

OLSM Newsletter

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

OLSM Uniform Policy.

Accompanying the school newsletter this week, we have attached a copy of the updated school uniform policy. The main change is that families will be allowed to purchase certain items without the school logo. The only request that we make with this change, is that school families please ensure that the uniform colour is compatible with our policy.

Whole School Mass to celebrate 150th Anniversary of the school.

This was a wonderful celebration to mark the formation of our school. We are very grateful to all who contributed to the Mass. Thanks to Abbott Paul, Fr Matthew, Fr Bernard, Deacon Dale, Mrs Disson for organising the music and all the pupils and others who either read, sang, or contributed in what ever way they did. We must also thank the parish for purchasing the prayer medals of St Michael and Our Lady, that all the children received as a memento of the day. We also thank the parish for paying to allow every child to have an ice-cream in the afternoon.

Goodbye and good luck to our colleagues.

A number of staff members will be moving on this year to new roles and opportunities. We would like to thank them all for their dedicated service to our school and wish them the very best of luck for the future.

Good luck year 6.

On Friday 21st the whole school came together to clap out our Year 6 pupils on their last day of primary education. We wish them well in their new schools. God bless you all.

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.

Autumn term dates for your diary.

Meet the teacher – 2 sessions to allow parents with siblings to attend more than one session. At these meetings, staff will share autumn term curriculum newsletters with families.

Wednesday 13th September 3.40-4.10 session 1 (in classes)

Wednesday 13th September 4.20-4.50 pm session 2 (in classes)

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.

RSPCA pet request.

Many thanks to those who were able to donate various pet related items to our RSPCA appeal. We were very grateful. We eventually had enough donations to fill a large box. This will be collected to be used to support the organisation looking after rescued/unwanted pets and other animals.

If your family needs support over the summer period.

Over the summer period if your family need support due to family issues, domestic violence, child safeguarding concerns etc. MCC social services are available by contacting the duty social work team on - 01291 635669.

Have a lovely summer break.

We hope you all manage to have some rest and family time over the summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the **children back on Tuesday 5th September 2023**. Keep safe. God bless you all.

Parish News-

SUNDAY MASSES - at 8am, 10am and 6pm.

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