

OLSM Newsletter

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

Goodbye and hello.

It is with a heavy heart that we must inform you that Mrs Martin, Mrs Evans and Miss O'Reilly will be leaving the school at the end of this term. Mrs Martin (who is currently supporting the school via a welsh sabbatical), has secured a promotion as the lower phase ALNCo of the new 3-19 King Henry school. We would like to thank them all for the commitment they have shown to our school and wish them well for the future.

We have successfully employed 3 new class teachers for September. Mrs Callicott (who will now become a contracted member of staff), Miss Dunlop and Mr Fuchs. Both Miss Dunlop and Mr Fuchs have worked at other local cluster schools for several years.

From September 23, classes will be taught by the following teachers-

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.

Children will spend a morning with their new teacher on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Class assemblies

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

July 6th Year 1

July 13th Year 2.

July 20th Reception.

Mini Vinnies sleep over for Year 5 and 6 and Grand families tea.

The year 5 and year 6 sleep over was a great success last week, with 39 pupils sleeping over in school to show solidarity with the homeless. For those families of children who took part, a Parent Pay donation area has been set up if you would like to donate something to a local homeless charity.

Additionally, the coffee morning had excellent attendance and over £100 pounds was donated by attendees which will go to charities that support the elderly.

Information from The Friends of OLSM

The OLSM School Fair will be held on Friday July 7th from 3.30pm. We are looking for any willing volunteers to help with anything-from setting up, carrying tables, putting up bunting and clearing away at the end. We'd really appreciate any help!

We're also looking for any local, small businesses who wish to have a stall at the event, for a fee of £10 (you would need to provide your own table) and if so, please get in touch via the school office.

All proceeds go to OLSM PTA!

Year 6 Abergavenny cluster swimming gala Tuesday 4th July

Year 6 children who have been selected to take part in the cluster swimming gala will require the following items on the day:

- One-piece Swimming costume or Swimming shorts (must be above the knee)
- Two Towels – one for pool side, and one to dry after the gala
- Hair band or swimming hat (long hair must be tied back)
- Medication (if required)
- Shorts and T-shirt (to wear if cold on poolside)
- Goggles
- Bottle of water – sports bottle only. Enough to last the event.

Reception class 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.

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.

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 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

Reporting to parents/carers

Information was sent home via email yesterday, regarding the new way we are going to report to families. As well as being given a written report, families will have the opportunity to discuss the report directly with class teachers via a consultation meeting. The online booking facility was opened last night. Please use the following link to book an appointment-

[SchoolCloud - Our Lady & St Michaels](#)

Term dates for the 22/23 academic year.

Summer	17/04/2023	29/05/2023	02/06/2023	21/07/2023
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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-

So far, we have identified that Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September 2023 will be the first 2 INSET days for next year.

Summer term dates for your diary

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 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.

Please remember that the school is closed tomorrow for an INSET day.

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.