St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 19th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

My goodness what a busy fortnight!

Our new reception class for September, have visited for a stay and play – the start of their transition activities.

Reception have just come back from a day at the Beach and Brightlingsea Sailing Club.

Year 1 & 2 have completed their phonics screening checks during which we had another monitoring visit from the Local Authority, and I'm pleased to report that there were no concerns as we were administering the tests according to the published DfE Guidelines.

Year 4 have all completed their Multiplication Table Check.

Some of our Year 4 and 5 children attended Great Clacton Junior school to learn all about a Vine School Project: Youth Shoots – more information to follow from our new Resilience Reps.

Sports Update

Our Rounders team represented the school in a competition recently, finishing fourth and playing in such a sporting manner. Our children were singled out for their support of other teams and willingness to help, encourage and even teach struggling players.

We also had a team represent us at a Cricket event. They went one better and finished third place! Huge improvement throughout the event and again, great support of each other and helping to get the best out of their teammates!

Then this week, we attended the annual athletics meeting finishing a respectable 9th, from the 21 schools in the district. We had a number of finalists and a nice set of bronze, silver places and even a gold Medallist!

We are looking forward to a number of events coming up; Our school Sports day, more cricket for some of our younger children and even an inaugural NFL Flag Festival to test ourselves in a new sport. As well as following our football teams in the World Cup!

Year 6 have auditioned, been given their part and have started rehearsals for their end of year production.

The PTFA have provided a Father's Day Gift Room for all children across the school.

Interviews have taken place to appoint a caretaker, Early Years LSA, general LSA and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant for September.

I have attended an Essex Primary Heads Association meeting and Essex County Council Safeguarding briefing.

Today the whole school have celebrated World Music Day by dressing up and taking part in a musical extravaganza.

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Summer Fayre

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This week, Mrs O'Riley and I have been reviewing our school's RE curriculum, Collective Worship and Spirituality and considering the School's theologically rooted Christian vision. Reviewing all the enriching activities we provide at St Osyth, there are so many ways our children, staff and parent model **'Love one another as I have loved you' and Everyone's responsibility, every day, to live the love of Christ.**

Squishy fidgets—parents are kindly requested to not send these in with children. This new fad causes children to fall out and they are exploding so please keep them at home.

And finally….. You said, We did.

Today every child has taken home an info graphic to share with parents to summarise the feedback from the recent parent survey. (Also included in this newsletter). I am sure you will agree, there is lots to celebrate but also valuable feedback and suggestions to further improve what we do to help all parents feel engaged and fully informed.

More details will follow about the coffee mornings that will take place on 1st July.

Wishing you a restful weekend full of sunshine.

God bless

Mrs Jackson, Headteacher

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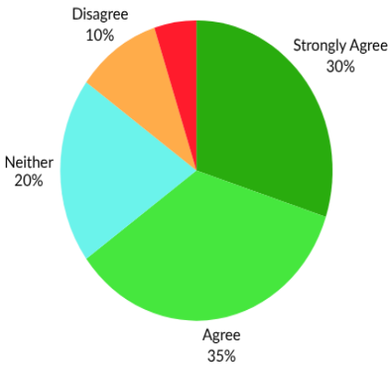
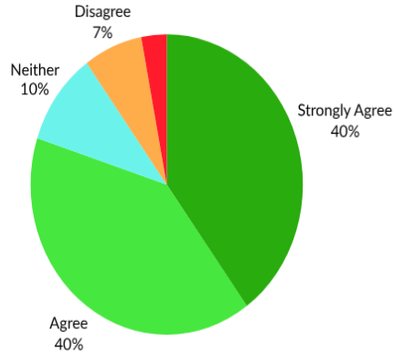
ST OSYTH PARENT VIEW
YOUR VOICE MATTERS
JUNE 2026

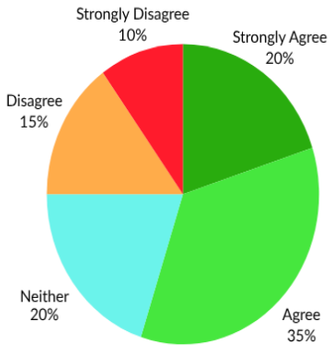
Children Happy at School



Children Feel Safe at School



Behaviour in School is Good



Top 3 things about St Osyth

- Caring, approachable staff
- Positive relationships between adults and children
- A nurturing, inclusive ethos

You said you would like to see improvements in the following areas:

- New leadership to introduce themselves
- Improved communication between home and school, including follow ups
- Increased contact with staff and leadership
- More fun / fundraising events

What we will do:

- Coffee mornings to meet the headteacher, SENCo other SLT (dates to follow)
- Put SLT on side gate in the start and end of the day
- Termly open classrooms
- Elect one parent from each class to form a parent forum to be the voice of the parents
- Drop down days where children can dress up

Your feedback:

"Strong caring teachers."

"Put a senior leader to meet and greet on the side gate."

"I love how the school is completely child focused."

"Tell us what you are doing/working on or changing."

"Allow children to have more fun days to raise money."

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
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

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.

Club Spaces

There are still a few spaces available for Cheer leading and Athletics after school clubs. Please speak to the school office if you would like to sign your child up for a club. Names can also be added to club waiting lists, for those that are over subscribed.

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.

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.

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.

