St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

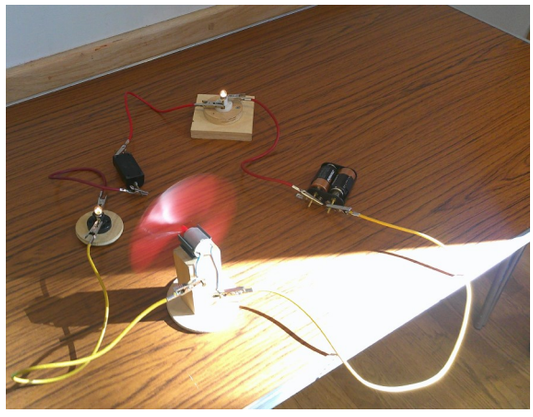
'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 7th March 2025

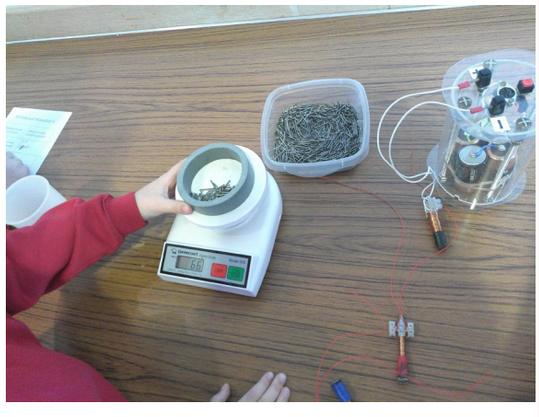
Dear Parents and Carers,

What a start to the week **Reception** children had! They were **visited by a zoo!** The children enjoyed learning about all the different animals.

And on Tuesday and Wednesday, our **Year 3 and 4 children had an electrifying trip to Colchester Museum.** This was a science focused trip during which the children learnt lots about electricity. They also completed some great investigations. All of this was linked to the learning children are doing in school.



And next week is Science Week! All children will be taking part in the Colchester Zoo Design and Thinking Challenge. Children will be tasked with designing a lion enclosure. This is a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning



activity which links well to the learning that lots of the children are doing, for example, Reception with their mobile zoo visit and Years 1 and 2 with their visit to Colchester Zoo, later this term.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

Wednesday 12th March

Year 5/6 Planetarium visit

Tuesday 25th March

Governors meeting

Wednesday 26th March

Year 6 Step into STEAM afternoon

Tuesday 1st April

Year 5/6 Holi Festival

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 1/2 zoo trip

W/B Monday 7th April

Easter Holiday

Look on our Instagram account for photos of World Book Day

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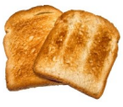
After School Clubs

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	1 and 2	03.03.2025	31.03.25	Mrs Kirk
	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	11.03.2025	1.04.2025	Mrs Penny
Thursday	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



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.

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.

