

OLSM Newsletter

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Miss McCarthy

It is with a very sad heart that we must announce that Miss McCarthy has decided to retire from education at the end of this academic year, after being involved in teaching for 36 years.

Miss McCarthy has been the Deputy Head at our school since 2012 and has had a huge impact on the progress the school has made in that time.

Miss McCarthy's retirement will be a huge loss to us all, but I am sure you would want to join us in wishing her the very best in all she does in the future and thank her unreservedly for her outstanding commitment to the school and children, during her time here.

Easter Holidays

The spring term ends tomorrow, Friday 11th April.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 28th April 2025.

We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and hope that the joy of the risen Christ, fills all your hearts and homes, with blessings.

Class photographs.

Photographic proof photos came home recently with information on how to order. The full-size photos look wonderful, so please avail yourselves of this opportunity; if you are able and would like a record of your child/children's present class.

Lenten Appeal Normal Clothes Day

Tomorrow the children may wear normal clothes to support our Cafod Appeal. For those who are able, we would be grateful for any donations. Donations may be made via or school ParentPay system.

Please be aware, all children are welcome to wear normal clothes, regardless of if a donation is made or not.

CAMHS ONLINE WELL BEING WORKSHOPS EASTER 14TH April – 23rd April 2025

CAMHS will be running a range of workshops on MS Teams during Easter 2025 for children, young people in year 6 & above, and their families across Gwent. Please use the booking form/QR code in the attached leaflet and make sure to book on at least 24 hours before the session. Parents are welcome to attend with their young person, but we will not be able to answer any individual CAMHS queries during the workshop time.

Summer term immersion day

The children will take part in a topic immersion day on Thursday 1st May. The summer topics involve sustainability, looking after our world, recycling etc. Therefore, please could the children wear *Earth-coloured*, normal clothes on that day. (Blues, greens, browns etc)

Year 4 swimming

The year 4 class swimming lessons will begin after the Easter holidays starting on Tuesday 29th April 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.

Please can the children wear their PE kit/jogging bottoms to school, to allow them to get changed more easily.

School clubs

All school clubs will restart in the first week of the new term.

Welsh phrase of the fortnight-07.04.2025.

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

Upper Phase/Progression step 2/3

Pasg Hapus! **(Happy Easter!)**

Dyma gerdyn i chi- here is a card for you.

Dyma stori Iesu- here's the story of Jesus.

Sul y Blodau- Palm Sunday.

Dydd Gwener y Groglith- Good Friday.

wy siocled- chocolate egg.

cwningen siocled- chocolate bunny.

Gardd y Pasg- Easter Garden.

Dates for your diary

PTA meeting in the school hall – 1st May 2025 3.45-4.45 pm.

Scholastic book fayre - 2nd June 2025

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.

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.

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.

CAR PARK –

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.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES – Palm Sunday 13th April as usual, Holy Thursday 17th, Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm, Good Friday 18th April, Walk of Witness 10am (beginning outside Tesco), Stations 12 noon, service 3pm, Holy Saturday confessions 10-11am, Vigil 8pm, Easter Sunday 11 am and 6 pm (Llanarth 9am.) Leaflets with these times on are being distributed from next Sunday.

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 has not 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