St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to have started this newsletter with a comment about it being lovely to see that spring is here at last. Unfortunately, the heavy hailstone downpour earlier this week makes me very hesitant to pass comment!

What a whirl wind it has been these past two weeks. Year 3 & 4 visited Flatford Mill, Year 1& 2 visited St Osyth Priory, fun was had by all at the PTFA Disco and Reception enjoyed Easter Crafts. School trips not only develop knowledge, they also improve social skills and teamwork, which can positively influence your child's wid-
er educational outcomes.

Year 6 had a practice SATs week and we are all so proud of the progress they are making.

On Monday, the children were impeccably behaved during a very efficient Fire Drill, helped by the spring sunshine.

This week the whole school community have been saddened by the news of Olivia Bresnahan (Y1) who died on Monday after a long battle with cancer. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this sad time. We will continue to consider the family's wishes and there will be opportunities for us to have time to think and remember Olivia.

We ended the week with our school Easter Service at the Church. Thank you children for reading so well and for singing so beautifully and for Rev. Sharon for leading the service during which children learned how Easter is celebrated throughout the world. Today every child will take home an Easter egg, kindly donated by the PTFA, and a Palm cross.

Sadly we say farewell to Miss Wyatt today, who has been working as a TA in Reception. We wish her every success in her new role. After Easter, we welcome back LSA Ms Rajaratnam.

As the end of the term draws to a close, I would like to express my thanks to the hard work and dedication of the teachers, HLTAs, LSAs, Coaches, support and office staff but also the parents/carers and PTFA, as the school success is due to the efforts of the whole school community.

May the spirit of Easter fill your hearts with peace, love and happiness.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the break, refreshed and ready for the term ahead.

God bless

Mrs Jackson

Headteacher

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE

In recent weeks, there has been an increase in children riding their bikes and scooters around the village hall after school. The Parish Council have informed me that one child who was cycling against the one-way circuit, almost collided with a car which was leaving the car park. Please could you ensure that your child/ren does not cycle or skate around the hall or the car park, to keep everyone safe—especially during the holidays too.

Key Dates

Friday 27th March

School Easter Service

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Last Day of Spring Term

Monday 13th April

First Day of Summer Term

Thursday 23rd April

Class photos

Monday 11th May—Friday 14th

Year 6 SATs

Monday 18th—22nd May

Year 6 residential trip—Whitby

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Half term

Monday 1st June

Non-pupil Day

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School Notices

School Clubs

Please note there will be no clubs the first week back after Easter.

Details of the next term clubs and how to sign your child up, will be out in the first week back.

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 messaging

Now that we are using Arbor in-app messaging as our main method of communication, we are aware that a lot of parents/carers are not being notified when they receive a message and instead are having to check the app daily, for any updates. We recommend switching on push notifications to ensure that you are receiving messages as soon as possible. Please follow the link for more information.

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.

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.

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.

Water bottles

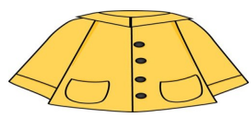
A kind reminder that children should only be bringing water in their bottles.

Parking

Please do not park over zig-zags or over our neighbours drive ways. Thank you.

Coats

While the weather can still be cold and rainy, please ensure that your child is still bringing a coat into



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

School Dinners

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 13 April 4 May 1 June 22 June 13 July 31 August 21 September 12 October	Beef Bolognaise Pasta **1** Cheese & Pesto Swirl **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Baked Wedges Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Macaroni Cheese **1,7 V** Chick Pea & Spinach Biryani **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Carrots Mixed Peppers Toffee Tart **1,7** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Gammon & Gravy Meatfree Meatballs & Gravy **6 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Cabbage Swede Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Korma Herby Tomato Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice Green Beans Carrots Chocolate Orange Cake **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** Wrap Stack **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips Sweetcorn & Peas Coleslaw **9** Lemon Drizzle Biscuit **1,6 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK TWO 20 April 11 May 8 June 29 June 20 July 7 September 28 September 19 October	Cheesy Cauliflower Pasta **1,7 V** Vegetable Burger in a Bun **1,5,6 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Baked Wedges, Carrots, Peas Honey Cake **1** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Minced Beef Curry Pesto & Pea Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice Seasonal Vegetables Summer Trifle **1,7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Roast Chicken & Gravy Samosa Puff **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rustic Roast Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Cornflake Cookie **1,7,16** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Fajita **1** Tomato Spaghetti **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice Tomato Salsa Green Beans Carrot & Orange Cake **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Salmon Fish Cake **1,8** Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Grated Carrot Oaty Biscuit **1,15 VG** Yoghurt **3,7** Fruit Pots **VG**
WEEK THREE 27 April 18 May 15 June 6 July 14 September 5 October	Mild Chilli Beef Tomato & Herb Penne Pasta **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rice Peas Mixed Peppers Jam Roly Poly **1,6 VG** & Custard **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	Chicken Pie **1** Vegetable Stir Fried Noodles **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Crushed Potatoes Seasonal Vegetables Ice Cream **7** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Fruit Pots **VG**	**BRUNCH** Pork Sausage & Bacon **1,3,6** **Or** Vegetable Sausage **1 VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Brunch Hash Potatoes Baked Beans Mushrooms & Tomatoes Fruit Jelly **VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Margherita Pizza **1,3,7 V** Loaded Cajun Bean Wedges **VG** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Rainbow Rice Sweetcorn Coleslaw **9** Sultana Cake **1 VG** Mr Nourish Biscuit **1 VG** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**	Fish Fingers **1,8** Cheese & Bean Parcel **1,7 V** Jackets with a Choice of Toppings **7,8,9** Chips, Peas, Baked Beans Cucumber Sticks Caramel Cookie **1,7 V** Yoghurt **3,7**, Fruit Pots **VG**

