

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

Cot pwy ydy hwn?

Whose coat is this?

Cot John ydy hwn

This is John's coat.

Siwmpwr pwy ydy hwn?

Botel pwy ydy hwn?

Pensil pwy ydy hwn?

Llyfr pwy ydy hwn?

Upper Phase/Progression step 2/

Cot pwy ydy hwn?

Whose coat is this?

Cot John ydy hwn

This is John's coat.

Siwmpwr glas pwy ydy hwn?

Botel dwr pwy ydy hwn?

Ysgrifbin pwy ydy hwn?

Llyfr darllen pwy ydy hwn?

ST ALBAN'S RC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN EVENING – WEDNESDAY 25th JUNE 2025

Information has been sent this week to the families of Year 5 regarding an open evening at Saint Albans High School. If you didn't receive this information, please contact the school.

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.

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, Monday April 13th 2026, Monday 20th July 2026.*

The dates above are now confirmed for the next academic year.

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.

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)

JUBILEE DAY FOR FAMILIES - Takes place on Saturday 31st May, at Belmont Abbey in Hereford from 11am, poster at back of Church. Bring a picnic for an afternoon of fun family activities – games and a pilgrim's treasure hunt.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION COURSE – Thanks to the families who have enrolled their children on this year's First Holy Communion preparation course. First Holy Communion Mass-Sunday 22nd June at 10am. There will be a rehearsal session for the children on Friday 20th June at 3.45pm in the church.

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.