St Osyth Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 2nd May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Earlier today, we sent you a letter that had a staffing update. Just in case you missed it, below is an extract from that letter.

Please join with me, and all our governors and staff team, in congratulating Mrs Levett on being appointed as Headteacher of Howbridge Junior School. Mrs Levett will leave us, at the end of this term, to start being Howbridge's headteacher from September. We are very grateful for all that Mrs Levett has done and helped our school to achieve, during the nine years she has been part of our St Osyth Family. Whilst her leaving will be a loss to us her joining Howbridge will be a very significant gain for the children and staff of Howbridge. It is, also, good that Mrs Levett is moving to another school which is in our academy trust, The Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust. After the half-term holiday, Mrs Levett will be spending some time, at Howbridge, making sure everything is ready there for September.

In the Autumn term, our Senior Leadership Team will be me, Mrs Stock and Mrs Hammond. For next term, Mrs Stock will be our Assistant Headteacher. This means that she will undertake some of the responsibilities that Mrs Levett has now, for example, leading Upper School and Middle School. It also means that she will not have a class of her own but she will teach in Upper School each morning, as Mrs Levett does now. Mrs Hammond is going to increase the amount of time that she works, each week, and be responsible for more areas than she is now, for example leading all our work for Looked After Children. I and other members of the team, will lead on other areas that Mrs Levett currently leads on. We are pleased that our team has the strength and depth which enables us to have colleagues who are well placed to 'step-up' next term.

With the time constraints that there are, there is no time to recruit a new Deputy Headteacher by the half-term holiday; which is what would be needed for them to a start in September. This is why we will have the above Senior Leadership Team for next term. Further, this enables us to have time to review our leadership structure and put in the best possible one for the future of the school.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

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Key Dates

Mon 12th May - Thurs 15th May

Year 6 SAT's Week

Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May

Year 6 residential trip to Whitby

W/B 26th May

Half Term Holiday

Monday 2nd June

Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 3rd June

Swimming lessons start for some year groups

Tues 3rd June /Wed 4th June

Year 5 Pioneer Trip

Friday 6th June

PTFA Disco

Monday 9th June

Class Photographs

Tuesday 10th June

Year 5 Priory Trip

Friday 13th June

PTFA Father's Day Gift Room

Wednesday 25th June

Years 3 and 4 visit to West Stow

Tuesday 1st July

Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July

Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 16th June

Year 6 and 5 show—pm

Thursday 17th June

Year 6 and 5 show—evening

Monday 21st July

Year 6 BBQ and Bounce

Tuesday 22nd July

Last Day of term

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
Thursday	Athletics	3, 4, 5 and 6	1.05.2025	10.07.2025	Mr Carvalho
	Percussion	1 and 2	1.05.2025	10.07.2025	Mrs O'Reilly
	French	EYFS	1.05.2025	22.05.2025	Mrs Rivas-Long
Friday	Rounders/Cricket	3,4, 5 and 6	2.05.2025	11.07.2025	Mr Carvalho

School Notices

After School Clubs

In-App messages have now been sent out via Arbor to notify those who have signed up for after school clubs, if their child has received a space on their chosen club. For children who have been added to a waiting list, we will contact parents/carers as soon as there is a space available. If your child can no longer attend an after school club, please notify the school office so that we can offer their space to those on the waiting list.

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.

Water bottles

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

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.

Summer Term

As the weather gets warmer, please remember to send your child into school with sun cream, a sun hat and a water bottle, which are clearly marked with their 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

