

OLSM Newsletter

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

Year 5 / 6 summer show-Pirates of the Curry Bean.

Last week all the year 5 and year 6 pupils should have brought home 2 tickets for each of the 2 shows that are taking place this week.

The first show will take place on Tuesday afternoon 11th July, at 2.00pm (where younger children may use one of the tickets.)

The final show will occur on Wednesday evening 12th July at 6.00pm. (this is for adults only)

Please ensure any unused tickets are return to school tomorrow morning, to allow us to distribute them to families who may require more tickets.

Move up day Wednesday 12th July

This Wednesday morning will be our move up day where the children will be able to experience a morning with their new class teacher for September 2023.

Class teachers for the next academic year will be as follows-

Reception class – Mrs Elias.

Year 3 class – Mr Fuchs.

Year 6 class – Miss McCarthy.

Year 1 class – Miss Dunlop.

Year 4 class – Mrs Rose.

Year 2 class – Miss Farr.

Year 5 class – Mrs Callicott.

Year 6 will require their PE kits on Wednesday as our Sports stars teacher will take them for a morning of different physical activities.

Class assemblies

Below are the remaining dates for each class. Class families are invited to attend these assemblies.

July 13th Year 2.

July 20th Reception.

OLSM summer Fair

An enormous thanks to the Friends of OLSM PTA for organising a wonderful summer fair last Friday.

It was wonderful to see so many school families attend and from the looks on faces, many had lots of fun.

To all those who dug deep in their pockets during the event, your money will be well spent for the benefit of all the children in our school. Thank you all so very much.

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	Cancelled. Last one last week.		
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	Cancelled. Last one last week.		
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 and digital meetings will now take place at lunchtimes.

Eco and standards, Thursday 3.30-4.30 last one this week.

Year 4 welcome to attend school Netball club this week.

This week any year 4 children who would like to have a try at netball; to decide if they would like to join the club in September, are welcome to attend the club this week. Boys and girls, all very welcome.

Chicken pox.

We appear to have an outbreak of Chicken Pox in some classes.

NHS guidance suggests –

- You'll need to stay away from school, nursery or work until all the spots have formed a scab. This is usually 5 days after the spots appeared.
- **Do not go near new-born babies, people who are pregnant and people with a weakened immune system, as chickenpox can be dangerous for them.**

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.

Contacting teachers

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 Evans - EvansH654@Hwb.cymru.net

Year 5 class Mrs Rose - RoseM10@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

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-

Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September 2023 will be the first 2 INSET days for next year. The remaining dates are- 27/10/23, 8/1/24, 8/4/24, 28/6/24.

Summer term dates for your diary

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 party 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.

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

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.