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish 9 Egg
10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten VG Vegan V Vegetarian

Selection of Salads **9**, Homemade Bread **1,3**. Some of our schools may use pre prepped potatoes or vegetables on occasions. These may contain sulphites and celeriac. Please discuss with your manager.

AVAILABLE DAILY

Ham Baguette 1,3,5,6,9

Cheese Baguette 1,3,5,7,9 V

Tuna Mayonnaise Baguette 1,3,5,8,9

HELP YOURSELF TO THE SALAD BAR AND DESSERT

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Attendance

Essex County Council
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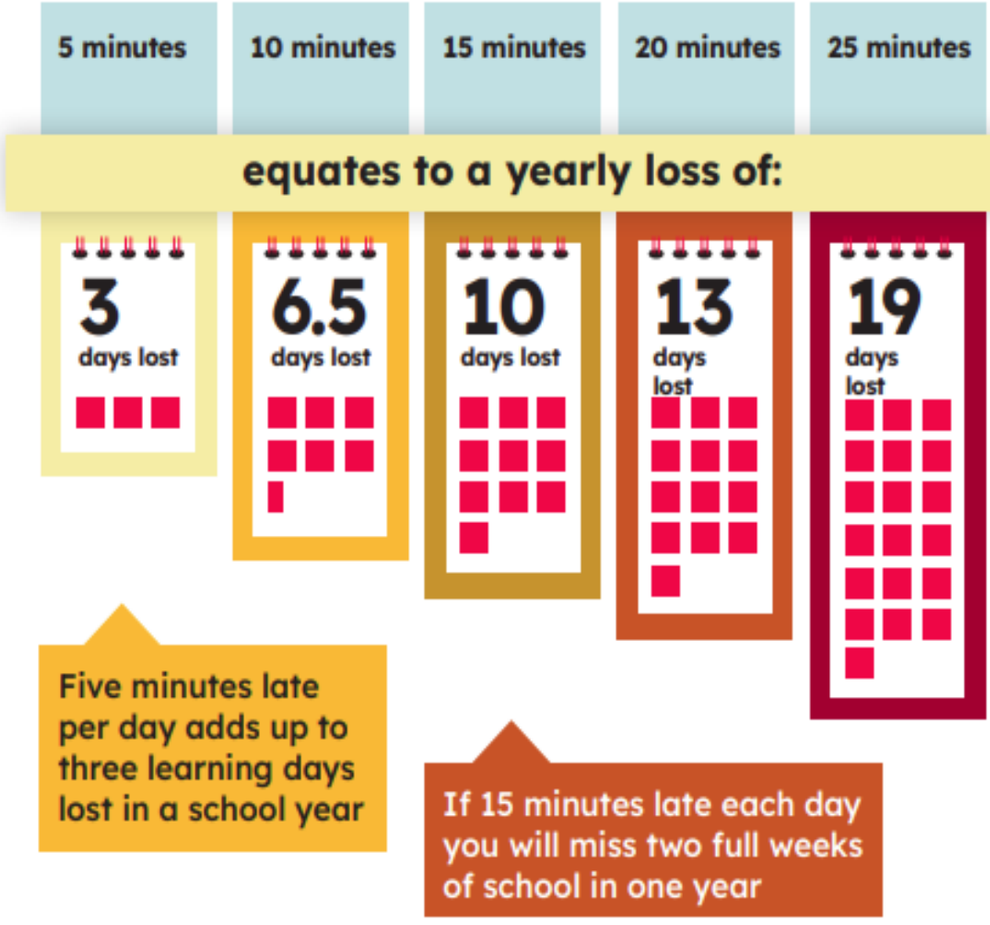
Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

Community Notices

28th March – 11th April

Easter Egg Trail

Explore the garden to find hidden wooden eggs, stamp their location on your map, and enjoy a prize at the end.
Standard garden admission applies.

Book online
www.bethchatto.co.uk/courses

Beth Chatto Education Trust

Easter Crafts

ACL Clacton

Join us to have fun as a family and improve communication and wellbeing through creative activities.

