

OLSM Newsletter

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

Wishing you all a happy Easter-Pasg hapus

Today is the last day of the Spring term. On behalf of the entire OLSM school community we hope you all have an enjoyable Easter.

We look forward to seeing all the children return on Monday April 17th 2023.

Afterschool clubs-for next week

During the first week back after Easter, only the Wednesday Sportstars club will take place. All other clubs will be cancelled.

Pupil council groups.

No Criw Cymraeg during the first week.

Community/Mini-Vinnies will meet on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.30.

Eco, standards, and the digital group will meet on Thursdays from 3.30-4.30.

Year 3 swimming

Please note that the Year 3 swimming session will start on Tuesday 25th April.

Please make sure the children bring their swimming costumes, a towel and goggles if needed on the day. Children should come to school in their PE kit. The leisure centre has informed us that children will be unable to swim if their ears are recently pierced and they must not wear earrings on the day.

Earth Day Friday 21st April

Friday 21st April is Earth Day. We will use this day as the immersion day for the children to start their summer theme, 'We love our World.'

This day will be a normal clothes day and we ask that children try to wear earth colours such as green, blue and brown.

Dropping children off at Breakfast club

Please remember that children should not be dropped off for Breakfast club before 8.00am. Younger children must also be accompanied to the hall to be formally handed over to staff. Thank you.

Contacting 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. Miss Forder - ForderG6@Hwbcymru.net

Year 2 class. Mrs Bowden / Miss Farr BowdenK12@Hwbcymru.net FarrR12@Hwbcymru.net

Year 3 class. Miss O'Reilly - OReillyS18@Hwbcymru.net

Year 4 class Mrs Callicott - CallicottH6@Hwbcymru.net

Year 5 class Mrs Rose - RoseM10@Hwbcymru.net

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy - McCarthyM22@Hwbcymru.net

Mr Evans – vivianevas@monmouthshire.gov.uk

School entry gates

From Monday 17th April, the side gate directly by the kitchen garden allotment/year 5 class, will no longer be open in the mornings. It will only be open at the end of the school day.

Therefore, pedestrian entrance via Pen-Y-Pound will be via the church/school drive along the marked pedestrian pathway highlighted with the red and white bollards.

Term dates for the 22/23 academic year.

Term	Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	02/09/2022	31/10/22	04/11/2022	23/12/2022
Spring	09/01/2023	20/02/2023	24/02/2023	31/03/2023
Summer	17/04/2023	29/05/2023	02/06/2023	21/07/2023

INSET Days for 22/23-Friday 30th June 2023. Please note the additional Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation will take place on Monday 8th May 2023.

Parish News- A very Happy and Holy Easter to all staff, children and their families from Fr. Matthew and everyone in OLSM Parish.

HOLY WEEK, begins with Palm Sunday, on Sunday 2nd April, with the normal procession carrying palm branches at the 10am Mass. On Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lords Supper at 7pm. Good Friday service at 3pm, Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8pm, Easter Sunday, 9th April, Masses at 11am and 6pm.

SUNDAY MASSES - at 8am, 10am and 6pm, Children's liturgy during the 10am mass in term time.

BAPTISMS – Fr. Matthew welcomes applications for Baptism of infants and children in OLSM Church. For further info contact Fr. Matthew – 851051.

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, place of Union Rd West, with food items and household items for families in need. They have a lot of 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 tele 07982435560

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - every Friday of Lent at 6pm in Church.

CAR PARK – Please only park in marked bays. If there are no spaces available, please park off site.

The parish and school reserve the right to issue warning notices from the company "Flash park" who we have an agreement with. Parents/carers should only use the car park at the beginning and end of the school day, thus enabling parishioners and users of St. Michael Centre to park here. Please co-operate in keeping the car park a safe place for your children.

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