St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

We've had a chilly but **positive start to the new yea**r, at school. When the children were at home, on Monday, the team were hard at work:

- Teachers looked at **mathematics**, some **new software to support our work for children that have special educational needs**, a little look at how **AI** might be used and some really **helpful training about children that have experienced trauma** and how we can best help them.
- Learning Support Assistants and Higher Level Teaching Assistants, along with Mrs Hammond our SENDCo, attended a **conference led by a nation-al speaker and trainer on special educational needs.**

This week we've also welcomed some new children and had applications for more children to join us and become a part of our St Osyth School Family.

Earlier this week, we sent out our newsletters for each phase:

- Reception
- Lower School (Years 1 and 2)
- Middle School (Years 3 and 4
- Upper School (Years 5 and 6)

Please do read and keep these, as they have lots of useful information on them. They look like this.

As you can see, from the 'Key Dates' section on the right, we have **lots of great activities planned for the children**, in addition to all that happens in lessons. You'll also see that **parent consultations will take place the week after the half-term holiday.** We'll send out the letter, about parent consultations and the booking information for them, during the last week of January. We are pleased that we've been able to adjust the booking system so that parents who do not live in the same home can, more easily, each book a parent consultation.

Our governors will meet once this half-term and once next half-term. They look at all sorts of strategic leadership matters and hold other school leaders to account. If you have any strategic matter that you want governors to consider, please put it in writing, via the school office.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

Monday 13th January

National Child measurement programme - Reception

Tuesday 14th January

National Child measurement programme - Year 6

Tuesday 14th January

Reception trip to parish church

W/B Monday 3rd February

Curate on placement with us

Mon 10th to Wed 12th February

Whole school review

W/B Monday 17th February

Half-Term Holiday

Tuesday 25th February

Parent Consultations

17:00 to 19:30

Thursday 27th February

Parent Consultations

15:30 to 18:30

Tue 4th and Wed 5th March

Year 3/4 C'ford Museum Trip

Tuesday 28th March

Governors meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 1/2 zoo trip

W/B Monday 7th April

Easter Holiday

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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	Healthy Habits	1 and 2	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Handwriting	1 and 2	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Miss Cane
	Choir Club	3 and 4	13.01.2025	31.03.2025	Mrs Yerli
Tuesday	Dough Disco/Fine Motor Skills	EYFS	14.01.2025	1.04.2025	Miss Hutchings
	STEM Club	3 and 4	14.01.2025	1.04.2025	Mrs Penny
Thursday	French	1 and 2	16.01.2025	13.02.25	Mrs Kirk
	Football	5 and 6	16.01.2025	2.04.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Computing	5 and 6	16.01.2025	2.04.2025	Miss Lebrett
Friday	Fun Fit	3 and 4	17.01.2025	3.04.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Muggle Quidditch	5 and 6	17.01.2025	28.03.2025	Mrs Stock

School Notices

School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the February Half Term via the Arbor app. To book, please click into 'Spring Term 1' on the meals section of the app. Please ensure that you are booking your child's school dinners, any child not booked in for a school dinner will be assumed to have a packed lunch.

Children who have not been booked a school meal and do not have a packed lunch in school will be given a meal once the other children, that have been booked a school dinner, have been served. This is to prevent against food wastage.

Water bottles

A kind reminder that children should only be bringing in water in their

Parking

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

Breakfast Club

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

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

Payment will be available after your child has attended breakfast club.

Footwear

Only children with a change of footwear will be allowed onto the field at break and lunchtime, all other children will remain on the playground. All spare footwear is to be clearly labelled, with your child's name.

PE Kit

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

PE Kit: Black shorts, White T-shirt and Plimsols,

Additional items that are 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.

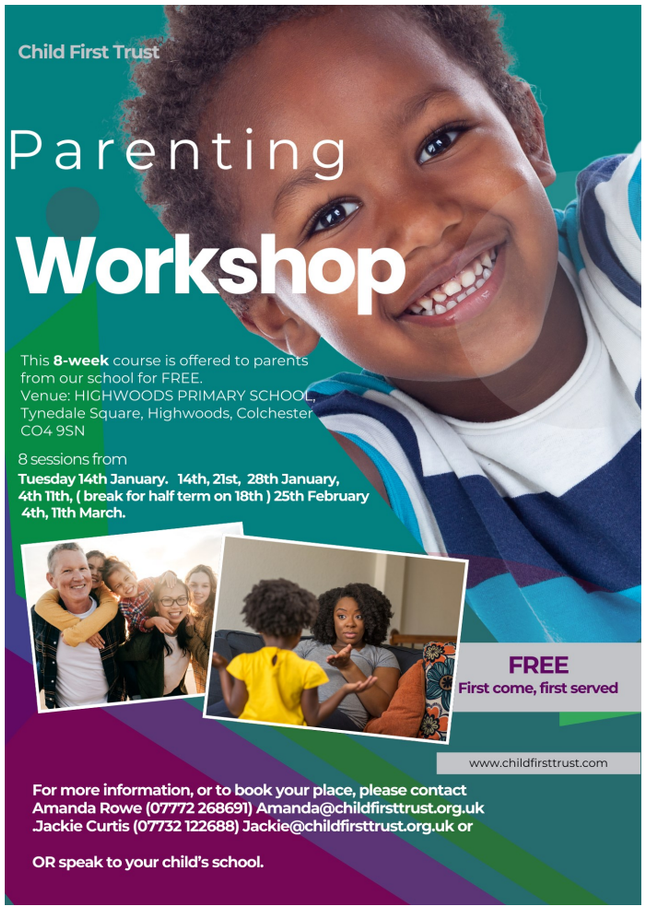
All Watches, Fitbits and earrings need to be removed for P.E. lessons

Coats

Please ensure that you are sending your child into school with a coat, for break and lunch time.

For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures

Community Notices



Reception 2025/2026

Primary school admission applications for Reception school places for the 2025/26 academic year close on 15th January. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Attendance

Essex County Council
Education

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day

5 minutes	10 minutes	15 minutes	20 minutes	25 minutes
equates to a yearly loss of:				
3 days lost	6.5 days lost	10 days lost	13 days lost	19 days lost

Five minutes late per day adds up to three learning days lost in a school year

If 15 minutes late each day you will miss two full weeks of school in one year

Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!