St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 15th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A message from Emma Wigmore, CEO

As a Trust, we are aware of comments circulating on social media regarding St Osyth CofE Primary. We take all concerns seriously and encourage any parent or member of our community to raise issues directly with the school through our formal channels so they can be properly addressed. We remain committed to supporting our staff and providing the best for our pupils. We thank you for your ongoing support.

A message from Claire Jackson, Headteacher

I would like to acknowledge the current unrest in the parent community and as a first step, send out a survey to you to capture the concerns. Please be honest with your responses. I would like to follow this up with a coffee morning where I can offer a response and explore ways of working together going forward.

Local Authority Inclusion Review

We are delighted to share the very positive outcomes from a recent **Inclusion Review** carried out by Essex County Council. During their visit, the local authority team spent time in classrooms, spoke with pupils and staff, and looked closely at how inclusion is embedded across the school. Their feedback recognised the strong, inclusive culture that exists here, where pupils feel safe, supported and valued, and where staff work consistently to meet the needs of all learners.

The review highlighted the high-quality relationships between staff and pupils, the calm and purposeful learning environments, and the strong focus on ensuring every child can access the curriculum. We are particularly proud that pupils spoke so positively about their experiences and the support they receive. This outcome reflects the commitment of our staff, the support of our families, and the ethos we share as a school community. We will continue to build on this strong foundation to ensure every child thrives.

Events this week

We are remarkable proud of our Year 6 cohort who are celebrating in the park today following their week of SATs. This year, two pupils have not been able to write due to broken hands and we have been able to provide a scribe for them; their resilience and determination has been inspirational. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the hard work and dedication of the invigilating team of staff who have given our children the best opportunity to thrive.

Year 5 have also been amazing—under the direction of Detective Crabbe!

Today, Year 1 and 2 enjoyed a visit from an external Forest Schools provider; bug hunting, leaf bashing, tree identification, building micro habitats, tree beating and food-chain games.

And then next week our Year 6 cohort are off to Whitby for their residential trip.

God bless

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher

Key Dates

Monday 18th—22nd May

Year 6 residential trip—Whitby

Monday 25th to Friday 29th May

Half term

Monday 1st June

Non-pupil Day

Tuesday 2nd June

Yr 5 Sailing trip

Friday 5th June

Yr 5 Sailing Trip

Friday 19th June

Father's Day gift room

Thursday 25th June

Y3&4 St Osyth Priory Trip

Friday 26th June

Sports Day

(details to come)

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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	3,4 & 5	05/05/2026	**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:

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.

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.

The school office must be informed, in advance, if your child is unable to attend their after school club. If your child is in year 5 or 6 you may receive a text message or phone call to confirm that they have arrived home safe, particularly if they have permission to walk out unaccompanied at the 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.

Parking

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

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

THURSDAY, 21ST MAY

SUMMER Census

Chips	Hot Dog 1,5,6	Strawberry Ice Cream 7
Garden Peas	Summer Puff Pastry Tart 1,7 V	Sunshine Cookie 1VG
Coleslaw 9	Jacket Potato served with a Choice of Fillings 7,8,9	Fruit Pots VG

GROW WITH US
NOURISH

Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:
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

