

OLSM Newsletter

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

Year 5 visit to Saint Albans

Our year 5 class will visit Saint Alban's on Wednesday to complete some activities around science and drama. The visit will occur in school hours, but the children will arrive back towards the end of lunch. Therefore, please could all the children either bring their own packed lunch on this day or order a normal school lunch via Parentpay and the school will provide one.

Football and netball competition

Some of our netball and football club members will travel to Padre Pio school on Thursday for a netball and football competition against other local catholic schools. The children who are selected will be notified on their club night and will need to wear PE kit on the day and bring a drinks bottle. The children will be back in time for lunch.

Reception class trip.

The Reception class will go on their Summer Trip to Raglan Farm Park on Tuesday 13th June 2023. If you haven't done so already, we would be grateful if families could pay a voluntary contribution of £7 for the trip. On the day children will need to wear uniform, a hat, jacket/coat, have sunscreen applied (depending on the forecast)

Dealing with your questions or concerns

We would like to remind all our school families of the process they should follow if they have any questions or concerns involving their child/children.

In the first instance we ask that you make your child's class teacher aware. They are often best placed to answer a question or support your child with any issues or concerns. All class teacher's email addresses are placed on the school newsletter each week.

If after talking to the class teacher, you still feel matters are unresolved, then please contact Mr Evans via email or phone so he can assist.

We do have an escalation process that we can follow if you ever feel matters haven't been addressed to your satisfaction. As a school, we always want to do our best for the children, but we can only ever deal with questions or concerns, when we have been made aware of them.

Afterschool clubs.

Sportstars club- Wednesday 3.30-4.15 Year 1 and year 2 children.

Club	Day	Time	Eligible for	Number of places
KS2/PS2/3 art club	Mondays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Year 3 and 4.	20.
Football	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.
Choir	Fridays	1.00pm – 1.30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	20.
Running club	Fridays	3.30pm – 4.30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	25.

Pupil council groups.

Criw Cymraeg and mini-vinnies/community meetings will now take place at lunchtimes.

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

Class assemblies

This week we have restarted our class assemblies with Year 6 teaching us about how we are all stewards of our planet. Below are the remaining dates for each class. Class families are invited to attend these assemblies.

June 15th Year 4.

July 13th Year 2.

June 22nd Year 5.

July 20th Reception.

June 29th Year 3.

July 6th Year 1

First Holy Communion-last sessions

In the school hall on Monday 12th June 3.30 – 4.30 pm.

Rehearsal in the church on Friday 16th June 3.45 pm.

The celebration of First Holy Communion will take place at OLSM church on Saturday 17th June at 10.00 am. All are welcome to attend.

Wales in Bloom schools award and garden volunteers

We are very pleased to announce that once again we have been shortlisted as one of 6 schools in Wales to be visited for the final of the Wales in Bloom schools award.

In preparation for the judging, we are arranging a OLSM family volunteer morning on Saturday 24th June 2023 from 8.30-11.30 am. Adults only please.

Bacon rolls/veggie rolls and light refreshments will be provided to all volunteers.

If you are available you are asked to water, weed, sweep, prune, plant and tidy different parts of the school in preparation for the judges visit on Wednesday 5th July. Please bring your own tools if you can. Even if you can spare only a hour, we would be very grateful.

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

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

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.

Summer term dates for your diary

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.

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.

1st HOLY COMMUNION COURSE – The next session of preparation is on Sunday 11th June at 9am, in St. Michaels Centre, then on Monday 12th June at 3.30pm in school. Rehearsal is on Friday 16th at 3.45pm in Church. First Holy Communion Mass, Saturday 17th June at 10am.

FUNERAL & WEDDING – A Funeral is taking place this coming Wednesday 14th June at 11am, please therefore do not park in the places adjacent to the Church and centre. Also on Thursday 15th June, a Wedding is taking place at 1pm in Church, once again please leave clear the spaces by the Church.

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

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 reserve the right to issue warning notices/fines from the company “Flash Park” who we have an agreement with. Please co-operate in keeping the car park a safe place for your children.