



Friday 20th October 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,**

**Wow! We are at the end of our first half-term, already! A lot of good learning and experiences have been packed into these 7 weeks.** To name, just a few:

- Bikeability
- Launched Forest Schools for Reception children
- Harvest Festival service at the church
- Ancient Greece themed day for Upper School
- Priory Trip for Lower School
- Individual photograph day



**And, this week, we enjoyed a real author coming to visit us!**

**In addition to that, we continue to refine what we do for the children so that it becomes even better. For example, this half-term we have:**

- Introduced a new transition programme for children that are now in Year 1.
- Attended training about mental well-being, led by our trust.
- Applying science knowledge and skills to new investigations.

To help **Middle School have a great Stone Age Day**, next half term, we'd be grateful for donations of dry wood which we can use in a bonfire and cook 'stone age' food on.

Likewise, we'd be grateful for **preloved toys that our breakfast club children could enjoy playing.**

If you are able to donate either of the above, please speak to our school office team. Thank you.

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

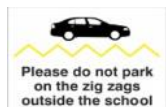
### School dinners - bookings for dinners can now be made up to Christmas holidays.

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

Messages have now been sent to children that are registered - waiting lists are being held in the office and we will review club lists at half term

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 30th October 2023

All clubs are for registered children only

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead by
<b>Monday</b>	Fun-damentals	1&2	25.09.23	11.12.23	Mr Carvalho
<b>Tuesday</b>	Gymnastics/Cheer	3&4	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Luff
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sports Journalism	5&6	26.09.23	12.12.23	Miss Lebrecht
<b>Thursday</b>	Science	2	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Penny
<b>Thursday</b>	Dance	3&4	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mrs Stock
<b>Thursday</b>	Football (4.15pm finish)	5&6	28.09.23	14.12.23	Mr Carvalho
<b>Friday</b>	Sewing and Weaving	3&4	29.09.23	15.12.23	Mrs Walton Steed

## Dates for your Diary

- 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 1st December - Own clothes day in exchange for tombola item
- 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 5th January - Inset day
- Monday 19th to Friday 23rd February - Half term
- Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April - Easter holidays
- Monday 13th May - SATs week - Year 6
- Friday 24th May - Inset day
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st May - Half Term
- Monday 3rd to Friday 07th June - Isle of Wight residential - Year 6

# 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.**