



Friday 28th April 2023  
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## *St Osyth Church of England Primary School News*

*'Love one another as I have loved you.'*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Local School Board met, this week. They challenged us and supported us on various strategic matters including the progress and attainment of children. They were **pleased to see that the longer children are part of our school, the better the progress they make and the attainment they achieve. They were also pleased to see that attendance in the Spring Term was better than it was in the Summer Term** but, rightly challenge parents, carers and school, to make sure that more children attend school more often.

Today, we have a review of the school by our trust. We have three people on the review team, a deputy director of learning and two headteachers. Once we have had the report we will share its key points with you.

It has been **fantastic to see so many children (and parents) travelling to and from school by bicycle**. Both our cycling lessons, for older children, and our cycling club are proving very popular! It really is good to see children enjoying a healthy activity and developing a 'life skill'.

**We give children opportunities to enjoy live theatre through our pantomime trips, the Year 6 trip to a West End show and other events but do you know about Kids Week?**



Every year, for the whole of August, a child aged 17 or under can go to any participating show for free where tickets are available as long as they're accompanied by a full paying adult. Adults can also buy up to two extra children's tickets at half price and there are no booking fees. Kids Week includes a wide variety of London musicals, plays, comedies and children's shows to choose from. Find out more at <https://officiallondontheatre.com/kids-week/>

**If your child uses the Omegle website, please stop them.** Omegle is a website which is designed to allow users to talk to strangers. It works by randomly matching users to talk one-to-one using either text or video. It is free and anonymous to use, with no account registration or age verification. Many concerns have been raised about the safety and use of Omegle by children. Find out more - <https://www.childnet.com/blog/what-is-omegle-key-things-parents-and-carers-need-to-know/>

*Best Regards, Mr M Carter-Tufnell (Headteacher)*

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES : go online to  
<http://www.essex.gov.uk/Education-Schools/Schools/Dates/Pages/Emergency-School-Closures.aspx>

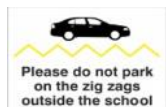
### School dinners - bookings can now be made until May half term

Dinner bookings need to be made online, please select your meal choices and add the items to the basket before proceeding to the checkout. If your child is eligible for free school meals or universal infant free school meals you also need to complete the checkout process but you will not be charged.

**If you think you may be eligible for free school meals please contact the school office for a form.**



Everyone is reminded not to park on the zig zag lines outside school and also to be considerate to all our neighbours and not to block their driveways.



All children must have a full **named** PE kit in school every day.

**PE Kit: Black shorts, White t-shirt, Plimsols,**

**Additional items allowed for outside: Plain tracksuit bottoms, top  
and trainers/outdoor footwear (Essential for winter months)**

Children can wear a Fitbit (or similar) to school, but it is their responsibility to keep it safe during the day.

**All Watches, Fitbits and earrings need to be removed for P.E. lessons**



### School Uniform

Our full uniform policy can be accessed on our website:

<https://st-osyth.essex.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/>

Alternatively, hard copies can be requested from our school office.

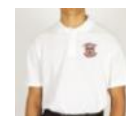
New Prices from 1st April 2022



### Lost Property

Please ensure that all uniform is named, in order for it to be returned to your children.

This also applies to coats and lunch boxes.



**Breakfast Club** is open from 7.45am for **all ages**, costing **£4.00 per session**.

Please accompany your children into the school office, the children have breakfast and a chance to play.

If you unexpectedly need to use Breakfast Club your child can be booked in on arrival, but payment must be made before the end of the day.

**These sessions must be booked and paid for on school money in advance.**



### After School Clubs

You will have received a text to let you know if your child has a place on a club they have expressed an interest in. Waiting lists will be held for all clubs that are over-subscribed.

If your child is unable to attend an afterschool club please let the office staff know in advance.

Otherwise you will get a phone call to find out where they are.

This is for the safety of our children, particularly those who have permission to walk out at the end of the school day.



# Clubs w/b 02nd May 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

Clubs finish at 4pm, unless otherwise stated

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
<b>Monday</b>	Summer Sports	1&2	24.04.23	10.07.23	Mr Carvalho
<b>Monday</b>	Chickens and Otis	5&6	24.04.23	10.07.23	Miss Salmon
<b>Tuesday</b>	Athletics	3&4,5&6	25.04.23	11.07.23	Mr Carvalho
<b>Tuesday</b>	French	EYFS	25.04.23	24.05.23	Mrs Kirk
<b>Tuesday</b>	Student and Eco Council	INVITE ONLY	25.04.23	06.06.23	Miss Ryan
<b>Wednesday</b>	Cycling	1&2	26.04.23	12.07.23	British Cycling Coach
<b>Thursday</b>	Rounders	5&6	27.04.2023	13.07.23	Mr Carvalho
<b>Friday</b>	Sewing & Weaving	3&4	28.04.23	26.05.23	Mrs Walton-Steed
<b>Friday</b>	Cycling	3&4	28.04.23	14.07.23	British Cycling Coach