Parking

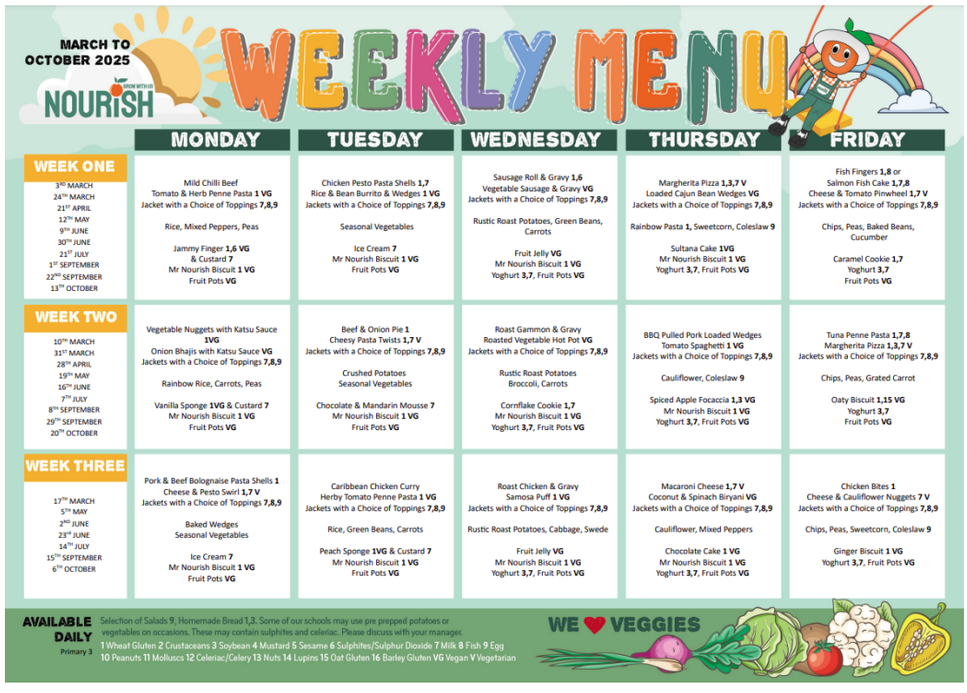
When parking outside of the school, please do not park on the zig zag lines or over any of our neighbours driveways.

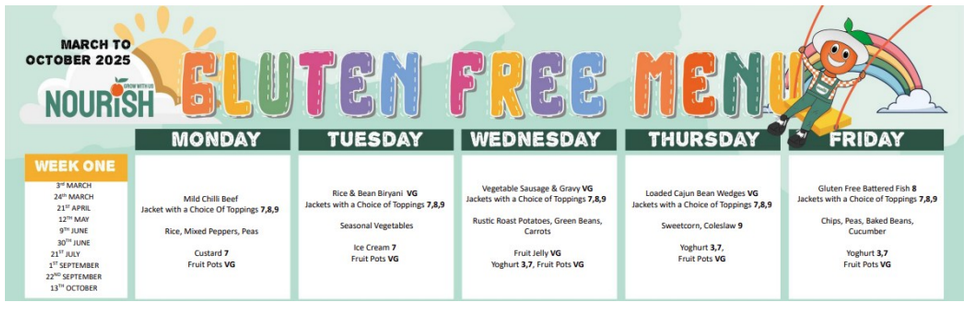
For EMERGENCY CLOSURES go online to:
https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/emergency-school-closures

School Dinners

School dinners can be booked up until the May Half Term via the Arbor app. To book, please click into 'Summer Term' 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 our upcoming 'Numbers Festival' menu for Thursday 15th May, this will replace week ones Thursday meal options and can be booked in the usual way.





Community Notices

Clacton School Uniform Bank

The Clacton school uniform bank hold monthly open days, located at Holland Public Hall, and the Sail ship.

Their uniform is donated by individuals, supermarkets and lost property is donated from schools.

