St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we had two headteachers, from other schools in our trust, visit us to review and to challenge us about how we use assessment to plan what we provide for our children and to inform our improvement work. This was a **very encouraging review** and the report includes this, '**From the beginning of the school day, staff work hard to sustain positive relationships and communication with all families. Children arrive at the school with smiles and positivity. The school dog is also there to greet at the gate and is well loved by the whole school community.**

St Osyth has six core Christian values, displayed at points around the school: respect, hope, trust, friendship, compassion & thank-fulness. These values can be seen in action around the school, through respectful behaviour, care of children with SEN, busy classrooms and friendly smiles during a climate walk.

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round opened on Friday, 12 September 2025, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Best Regards,

Mr M Carter-Tufnell

(Headteacher)

Key Dates

Wednesday 24th September

Year 1/2 Explorers

Experience Day

Monday 29th September

Headteacher interviews

Tuesday 30th September

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 1st October

Individual Photo Day

Friday 3rd October

PTA School Disco

Tuesday 7th October

Year 5 and 6 Ancient Greek Day

Friday 10th October

Non-Pupil Day

Monday 13th October

Bike-ability Week

Upper School

Monday 27th October

Start of half-term holiday

Monday 3rd November

Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 4th November

Children return,

after the half-term holiday.

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After School Clubs

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead By
Monday	DT (DESIGN TECHNOLOGY)	3, 4	15th September	**20th October**	Miss Luff
	Computing	Reception, Y1, Y2	15th September	**20th October**	Miss Hutchings
	Football	5, 6	15th September	**8th December**	Mr Carvalho
Wednesday	Cheerleading	3, 4	1st October	**10th December**	CC All Stars (external)
Thursday	Quidditch	5, 6	18th September	**11th December**	Mrs Stock
Friday	Basketball	4,5,6	19th September	**12th December**	Mr Carvalho

School Notices

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

School Collection Arrangements

If your child is being collected by another adult, who does not usually collect, please contact the school office to notify us of this.

This ensures that we can get a message sent to your child's class teacher ahead of school pick up time. If we have not heard from you, you will receive a phone call to confirm the arrangements. This may result in delays at the end of the school day.

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.

Healthy Snacks

When providing your child a snack for breaktime, please provide a healthy snack e.g. a piece of fruit, vegetables, a healthy cereal bar etc. Please no chocolate bars or sweets.

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.

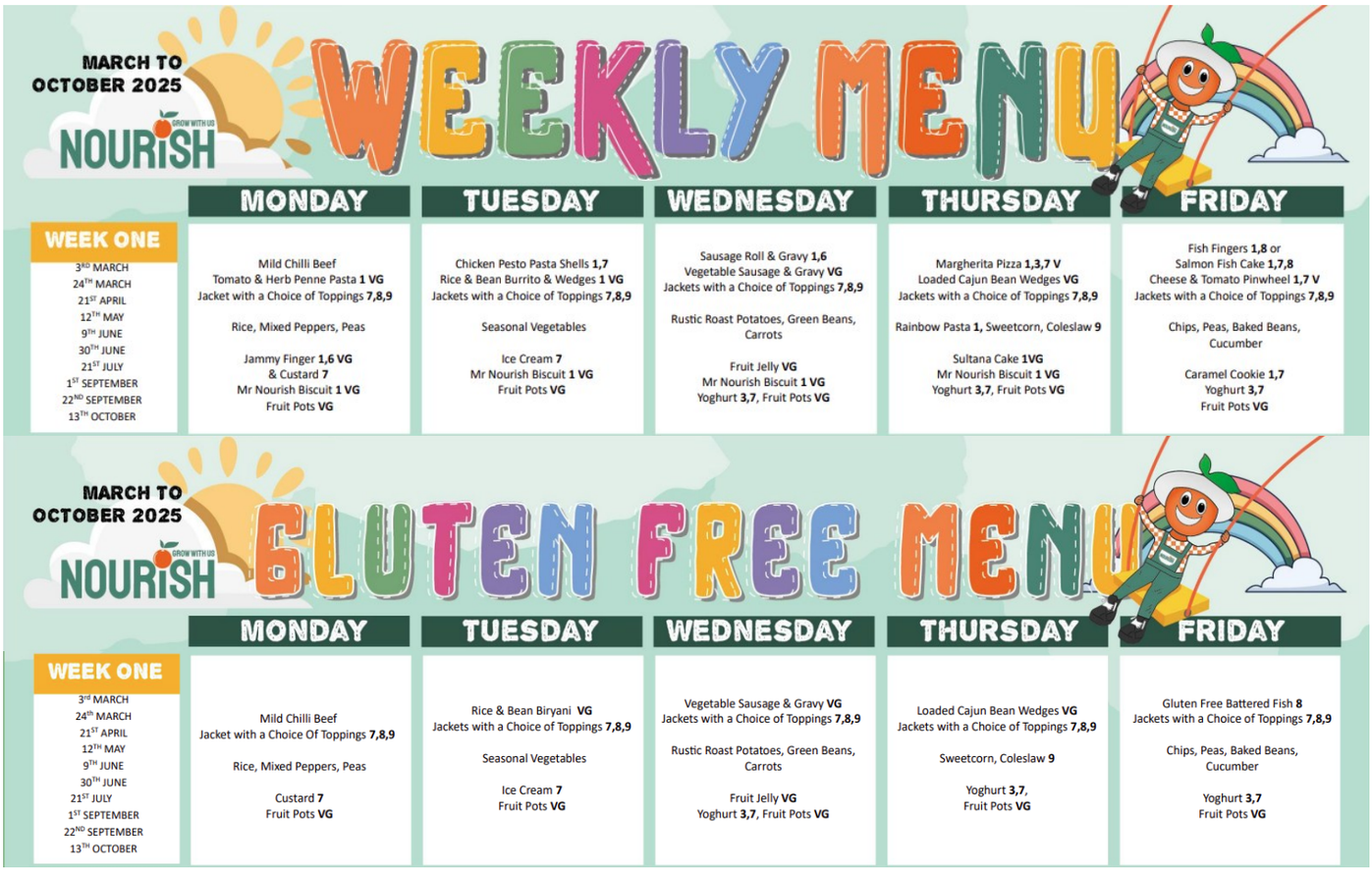
All lost property that is un-named has been put into boxes and will be kept on the school playground for parents/carers to look through at the start and end of the school day.

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



Community Notices

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 6th October 2025 Monday 12th October 2025 Monday 20th October 2025 Monday 3rd November 2025 Monday 10th November 2025 Monday 17th November 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 Course date: 6th Oct - 17th Nov

Attendance

Essex County Council
Education

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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!