

OLSM Newsletter

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

Welcome back

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week after the Easter break.

Today we celebrated Earth Day and the children took part in an immersion day to start our Summer Theme of 'We learn about our world.' The children learnt about the continents, producing plasticine world maps, sang about how we should look after water in our world, produced a school collage of Earth, appreciated how we are stewards of the earth and have a duty to look after the animals and plants that live with us, making bird feeders to be placed in the school grounds, iced biscuits to produce a map of the world, completed orienteering to track down flags of different countries and learnt some conversational French.

There was a lovely buzz throughout the school today and the children commented how much they enjoyed the various activities.

Afterschool clubs.

Sportstars club- Wednesday 3.30-4.15 Year 1 and year 2 children. Please contact the office to take part if your child isn't already registered. £15 for the summer term payable via ParentPay.

Club	Day	Time	Eligible for	Number of places
FP/PS1/2 Art club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 1 and 2.	20.
KS2/PS2/3 art club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 and 4.	20.
Football club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 4, 5 & 6.	20.
Netball club	Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 5 & 6.	20.
Gardening club	Thursdays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 & 4.	15.

Please note that we intend to start a running club for KS2 on Fridays 3.30-4.30 pm. **The start date for this club will follow next week.**

Pupil council groups.

Criw Cymraeg will now meet on Thursdays 3.30-4.30.

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.

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.

The free breakfast element of the session runs from 8.25-8.40. The school gates will be locked at 8.35 until 8.45 to ensure those children that require a breakfast can have one.

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

Class Photos

We wish to inform you that our school photographer is in school next Wednesday 26th April to take class photos.

Proof copies of the photos will be sent home and school families will be able to decide if they wish to purchase a final copy at a later date.

Summer term dates for your diary

May Day Bank Holiday, Monday 1st May 2023-School closed.

OLSM School Street Party for the Coronation, Friday 5th May 2023. Normal clothes in Red, White and Blue.

King Charles the Third Bank Holiday, Monday 8th May 2023-School closed.

National diagnostic assessment tests-Monday 22nd May to Friday 26th May.

New parents meeting Thursday 25th May 6.00 pm in the school hall.

Assessment week for our GL assessments in reading, maths- Monday 5th June to Friday 9th June.

First Holy Communion, 10.00am Saturday 17th June 2023.

Scampagnata-Italian Picnic, Sunday 18th June 23.

Sports day option 1-Tuesday 20th June 23.

Sports day option 2- Tuesday 27th June 23.

Year 2 graduation Wednesday 28th June 2023.

Reporting to parent's week-Monday 3rd July.

Year 5/6 play Tuesday 11th July 22 at 2.00pm and Wednesday 12th July at 6.00pm.

Moving up day, AM Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Friday 14th July PTA family event-3.30-6.30 pm.

150th Anniversary of the school, Whole School Mass at 10.00 am with Archbishop Mark, Abbot Paul and celebration in the afternoon 19th July 23.

School entry gates

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-

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

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