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

Water bottles

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

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Coats

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

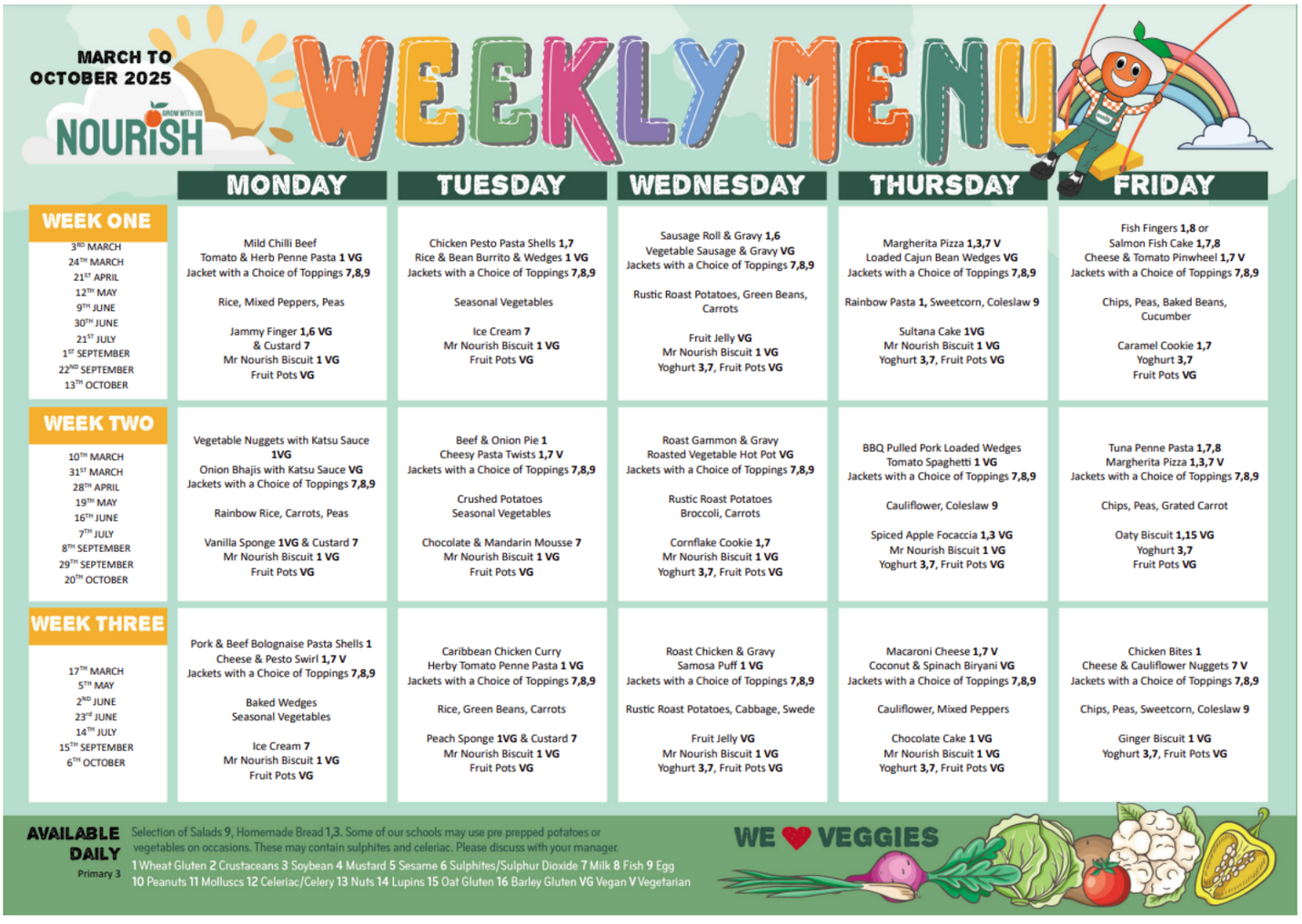
For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures

School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the Easter Holidays via the Arbor app. To book, please click into ‘Spring Term 2’ 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.

Please see menu below, for next week’s dinner menu.



If you are experiencing any problems with logging into Arbor, or booking school dinners, please contact the school office.

Community Notices

These workshops will be hosted by Hazelmere Junior School, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester. The Workshop runs over 8 sessions, Tuesdays from 9.15am-11.15am, beginning on the 29th April 2025.

Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Parents

Introduction

In Essex, the Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) approach is helping schools/settings to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people.

Values and Mindset

Through this training, we aim to promote:

Compassion & Kindness	Hope	Connection & Belonging
...instead of Shame & Blame	...instead of Hopelessness	...instead of Disconnection

Course Details

Venue:	White Hall Academy Training Room
Duration:	6 weeks
Dates:	Monday 19th May 20245
	Monday 2nd June 2025
	Monday 9th June 2025
	Monday 16th June 2025
	Monday 23rd June 2025
	Monday 30th June 2025
Time:	9.30am-11.30am
Facilitators:	Ms Watts and Mrs Davis

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the booking link or complete a paper booking form and return to **White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP email:** admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk

Booking link:
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hlHtQLVoqhmxyBUMkwwVVlNNUhYQldVMlZZNlZEODhOUU9XTC4u

Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) Course booking form Course date:19th May-30th June 2025

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hlHtQLVoqhmxyBUMkwwVVlNNUhYQldVMlZZNlZ&fsw=0

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!