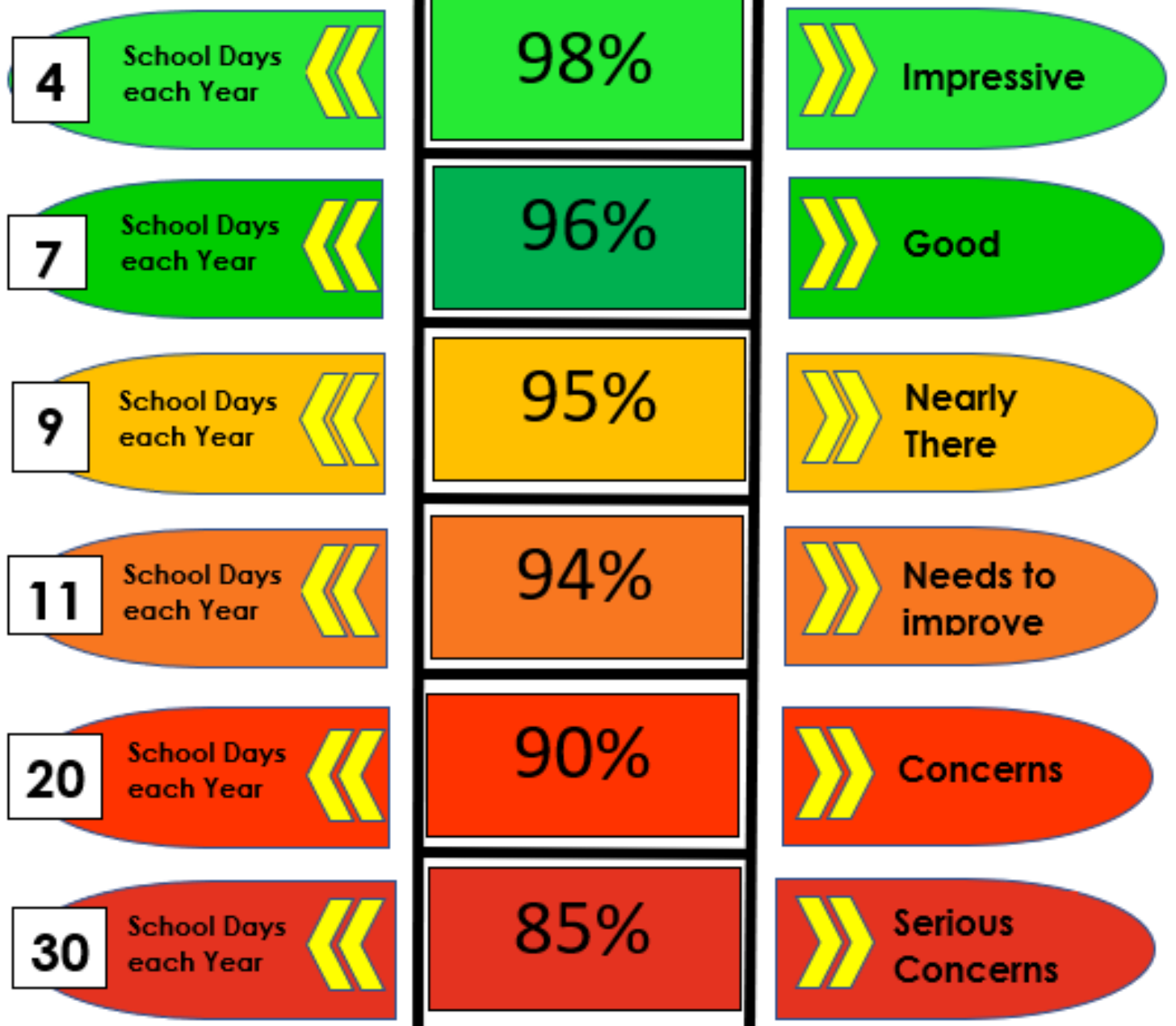
## Dates for your Diary

- Monday 1st May - Bank holiday
- Monday 8th May - Bank holiday
- Tuesday 9th to 12th May - Year 6 SATs
- Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May - Year 6 Isle of Wight residential trip
- Monday 29th May to Friday 02nd June - Half term
- Monday 5th June - Non pupil day
- Tuesday 6th June - Pioneer sailing trip - Year 5
- Wednesday 7th June - Pioneer sailing trip - Year 5
- Tuesday 13th June - St Osyth Priory trip - Year 5
- Tuesday 4th July - Sports day
- Friday 21st July - Last day of term

# Our Attendance Ladder

**Attendance is key.** The more children attend school the more likely it is that they will have good levels of attainment. Even small improvements to attainment at 11 years old can increase the amount a person earns before they are 33 years old – an increase of up to 25%!

Is equivalent to:



When children are not in school and we have had no contact from parents or are concerned about welfare, you could find us knocking on your door...

**THERE IS NO LEGAL ENTITLEMENT for parents / carers to take a child out of school during term time.**