



Friday 15th September 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,

A few useful reminders for the start of the academic year:

1. If your child has a packed-lunch, from home. Please ensure that it supports healthy eating - no chocolate bars such as Mars Bars etc. Thank you.
2. **Please make sure that all items of uniform, PE kit and lunchboxes have your child's name on them.** We find it almost impossible to reunite mislaid uniform etc when they do not have their child's name on them.
3. All family members, who drive children to and/or from school are encouraged to **be respectful to our neighbours** and other road users. For example, by not parking across driveways and not parking on our yellow lines.

Cycle shelter and Tesco Tokens! Help us to help your children! During October, every time you shop in a local Tesco shop, please collect one or more of the plastic tokens/coins from a till. Our Eco-Council, last year, applied to Tesco to be a part of their votes for community projects. **If we win the October vote our Eco Council will be donated £1000 towards the cost of a cycle shelter. Please help us to win the vote every time you visit one of the below Tesco stores, in October.**

Brightlingsea Express	CO7 0AB
Great Bentley Exp	CO7 8LA
Harwich Exp	CO12 4RJ
Thorpe Le Soken Exp	CO16 0EA
Clacton	CO15 4EF
Holland On Sea Exp	CO15 5UH
Waltn On The Naze Exp	CO14 8BH
Clacton On Sea Exp	CO15 3DP



As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Tuesday, 12 September 2023, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2024:

- The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2023.
- Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.
- All of the application information is available on the website above.
- The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2024-25 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

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

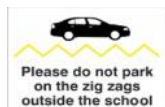
School dinners - bookings for dinners can now be made up to October half term

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.



Lost Property



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

This also applies to coats, water bottles 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.



School clubs

Look out for details of new clubs and when they are starting coming soon.

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 18th September 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
Monday	Summer Sports	1&2	24.04.23	10.07.23	Mr Carvalho
Monday	Chickens and Otis	5&6	24.04.23	10.07.23	Miss Salmon
Tuesday	Athletics	1, 3&6	25.04.23	11.07.23	Mr Carvalho
Thursday	French	Rec	08.06.23	13.06.23	Mrs Rivas-Long
Thursday	Choir	4&5	08.06.23	13.07.23	Mrs Sue O'Reilly
Thursday	Rounders	5&6	27.04.2023	13.07.23	Mr Carvalho

NO CLUBS THIS WEEK

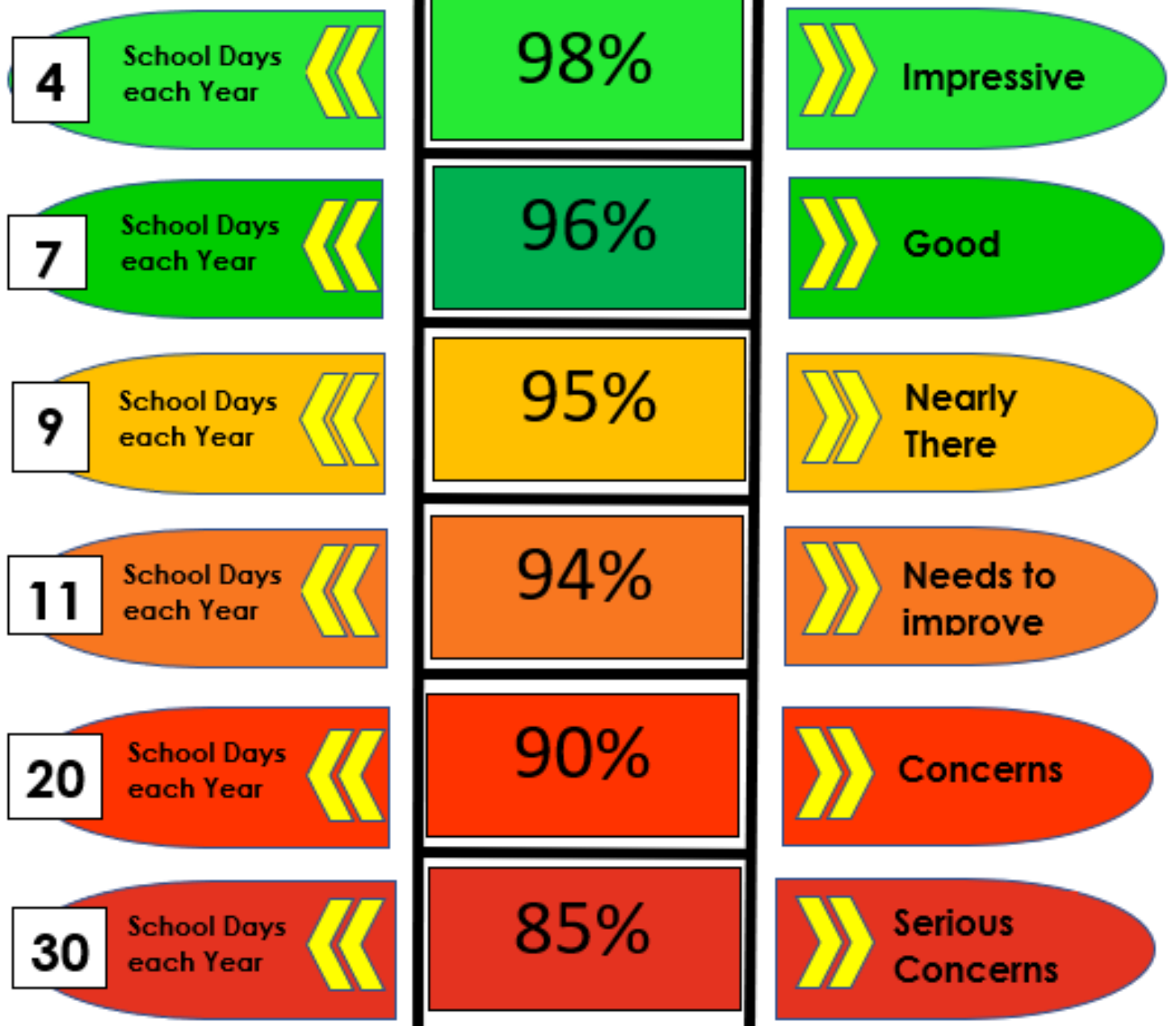
Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 19th September - Ancient Greek day - Year 5 and 6
- Thursday 28th September - St Osyth Priory trip - Year 1 and 2
- Friday 29th September - School disco (PTFA event)
- Tuesday 3rd October - Flu immunisations
- Friday 06th October - Inset Day
- Monday 23rd - Friday 27th October - Half term
- Monday 30th October - Inset day
- Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd November - Parent consultations
- Tuesday 7th November - Stone Age workshop - Year 3 and 4
- Thursday 7th December - Christmas craft - Reception child/parent
- Friday 8th December - Christmas Fayre (PTFA event)
- Tuesday 12th December - KS2 carol service (Evening)
- Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity (Afternoon)
- Friday 22nd December - Thursday 04th January - Christmas holidays
- Friday 05th January - Inset day
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half 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.