

OLSM Newsletter

May 12th / 12 Mai 2023



E-mail: ourladystmichaels@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Website: www.olsm.co.uk

Tel: 01873 735080 Fax: 01873 858778

Twitter: @olsmtweeters

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

Permission to use SeeSaw

Accompanying the newsletter last week was 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.

We asked for the form to be returned by this Friday 12th May. Unfortunately, we have had a very poor response. Therefore, we have attached the permission form again for your attention.

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 forms are not returned by Wednesday 17th May, families who have failed to respond will have a paper copy sent home.

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.
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.
Running club (New)	Fridays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	25.

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.

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@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 – vivianeans@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Additional Needs Co-ordinator - Miss Everett - EverettJ11@Hwbcymru.net

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 – **10.00-12.00. Families invited to picnic afterwards.**

Sports day option 2- Tuesday 27th June 23 - 10.00-12.00.

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.

Friday 14th 10.00am Leavers Mass for Year 6

Friday 14th afterschool, Year 6 leavers part in the St Michael's Centre.

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.



Year 2 pollinators workshop.

This week our Year class made beautiful, decorative pollinator wings, as part of the Greater Gwent goes wild event that takes place next Saturday 20th May at Bailey Park. The Year 2 class are invited to attend the event with their families and if they wish, take part in the Pollinators Parade from 1.00pm. More information for the class on the Parade will come home next week along with their wings.

The free event is open to all families. Please see the information in the poster opposite.

OLSM joins the Green Corridor

Recently we have been working to identify how the school can support the work being done in Abergavenny to develop Green Corridors. We are pleased to announce that we have been successful in being identified to further develop areas of the school, supporting the initiative. Over the next year, fringes of the lower field will be developed into new habitats to support the local wildlife. This work will also provide valuable additional learning areas for the school.

Designed to Smile

After half term we will be re-starting the Designed to Smile programme where all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are supported to look after their teeth.

Consent forms have been sent home today, to all children who were in school today.

Please complete the form and return immediately.

If your child wasn't in school today, they will be given a form when they are next in.

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.

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.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION - This Thursday 18th May, when we remember when Jesus ascended to heaven 40 days after his resurrection on Easter Sunday. There will be a full school Mass at 10am, at which

everyone is welcome. We will also be celebrating May, as the Month of Mary, by having a procession at the end of Mass in her honour.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – Thanks to the 8 children and their parents who have been enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion course. The next session of preparation is on Sunday 11th June at 9am, in St. Michaels Centre.

PENTECOST SUNDAY – Sunday 28th May, and at the 10am mass we will be having the Readings read in different languages, to reflect the ethnic diversity of parish and school. Readings will be in the languages of the Philippines and Kerala.

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