



St Osyth Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another very positive review! Last week we had a **full school review**, Wednesday to Friday. The review was led by Challenge Partners – somewhat like a more friendly or 'done with' version of a 'done to' OfSTED inspection. **As with our recent Local Authority Inclusion review and our Ofsted inspection in May of last year, there were many pleasing judgements made.** The below give a flavour of these:

- ◆ The inspirational headteacher, supported by the **passionate and determined senior leadership team**, has overseen the transformation of St Osyth Primary. He has fostered a culture where all feel immense pride to be part of the school. Stakeholders know that they are **'the St Osyth family'**. Senior leaders are strongly ambitious for their community. They continue to drive change and improved standards, yet do so in a measured and considered manner which ensures that the quality of provision is developed sustainably.
- ◆ The school is a **calm and purposeful learning environment**. Pupils and staff share **extremely positive relationships**. There is a tangible feel of a harmonious community at St Osyth which was evident in a golden award celebration worship. Pupils visibly enjoyed celebrating their peers' achievements in reading, learning and contributions to the school.
- ◆ **Teacher's secure subject knowledge supports their skilled use of questioning.** During a Year 3/4 English lesson linked to newspaper articles, the teacher posed appropriately challenging questions which led to pupils giving answers that demanded a greater application of knowledge. They went on to write grammatically accurate sentences using the understanding which had been developed. In a Year 6 English session on prepositions that was linked to formality, misconceptions were identified and addressed. The teacher used a wide range of questions to elicit the pupils' understanding of the differences between place and time.
- ◆ All **pupils receive a full offer which is carefully sequenced and progresses knowledge.** Learning topics have an overarching question which pupils explore. Hooks and experiences are used to capture pupils' engagement and offer enrichment to build cultural capital.
- ◆ **Pupils feel secure. Pupils said that 'Teachers build our confidence and help us to overcome our fears.... they are fair and listen.'** Pupils are comfortable to contribute to discussions. In a Year 5/6 relationships, sex and health education lesson on decision making, pupils took part fully in a range of paired, group and whole class talk opportunities.

And we're looking forward to:

1. Years 5 and 6 **visiting Essex Police Museum**, next week.
2. On Monday, our **choir singing for a local residential care home** for the elderly.
3. **Worship Leaders leading our Easter Service**, in our local church.
4. After the Easter holiday, **new eggs and, hopefully, chickens!**

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

Key Dates

Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March

Year 5 and 6 trip to Essex Police Museum

Thursday 28th March

Reception Easter 'Family Fun Afternoon'

Friday 29th March -

Friday 12th April

Easter Holidays

Wednesday 17th April

1Y Forest School Day

Thursday 18th April

2O Forest School Day

Friday 19th April

1/2H - Forest School Day

Monday 22nd April

Oral Health Survey

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday

Monday 13th -

Friday 17th May

Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 24th May

Non Pupil Day

Monday 27th -

Friday 31st May

May half term

Monday 3rd - 7th June

Year 6 Isle of Wight Trip

After School Clubs

After school clubs are for registered children only, if your child would like to attend one of our after school clubs and is not yet registered, please contact the school office.

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead By
Monday	Student and Eco Council	Invite only	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Yerli
	Football	Year 5 and 6	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mr Carvalho
Tuesday	STEM club	Year 3 and 4	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Penny
	Gymnastics	Year 5 and 6	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Miss Luff
Wednesday	Everyone's Game	Year 3 and 4	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	External Coach Ferdinand Football Group
	We are Music (Invite only)	Year 5 and 6	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Yerli and External Coach
Thursday	French Club	Year 1 and 2	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Rivas-Long
	Choir	Year 5 and 6	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs O'Reilly
	Dance Club	Year 5 and 6	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Stock
Friday	Everyone's Game	Year 1 and 2	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	External Coach Ferdinand Football Group
	Sewing and Weaving	Year 3 and 4	No clubs on next week	No clubs on next week	Mrs Walton-Steed

The school office must be informed, in advance, if your child is unable to attend their after school club. If your child is in year 5 or 6 you may receive a text message to confirm that they have arrived home safe, particularly if they have

School Notices



School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the Easter Holiday. When making dinner bookings, please make sure that you are adding your options to the basket and are completing the check out process, even if you are entitled to free school meals and this shows as '£0'

We kindly ask that you also book the 'packed lunch' option when your child is having a packed lunch from home - this allows us to collate numbers for our school kitchen, in the morning, ahead of lunch time.

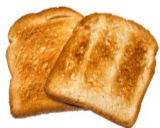


Lost Property

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

This also applies to coats, water bottles and lunch boxes.

Please check your emails on a Monday, for photographs of lost property for the week and contact the school office if you recognise any of the items.



