St Osyth Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Love one another as I have loved you.'

Friday 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Every year, our children make great progress academically, physically, socially, creatively, personally and spiritually and this year has been no exception. I thank every single member of the school team for their valuable role in supporting our children. As some, Mrs Stock, Mrs Brooks and Ms Higgleton prepare to move to new adventures, please join me in thanking them for all that they have done for our children and wishing them all the very best for the future.

This week, I watched the brilliant production of Ali Baba And The Bongo Bandits led by Year 6, which epitomised all we do as a school family—nurture and support so all children are included to thrive and flourish. It was such a joy to watch every child shine so brightly. I couldn't help but feel emotional at what these young people have achieved. We wish our Year 6 leavers continued success as they transition to Senior School.

Next year's classes will be named after Heroes from the Bible

EYFS/Reception

Mary Class -Miss Fairley.

Joseph Class—Mrs Rivas-Long and Mrs Kirk

Lower School (Year 1 & 2)

Noah Class (Year 1)- Mrs Yerli (Monday to Thursday) & Mr Carvalho (each Friday)

Daniel Class (Year 1 & 2) - Mrs Scott (Miss Hutchings on maternity leave)

Jonah Class (Year 2) - Mrs O'Reilly (Tuesday to Friday) & Miss Fitch-Holland (each Monday)

Middle School (Year 3 & 4)

Ruth Class—Mrs Alston

Esther Class—Miss Taylor

Deborah Class—Ms Bennett

Upper School (Year 5 & 6)

Peter Class- Miss Salmon

Barnabas Class- Mrs Penny

Thomas Class- Mrs Scawthorn

AIs and Deep fakes

As you know, we ask parents, carers and visitors not to take photos when in school with the exception of their own children and not to share or upload these onto social media. There are many reasons why we do this, primarily to safeguard children in our care as it's everyone's responsibility in our school community to protect children. Schools are facing increasing challenges to monitor this including the introduction of AI and meta glasses. AI is being used to turn ordinary photos of children into sexual abuse material. The National Crime Agency and Internet Watch Foundation have issued new guidance to help parents make informed choices about sharing images of their children online. It covers reviewing privacy settings, revisiting consent with your child as they grow, and what to do if you're worried.

The parent's guidance can be found here: https://www.iwf.org.uk/resources/ai-child-abuse-imagery-parent-guide/

Safety concerns in the community

There continues to be a number of children on bikes and scooters riding around the village hall. Whilst it is understood that the village hall is used as a cut through from Johnson Road to Clacton Road, there are genuine concerns that it is only a matter of time before there is a serious injury, especially when the children are going against the one way circuit, often at speed. Please keep your children safe.

Morrisons and Kellogg's Breakfast Clubs

Families visiting their local Morrisons Café throughout the summer holidays can enjoy a free "Kellogg's Breakfast", which includes a bowl of cereal and a portion of fruit. This is not just for children, adults get to eat completely free too.

And finally, at the end of a very long week, term and academic year, I wish you all a restful summer holiday with family and friends. Stay safe.

Ephesians 4:32 – "Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you."

God bless
Mrs Jackson

Key Dates

Monday 20th July

Leavers' Worship

Wednesday 2nd September

First day of term

Return to school

Thursday 3rd & 4th September

Year 5 Birch Hall Trip

Friday 9th October

Non-pupil Day

Monday 19th to Friday 30th October

Half term

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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
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 is now stored in the link corridor inside the school. Parents/carers are welcome to look through , please contact the school office.

