St Osyth Church of England Primary School

Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderfully sunny week—Otis has had lots of walks on the field!

'Big Red Combine harvester' was sung with such gusto and excitement in assembly on Tuesday because the children had seen a tractor being driven into the EYFS playground as they arrived at school. We are all extremely grateful to a local farmer, David Lord, for visiting the school. Children learned all about farming locally and then our Reception class saw the tractor up close. Thank you Miss Fairley for organising this educational visit.

The Hut, our provision for children with additional needs, is in the process of a makeover. Having secured additional Inclusion Funding, the outdoor space now has a pergola with a colourful Perspex roof, and a soft all-weather flooring is due to be installed this half term. There are new wooden musical instruments plus ergonomic furniture inside.

We welcome our new **caretaker** onto our school team. He has already had a visible impact on the grounds and maintenance. In addition, Mrs Pilon and Miss Pryer will be working alongside our fabulous team of Learning Support Assistants and HLTAs this term to support learning in the EYFS classroom, The Hut and deliver interventions.

As many of you have noticed, the **Food Pantry** has been moved. Sadly, it has been reported that young people have been breaking into the pantry and throwing food and sanitary products into our neighbours' gardens. Fortunately, it is being repaired and soon will be positioned off the driveway in front of the school so that parents/carers can help themselves as needed.

As we start making plans for the next academic year, I will be consulting with parents/carers about **preferences for classes** in September so please expect a letter next week.

Sadly, I have received more concerns around **children's safety and behaviour** from the Parish Council, and so I seek parental support. As evenings get lighter and children want to play out later unsupervised, I am reminded of an article I read recently

'*Over the last few decades, several sections of society have drifted towards gentler forms of parenting. Giving kids increasing levels of choice in what they do or eat, while eschewing authority and consequences.*

While this sounds like a kind approach, evidence suggests it's actually the opposite. Permissive parenting is linked with more acting out, lower grades, and poorer wellbeing. Giving kids too much freedom when they're young robs them of freedom as they grow.

Authoritative parenting may not sound as nice, but it tends to foster much happier and better-adjusted children. Virtually every parent-enforced rule (apart from limiting their friends) is positively linked to better relationships. Clear structure is the foundation of self-regulated and resilient kids.'

We all want children to be happy, learn and have fun play and that is most successful when we (home/school) work in partnership. In school, structure creates safety. When children know how to act and what to expect, they can focus on learning in and out of the classroom. In school what this looks like includes:

- Clear rules and routines—especially important to children with additional needs
- A shared mutual respect for all—'Love one another as I have loved you'
- Swift consequences, because learning requires the sharing of thinking and mistakes

Have a great weekend. God bless

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher

Key Dates

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

ST_OSYTH_COE_PRIMARY

School Notices

	Club	Years	From	To	Lead By
Monday	Summer Sports	1&2	20/04/2026	**06/07/2026**	Mr C
Tuesday	Board Games	3&4	21/04/2026	**07/07/2026**	Miss Fairley
Tuesday	Crochet	5&6	21/04/2026	**07/07/2026**	Mrs Scawthorn
Tuesday	Singing Club	3, 4 & 5	28/04/2026	**07/07/2026**	Mrs O'Reilly
Wednesday	Cheer leading	5&6	22/04/2026	**08/07/2026**	CC All Stars
Thursday	Athletics	3,4,5 & 6	23/04/2026	**09/07/2026**	Mr C

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:

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.

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.

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

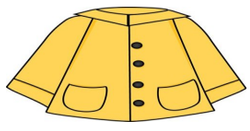
A kind reminder that children should only be bringing water in their bottles.

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 school, 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

	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

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

The Diocese of Chelmsford Vine Schools Trust is a company limited by guarantee.
Registered in England No 8709542. Registered Office 53, New Street Chelmsford CM1 1AT

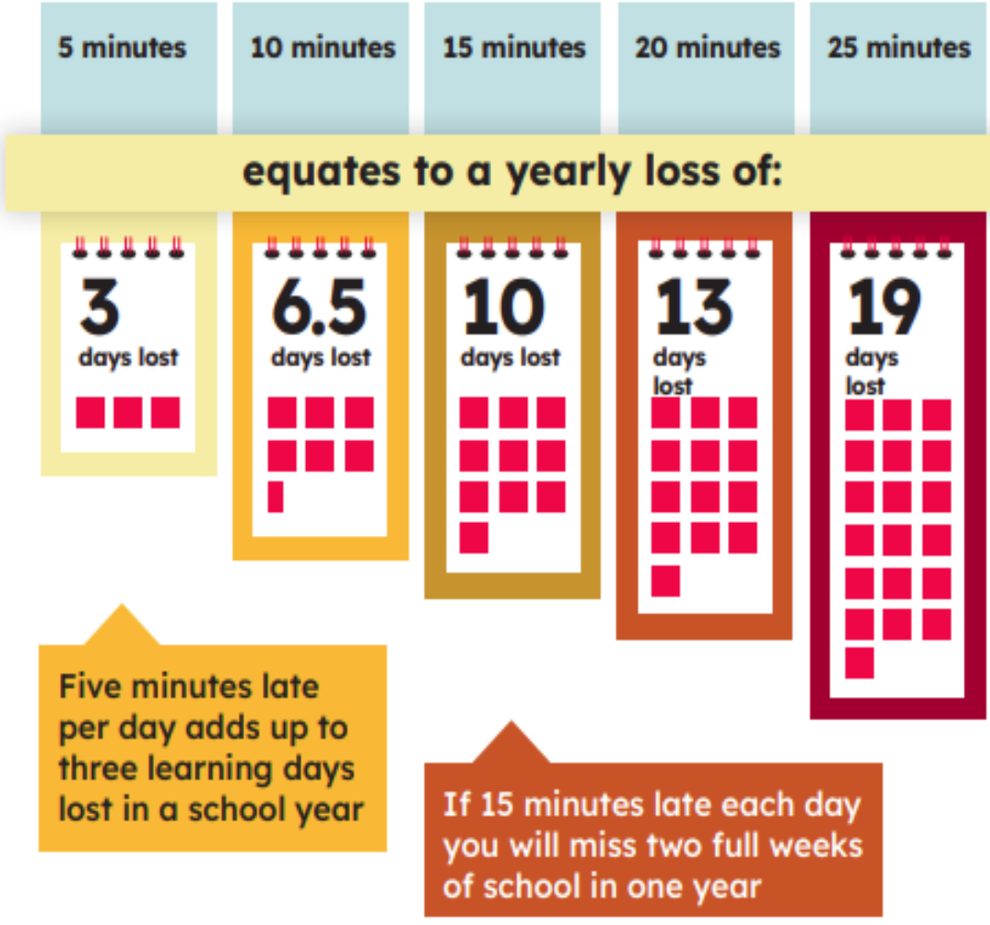
Attendance

Essex County Council
Education

HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

Community Notices

Upcoming online learning sessions to support SEND at home.

[Online group sessions | Support for Parents And Carers in Essex]

ST OSYTH CHURCH LUNCHTIME RECITALS 2026

Third Friday, 12.30-1.15pm. Refreshments available after the recital.
Donations towards the music fund gratefully received.

APRIL 17th Sam Bristoe, organ. Assistant organist at Chelmsford Cathedral.

May 15th Lizzie Gutteridge, Historical re-enactment movement for ancient instruments.

June 19th TBC

July 17th Phil Toms and Emma Nash. Piano duet, film music.

August 21st The ever popular Strangers Band.

September 18th Emma Gibbins, Director of music at Chelmsford Cathedral. Organ recital.

Community Notices