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open from 7.45am for all ages and costs £4.00, per session, this should be booked and paid for on school money **in advance**.

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

Entry to breakfast club is through the school office and your child must be accompanied by an adult.

Footwear

A change of footwear will now need to be provided, in order for children to play on the school field at break and lunch time.



Parking

When parking outside of the school, please do not park on the zig zag lines or over any of our neighbours driveways.

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures>

FREE digital magazine for families in Essex Easter 2024 Issue 112

Kid Around

It's about being a parent where you are!



MONEY ADVICE
Martin Lewis advice to debt recovery

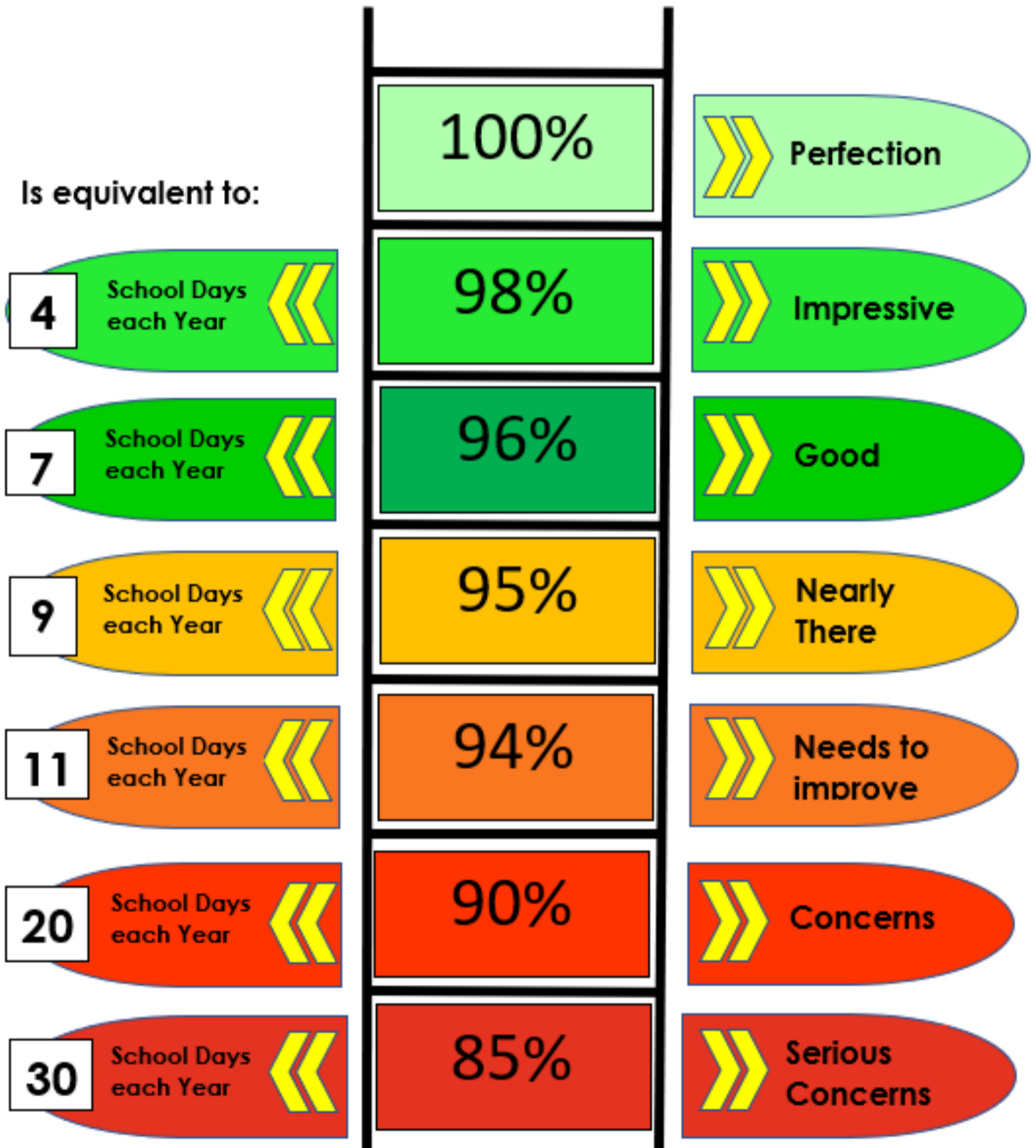
GREAT DAYS OUT
Ideas on where to go this Easter

ACTIVE KIDS
Keeping the kids fit and healthy

<https://anyflip.com/btwyj/vdnd/>

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 at 11 years old can increase the amount a person earns before they are 33 years old - an increase of up to 25%!



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.