

OLSM Newsletter



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

Parent/carers consultations

The school cloud system (to book an appointment to see your child/children's class teacher) will go live next Wednesday 11th October from 6.00 pm. Instructions on how to access the booking system will be sent out early next week.

Year 5 playmakers award

The year 5 class will need to wear their PE kit and trainers to school on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th next week, to allow them to take part in the playmakers award, delivered by Mon life. The sessions will provide the children with the skills required to support others during playtimes.

Year 6 class Mass.

The Year 6 class will take part in their class Mass next Tuesday 10th October at 10.00 am at OLSM church. Class parents/carers are very welcome to attend.

Friends of OLSM PTA Annual General Meeting

The school PTA will hold its annual general meeting on Wednesday 25th October at 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm in the school hall. All parents and carers of children in the school are automatically members of the PTA and are entitled to attend this event. Some cheese and wine/soft drink will be available for those that attend.

Year 6 swimming

The year 6 class swimming lessons continue next week. 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.

PE days

Please can children wear their PE kit to school on the following days-

Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 on a Wednesday.

Year 6 on a Thursday.

PE is a part of our school curriculum so please ensure your child wears their PE kit on these days.

Packed lunch guidance- No nuts and no chocolate!

We are a no nut and a no chocolate school. Please do not include these items in your child's lunch box.

If your child has a packed lunch, please ensure that there is a balance between different items. We have attached a healthy lunch box information sheet for your attention today to help you with some ideas.

If you include grapes in a lunch, please cut them in half to prevent your child choking.

School clubs

Our football club is now full - Football club Mondays from 3.30-4.40.

Netball club, Tuesdays for children in Year 5 and Year 6.

A new book club will start next week at lunch times. Upper Phase Tuesday 1.00-1.30pm. Lower Phase Friday 12.30-1.00pm. The children will be able to express their interest to their teachers next week if they wish to join.

Fruit tuck

As a healthy school we only allow fruit for the morning break. If you have a child in the lower phase (R, Yr1, Y2) the school provides milk and fruit. We ask for a small fee, payable via Parent Pay to cover the fruit cost. Upper phase children (Yr. 3, 4, 5, 6) may bring in 20p daily to purchase their own fruit tuck.

No non-fruit items are allowed for mid-morning break please.

Year 4 class assembly

Year 4 will have their class assembly next Thursday 12th October at 3.00pm. Please come to the school reception Foyer where we can then welcome you to the school. All Year 4 parents/carers are welcome to attend.

Class assemblies for the autumn term

Class assemblies will take place on Thursdays from 3.00 pm. Class parents/carers are able to attend.

Year 5 – Postponed. New date to be identified. Year 4 – Thursday 12th October.

Year 3 – Thursday 19th October. Year 2 – Thursday 26th October.

Year 1 – Thursday 16th November. Reception class – Thursday 23rd November 2.45 pm.

Term dates for the 23/24 academic year.

Term	Start	Half term start	Half term end	Term End
Autumn	01/09/2023	30/10/2023	03/11/2023	22/12/2023
Spring	08/01/2024	12/02/2024	16/02/2024	22/03/2024
Summer	08/04/2024	27/05/2024	31/05/2024	19/07/2024

INSET days for next year-

The remaining INSET dates are- 27/10/23, 8/1/24, 8/4/24, 28/6/24.

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 Dunlop- dunlopa14@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 2 class. Miss Farr- FarrR12@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 3 class. Mr Fuchs- fuchss6@hwb.cymru.net

Year 4 class Mrs Rose- RoseM10@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 5 class Mrs Callicott- CallicottH6@Hwb.cymru.net

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

Mr Evans- vivianevas@monmouthshire.gov.uk

Additional Needs Co-ordinator - Miss Everett- EverettJ11@Hwb.cymru.net

Painting the school

Over the first weekend of the autumn half term holidays, on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th we would like to organise a volunteer group to paint the corridors of both the lower and upper phase classes. Paint, brushes, rollers and dust sheets will be provided, we just need individuals available to help for a couple of hours each day. Light refreshments and rolls will be provided in return for your help. Please contact the office with your availability if you can help, even if only for a few hours.

School attendance

Our attendance target for this academic year is **95%**. Any requests for authorised absences will not be approved if a child's attendance is below this figure. School governors have also agreed that if a child's attendance goes below 80%, the school will make a referral to the education welfare service to seek support above and beyond that from the school.

If you are having difficulties with your child's attendance, please ask the school for support so we can work together to prevent your child's attendance becoming a concern.

Last week's class attendance

Period: 25/09/2023 to 29/09/2023

Scope: Reg Group Rec+Year 1+Year 2+Y3+Year 4+Year 5+Year 6

Percentage of Sessions

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
Rec	94.0	0.0	5.2	0.8	100.0	94.0
Year 1	90.0	0.0	9.7	0.3	100.0	90.0
Year 2	99.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	100.0	99.0
Year 3	92.1	0.0	7.5	0.4	100.0	92.1
Year 4	91.3	0.0	8.8	0.0	100.0	91.3
Year 5	92.9	0.0	6.1	1.0	100.0	92.9
Year 6	96.0	0.0	4.0	0.0	100.0	96.0
Totals	93.6	0.0	6.0	0.3	100.0	93.6

Autumn term dates for your diary.

Parental consultations for the autumn term -

Tuesday 17th October and Thursday 19th October 2023 from 3.45 - 6.00 pm.

Lower phase Nativity-

Tuesday December 12th at 2.00 pm and Thursday December 14th at 2.00 pm.

Upper Phase Advent Carol service-

Tuesday 19th December at 6.00 pm.

PARISH NOTICES.

SUNDAY MASS TIMES – At 8am, 10am and 6pm in OLSM Church. Childrens liturgy operates at the 10am Mass.

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

ALPHA COURSE @ OLSM, ABERGAVENNY. The Alpha course continues this, in St. Michaels Centre on Pen - Y- Pound, from 5.30pm till 7.15pm. Then each Friday through till 1st December. Each session begins with a simple meal, then a video and discussion. Alpha is a chance to explore the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. All welcome, whatever their faith, Church background or none - please spread the word and invite anyone you feel may be interested or curious in learning more about the Christian Faith.

Invitation cards are available in the school reception. For more info, contact Fr. Matthew, fr.matthew@live.co.uk 01873 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 saintmichaelscen@outlook.com

CWTC ANGELS – COMMUNITY SHOP, at Hatherleigh, near Homemakers, Union Rd West. 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 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

CAR PARK – Parents are reminded that the car park is Church property and permission to park is a courtesy offered by the parish. Therefore, parents are asked to park only in marked parking bays, and only to use the disabled bays if you have an appropriate permit. Warning notices are being placed on cars not parked correctly. If there are no car parking places available, please park off site.

The parish and school, reserves the right to issue warning notices/fines from the company “Flashpark” who we have an agreement with. Please co-operate in keeping the car park a safe place for your children.