Date: 01/04/2026

Time: 10:00 - 12:00 or 13:00 - 15:00

Scan the QR code, or Visit our website aclessex.com and type "Easter Crafts" in the 'Find a course...' box

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Essex County Council

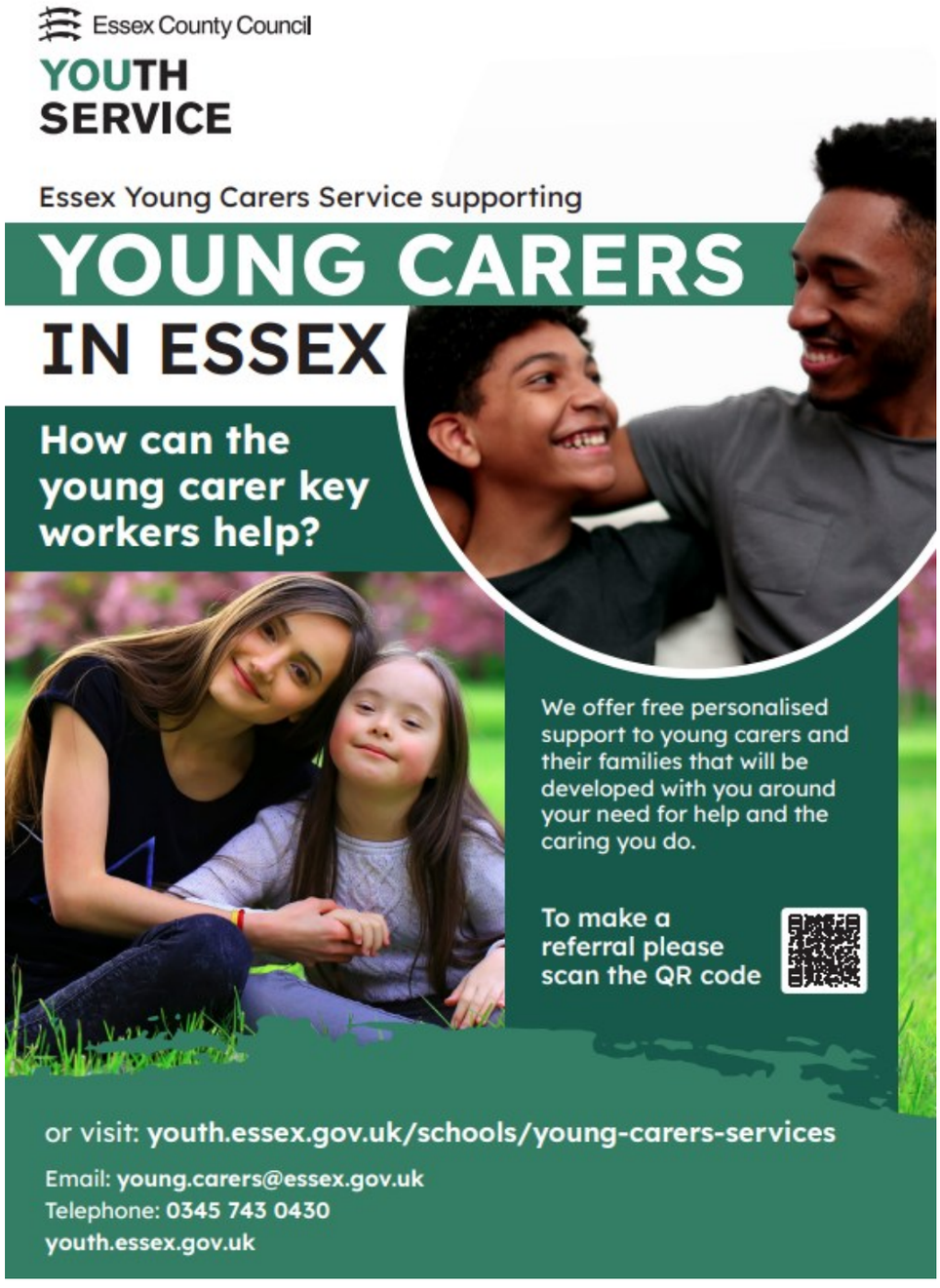
The holidays are fast-approaching

Are you *looking* for something for your child to do during this time?

Why not sign them up to one of our Bikeability Courses.

- Chelmsford
- Harlow
- Witham
- Colchester
- Uttlesford

Please see below the link to book Easter holiday courses:
https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking



Essex Book Festival

ESSEX BOOK FESTIVAL

Each June, more than 100 Essex Book Festival events take place in venues across the county, from our own libraries to iconic locations such as Hylands Estate, Cressing Temple Barns, Jaywick Martello Tower and the University of Essex.

The festival celebrates books in all their forms and reaches a broad audience. It's recognised as one of the leading literary festivals in the East of England, welcoming writers and artists from around the world to share their work and ideas.

The box office will open on 26 March.