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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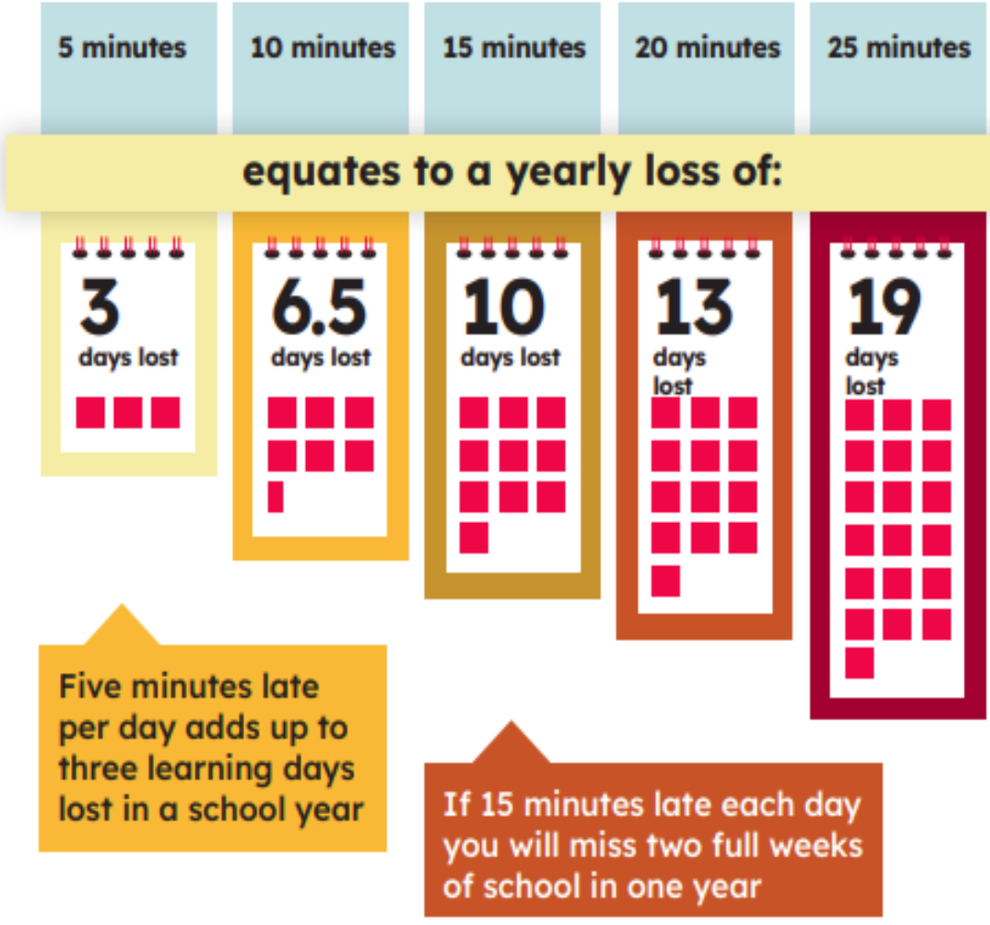
Attendance

Essex County Council
Education

HERO

Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

Community Notices

Summer Holiday Cycling Courses.

Essex County Council are offering a range of fun, structured sessions suitable for all abilities, including:

- Bikeability Level 1
- Bikeability Levels 1 & 2 combined
- Bikeability Level 3
- Learn to Ride sessions
    - **NEW:** Child Bike Workshop .

A variety of the courses will be taking place at the following venues:

- St Mary's School for Girls – Senior School Colchester
- Mark Hall Sports Centre, Harlow
- Great Easton, Uttlesford
- Howbridge, Witham
- Moulsham School, Chelmsford

These courses provide children with the opportunity to build confidence, develop essential cycling skills, and stay active during the holidays in a safe environment.

Parents and carers can book a place using the link below:
 https://essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbo

hcrg Care Group

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

BARNARDO'S

Children's Vision Screening and Eye Health

Getting your child's free NHS eye test is important because early detection of vision problems means treatment can start sooner, leading to better outcomes and preventing long-term issues such as reduced or permanent loss of vision.

Commissioned by

Essex County Council

NHS

Regular eye tests are essential as children often do not realise they have a problem, and unidentified vision issues can affect their learning, development, and everyday activities.

Children aged 4–5 years are offered a vision screening check at school by our trained team. If the screening suggests your child may have reduced vision, we will contact you, recommending a referral to a hospital specialist or local optician for an NHS eye test. If you have already been contacted but have not yet attended, please arrange this as soon as possible.

Early assessment and treatment can make a big difference to your child's vision and development. Even if your child did not need a referral, it is important to remember that vision can change as children grow. Children's eyes are still developing until around 7–8 years of age, and problems are not always obvious. Eye tests are free for all children under 16, and for those under 19 in full-time education. Glasses are also free or subsidised if needed.

w: www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk

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Dear parents and Carers,

Following recent feedback from schools about the importance of promoting healthy eating habits, we are inviting schools and parents to help us better understand current breakfast provision within primary schools and at home. We would like to learn more about current approaches to breakfast provision, what is working well, the challenges schools and families may face, and what support would be most helpful in encouraging more nutritious breakfast habits .

The intention is to develop a practical toolkit to support schools and parents with encouraging healthy, colourful breakfasts that include fruit and vegetables.

As a first step, we are asking schools to complete a short survey regarding their provision and share a separate survey with parents and families. These surveys are designed to provide us with a clearer understanding of current practices, experiences, and challenges, and to help us identify the most useful resources, guidance, and support to include in the toolkit.

Please see survey link below for you to complete Breakfast Habits.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GR8bF2d1PE27mnSK0D8wGhsuYyAKdIVPjOKg3hx1pRZURVNNNFpOMDIzRU02VUgzUVRBM0dWUldNNS4u

Thank you for your continued commitment to supporting the health and wellbeing of children, young people, and the wider school community.

Kind regards

Deb Cook

Healthy Schools Engagement Worker (North)
Healthy Schools Team
Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Services (ECFWS)
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