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
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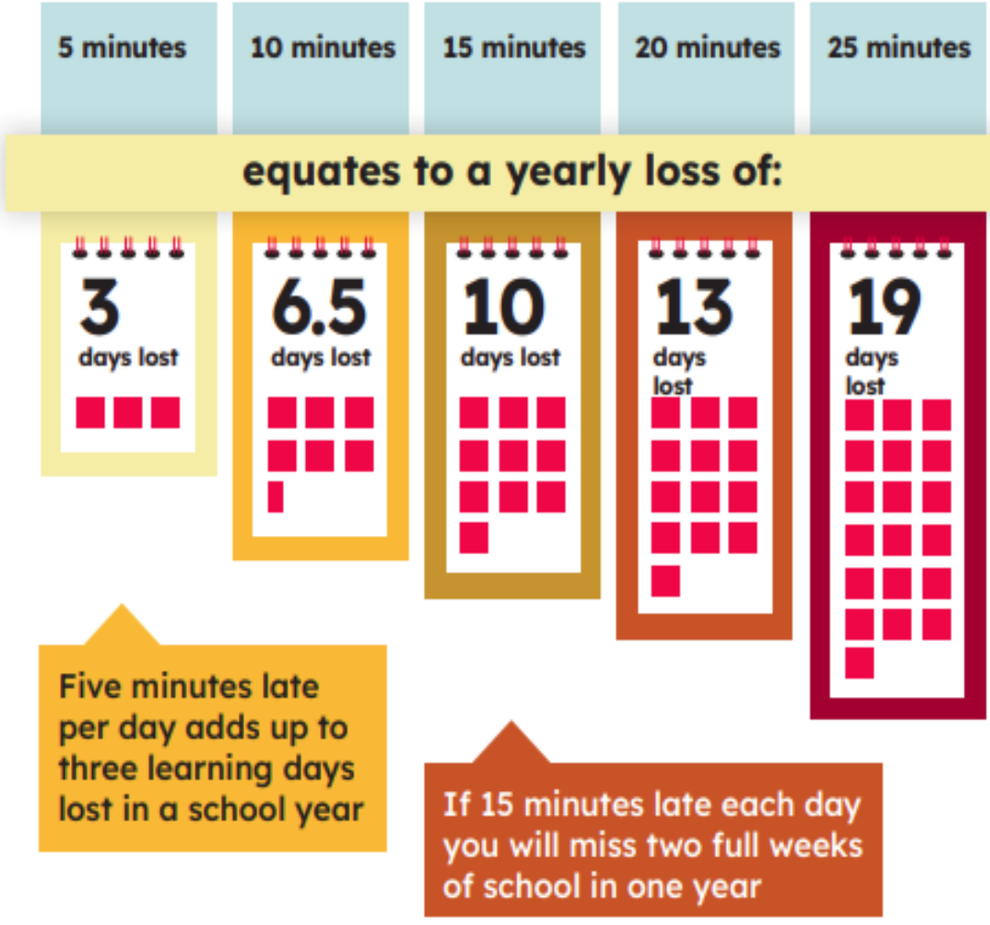
Here, every day, ready and on time

Minutes lost per day



Poor timekeeping means less chance of success!

Community Notices

Breakfast Club Provision and Breakfast Habits Surveys

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 the survey link below for you to complete School Breakfast Habits form.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=GR8bF2d1PE27mnSK0D8wGhsuYyAKdlVPjOKg3hx1pRZURVNNNFpOMDIzRU02VUgzUVRBM0dWUldNNS4u

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

Kind regards

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Healthy Schools Engagement Worker (North)
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Jaywick Community Resource centre

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Here at the Aldanat Community Hub (located in Weeley, next to Weeley train station) we have a range of activities on offer this summer, come rain or shine, to keep the children occupied- including sensory rooms, pools, cinema room, workshops and much, much more.

We would appreciate it if you could share our summer workshop timetable with your families and we look forw to welcoming you all to the Hub this summer and beyond (both image file and PDF file attached to this email)!

Aldanat Community Hub

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Web: www.aldanatcommunityhub.co.uk

Booking Page https://aldanathub.simplybook.it/v2/#book

Centurion Community Cricket

In partnership with Essex Cricket in the Community

Summer Holiday Cricket in Clacton

Tuesdays 21st July - 25th Aug

9:30am - 11:00am

Ages 5 - 8 years

Voucher code:
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FREE

Clacton CC
Vista Road Rec
CO15 6DB

with voucher codes

Tuesdays 21st July - 25th Aug

11:30am - 1:00pm

Ages 8 - 11 years

Voucher code:
ADNLB

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CANNONSBOOKINGS@GMAIL.COM
AUGUST 24TH AND 25TH
STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED AND FIRST AID TRAINED. PLEASE BRING NUT FREE LUNCH

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Family Open Day – Sunday 26th July 2026 (free):

Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sunday 26 July • 10:30 AM - 4 PM | Eventbrite

Standard opening times:

Outside of the family open days, we are open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am to 4.00pm. If families prefer a quieter environment, they might like to come along on these days. We won't have as many volunteers available so won't be able to have as many attractions open but will still make people feel very welcome. If people want to visit us on a regular Tuesday or Thursday, could they please email us at: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

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Family Open Day – Tuesday 18th August (free):

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Family Open Day – Sunday 30th August (free)

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/essex-fire-museum-open-day-tickets-1974856292332?

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FARMER JOHN'S
MAIZE MAZE
MEGA MAZE
MINI MAZE
FUN FOR ALL AGES
Get lost in the fun!
MAIZE MAZE
THURSDAY – SUNDAY
30TH JULY – 30TH AUGUST
10AM – 5PM
MINI & MEGA MAZE
BOUNCY TRACTOR
GO KARTS
AND MORE!
FUN THAT GROWS MINDS!
Learn how maize grows
Explore nature & the farming world
Solve problems & work as a team
Great for curious minds of all ages!
EDUCATIONAL & ENGAGING
Discover the life cycle of maize
Learn about British farming
Encourages teamwork, exploration & discovery
A fun day out with learning at its heart!
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