This community project is free for everyone to use

TENDRING SHOW—SATURDAY 12TH JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET

As our children submitted entries for the Front Cover Competition, the Tendring Show are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply re-deem this promotion code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website https://tendringshow.ticketsrv.co.uk/tickets/

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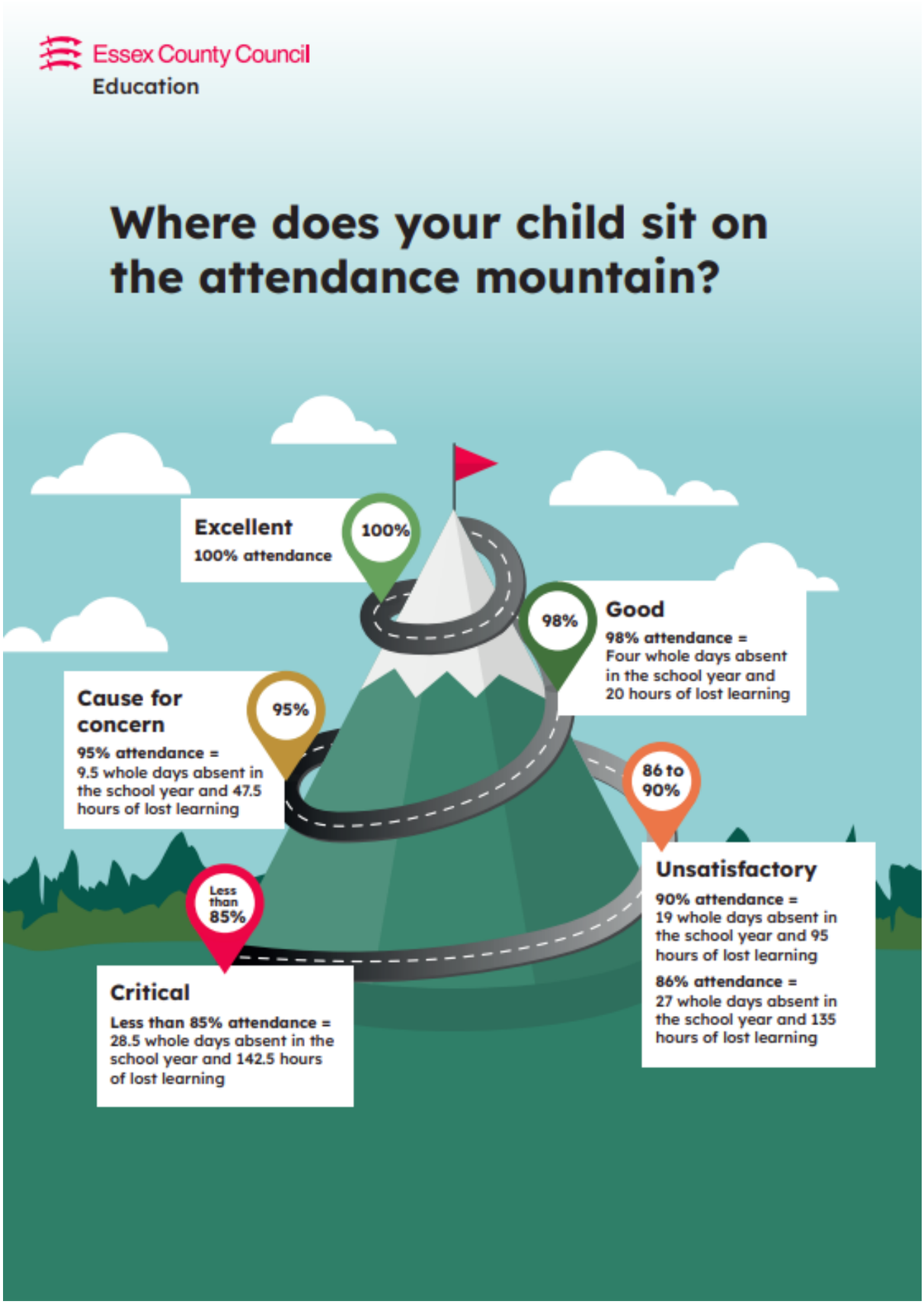
Attendance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Education
Where does your child sit on the attendance mountain?
Excellent
100% attendance
100%
Good
98% attendance = Four whole days absent in the school year and 20 hours of lost learning
98%
Cause for concern
95% attendance = 9.5 whole 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