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**

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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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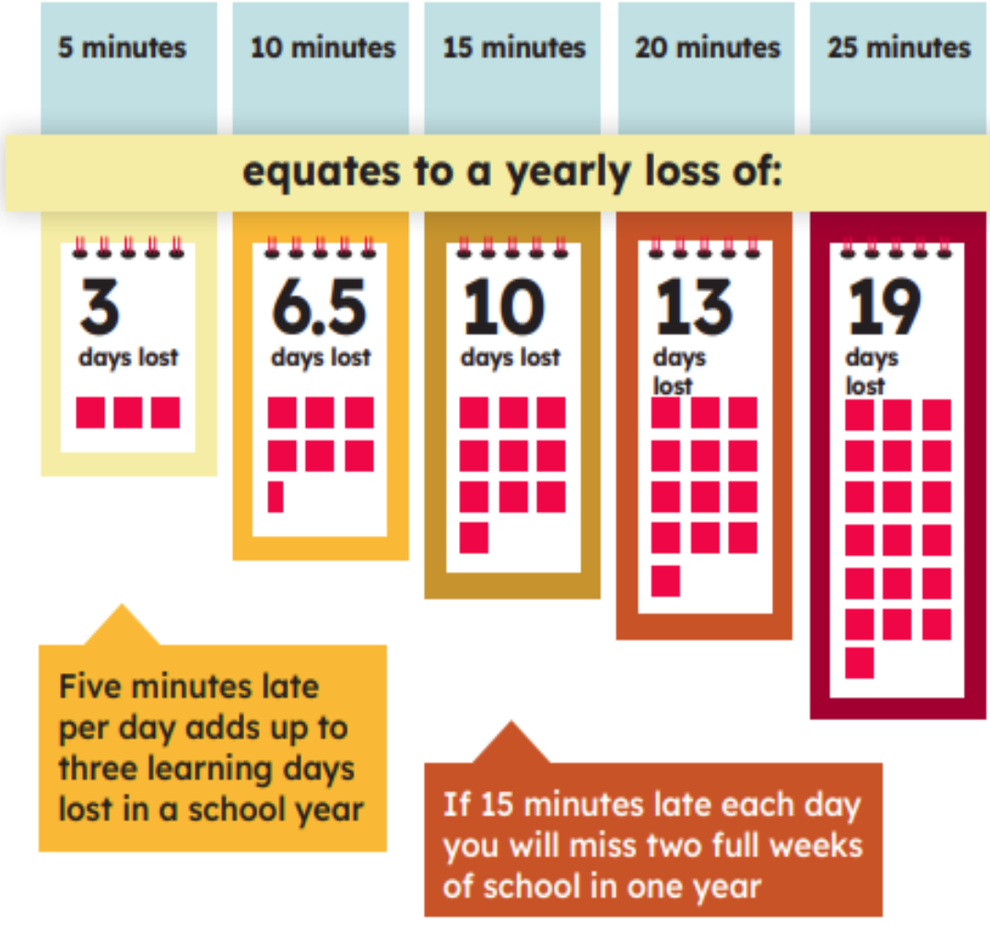
Attendance

Essex County Council
Education

HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

Community Notices

Colchester United May Camps!

We are excited to announce that we will be offering FREE Activate Camps during the May half-term to Primary school children. These camps will take place in Colchester, Maldon & Clacton.

Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, Colchester, CO2 9BG
Colchester Academy, Hawthorn Avenue, Colchester, CO4 3JL
All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, Maldon, CM9 6HY
St Clares Primary School, Cloe's Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8EG

The camps are open to children on Free School Meals and families with low income.

We've lined up a variety of fun activities for all participants to enjoy, giving children the chance to stay active and entertained this half-term!!

What's Included in Our Activate Camps:

- Gifts and prizes to be awarded
- High-quality, safe facilities and equipment
- Possible appearances from Colchester United 1st team players or our club mascot, 'Eddie The Eagle'
- Special activities provided by external providers to enrich the camp experience

Camp Information:

Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, Boadicea Way, CO2 9BG – PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP

Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Time: 9:30am – 4:30pm
Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : CLICK HERE

Inclusive U's (specifically designed for children with SEN) Booking Link: CLICK HERE

Colchester Academy School, Hawthorn Ave, Colchester CO4 3JL– PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP
Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Time: 9:30am – 1:30pm----
Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : CLICK HERE

All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, Maldon, CM9 6HY– PRIMARY – FOOTBALL CAMP
Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm
Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : CLICK HERE

St Clares Primary School, Cloe's Lane, Clacton – on – Sea, CO16 8EG – FOOTBALL CAMP
Tuesday 26th May – Friday 29th May 2026
Time: 9:30am – 3:00pm
Free School Meals & Low- Income Booking Link : CLICK HERE

PLEASE NOTE: When you register your child, you will be asked to complete a survey to indicate whether you are in receipt of Free School Meals or a Low-Income Family. This information is required for Active Essex to monitor.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Cucf@colchesterunited.net

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