St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

During Monday to Wednesday we had four reviewers looking at all that we do for our children and looking at all levels of leadership. Our **reviewers evaluated both our provision and our leadership at the highest possible grade!** We will share more information once we have received the report of the review. One of the reviewers, in particularly came with huge wealth of experience and described what the staff team do as **'magic'** and its like 'magic dust' has been sprinkled throughout the whole school because of **how well our children learn and behave** and **how well the staff team support our children**.

What wonderful feedback to have at the end of this half-term!!

From the start of March our school meal service will be provided through a catering contractor, Nourish. Our trust have made the decision to have exactly the same meals at all their schools, through this one contractor. This means that our menu will change, from the 3rd March. Everything else about our school meal service, such as our kitchen team, how parents and carers book meals for their children etc is expected to stay the same. Please see the attached menu and welcome letter from Nourish.

We wish you and your families a good half-term holiday break.

If you haven't already done so, please do look at our Instagram. ⟶

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

W/B Monday 17th February

Half-Term Holiday

Monday 24th February

As support for World Thinking Day Scout and Guide uniforms can be worn to school

Tuesday 25th February

Parent Consultations

17:00 to 19:30

Thursday 27th February

Parent Consultations

15:30 to 18:30

Monday 3rd March

Reception Mobile Zoo visit

Tue 4th and Wed 5th March

Year 3/4 C'ford Museum Trip

Wednesday 12th March

Year 5/6 Planetarium visit

Tuesday 28th March

Governors meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 1/2 zoo trip

W/B Monday 7th April

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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
	French Club **No Club Today**	1 and 2	03..03.2025	31.03.25	Mrs Kirk
	Choir Club **No Club Today**	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 **No Club Today**	3 and 4	14.01.2025	1.04.2025	Mrs Penny
Thursday	Football **No Club Today**	5 and 6	16.01.2025	2.04.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Computing **No Club Today**	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

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.

All lost property that is un-named has been put into boxes and will be kept on the school playground for parents/ carers to look through at the start and end of the school day.

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.

Parking

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

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

FIRST LESSON FREE !

CLACTON ON SEA
GREAT HOLLAND
DOVERCOURT
COLCHESTER

START TRAINING TODAY

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CONTACT - 07766170848

Essex County Council Libraries

Essex Library Service

Winter Reading Challenge

The Dragons' Adventure!

Thursday 2 January to Saturday 22 February

Help the dragons get home out of the cold by completing fun challenges!

Sign up at any Essex library.

@essexlibraries

Cake and chatter

Shorefields special needs school coffee mornings.
All SEN parents and carers are welcome!

Come and chat with Shorefields home school support team or just meet other parents with SEN children, children are welcome too. We will have speakers attend from time to time. Please see our Shorefields school Facebook page for details and any change of dates.

January 22nd 2025	9.30 till 11.30
February 12th 2025	9.30 till 11.30
March 12th 2025	9.30 till 11.30
May 7th 2025	9.30 till 11.30
June 11th 2025	9.30 till 11.30

This is held at:
Shorefields school 114 Holland Road, Clacton on sea, Essex Co15 6HF.
For parking, please park in nearby roads. Tel: 01255 424412

St Helena Hospice
For the people you love

Hero Run

Run, walk, or fly across the finish line!

Saturday 23rd March 2025
Colchester Sports Park

Not all heroes wear capes! Dress up as YOUR hero and join our mascot for the 2km family fun run, or race 5km or 10km to support St Helena Hospice!

Sign up now at:
www.sthelena.org.uk/hero25

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CLACTON LIBRARY
FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY, 10.30AM
Tickets £5 via QR code above or visit the library to book in person

Attendance

Essex County Council
Education
Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?
Excellent
100% attendance
100%
Good
98% attendance = Four whole days absent in the school year and 20 hours of lost learning
98%
Cause for concern
95% attendance = 9.5 whole days absent in the school year and 47.5 hours of lost learning
95%
86 to 90%
Unsatisfactory
90% attendance = 19 whole days absent in the school year and 95 hours of lost learning
86% attendance = 27 whole days absent in the school year and 135 hours of lost learning
Less than 85%
Critical
Less than 85% attendance = 28.5 whole days absent in the school year and 142.5 hours of lost learning