

OLSM Newsletter

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

Kings Bank holiday -Monday 8th May.

The school is closed due to the King's Bank Holiday, tomorrow, Monday 8th May 2023.

Permission to use SeeSaw

Accompanying the newsletter this week is a letter, requesting families to give permission to allow class teachers to begin to formally use an online platform called Seesaw to store digital content for your child. This system will support school processes to assess and monitor pupil's work, supporting our deliver of the new curriculum for Wales. This platform will also allow the school to share work with class families and improve our school/home communication.

Please complete the attached form and return by this Friday 12th May.

When you have given your initial consent, we will send home a final class permission form to allow us to begin to use Seesaw with your child.

More information can be found via links found on the letters emailed home.

If you require a paper copy of the letter, please contact the school.

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
Netball club	Tuesday	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 5 & 6.	20.
Gardening club	Thursdays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 & 4.	15.
Choir (NEW)	Fridays	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	20.

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 shortly.**

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

The Year 3 swimming session has started.

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, have enough time to have one.

School gates in the morning

School staff are deployed to supervise the children on both playgrounds from 8.45am.
The school gates will open at this time. Please do not drop off your child before this.

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@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 1 class. Miss Forder - ForderG6@Hwb.cymru.net

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

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

Year 4 class Mrs Callicott - CallicottH6@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 5 class Mrs Rose - RoseM10@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 6 class Miss McCarthy - McCarthyM22@Hwb.cymru.net

Mr Evans – viviane.vans@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Summer term dates for your diary

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 7th July PTA family event-3.30-6.30 pm. **(Please note change of date)**

Friday 14th 10.00am Leavers Mass for Year 6 **(Please note an additional date for your diary)**

Friday 14th afterschool, Year 6 leavers part in the St Michael's Centre. **(Please note an additional date for your diary)**

150th Anniversary of the school, Whole School Mass at 10.00 am with 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.

Wood for wood burners

Due to the replacement of part of the Ladybirds fence we have some well age wood that individuals may find useful for wood burning fires. Some removal of nails and screws may need to be done.

If you are interested, please contact the school to arrange a time for you to collect.

The wood will be disposed of at the end of the week if no one wishes to use it.

You are welcome to view the material before deciding if its suitable. First come, first served.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Thanks to the 8 children and their parents who have been enrolled on this year's 1st Holy Communion course. The next session of preparation will be next Sunday 14th May at 9am, in St. Michaels Centre.

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