



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

This term is off to a flying start! The school is already buzzing with energy and enthusiasm. It's been fantastic to see the children arrive with such big smiles, ready to reconnect with friends and get stuck into their learning.

As we continue to learn and grow together, it's a great moment to reflect on what makes our school community so special.

Our Christian Vision is driven by the the words of James 2:18, *'I will show you my faith by my actions'*, a principle that is intended for children and staff alike.

Our **Vision** itself has three key elements:

1. As part of a church school family that grows together in **compassion and kindness**, we aspire to be the best that we can be.
2. We flourish through the **connections and relationships** we nurture, guided by our Christian values.
3. Our **uniqueness** is embraced; our faith and beliefs guide us to be **courageous** enough to stand up for what is right; and bold enough to **evoke change** in our world, just as Jesus did.

Aspire, Care and **Empower** are the key values through which we aim to live out our Christian Vision.



School Expansion Update



You may remember from the last newsletter of the previous school year that we shared an update on the proposed school expansion and building works. To follow up, I have been in contact with the Local Authority last week and, while they are not yet in a position to share finalised details, they are still expecting to begin work on site later this term.

I am working closely with their team to explore adjustments to our school's access arrangements while the construction takes place. I will share these details with you as soon as they are finalised.



I am sorry to say that we are already having parking issues at drop-off and pick-up. We have received complaints from neighbouring residents about blocked driveways and unsafe parking practices, which are making it difficult for children, pedestrians, and drivers.

Parking options near Myneer Park are limited. To ensure everyone's safety, please allow time to park further away and walk your children into school.

This small adjustment will make a significant difference.

If you have any special circumstances regarding parking, please contact the school office. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school environment safe.



Parent Phonics Information Evening

Tuesday, September 17th at 6:15-7:15 pm

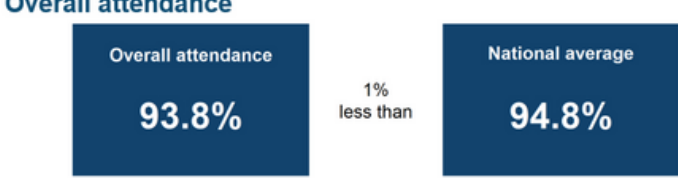
This evening is a great opportunity to learn about our phonics program and how we teach children to read. You'll also get practical tips on how to support your child's reading at home. We highly recommend that you attend, if you can.

Reception Coffee Morning

Thursday, October 3rd from 9:00-10:00 am

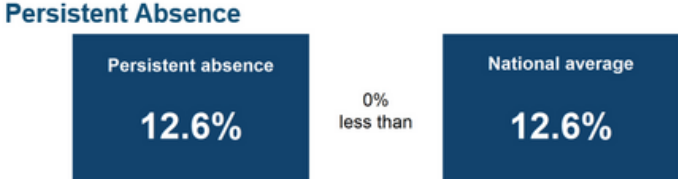
Come and join us for a relaxed morning of tea and cake. This is a chance to meet other reception parents and connect with our school community.

Overall attendance



Overall attendance is 93.8% which is 1% less than the national average.

Persistent Absence



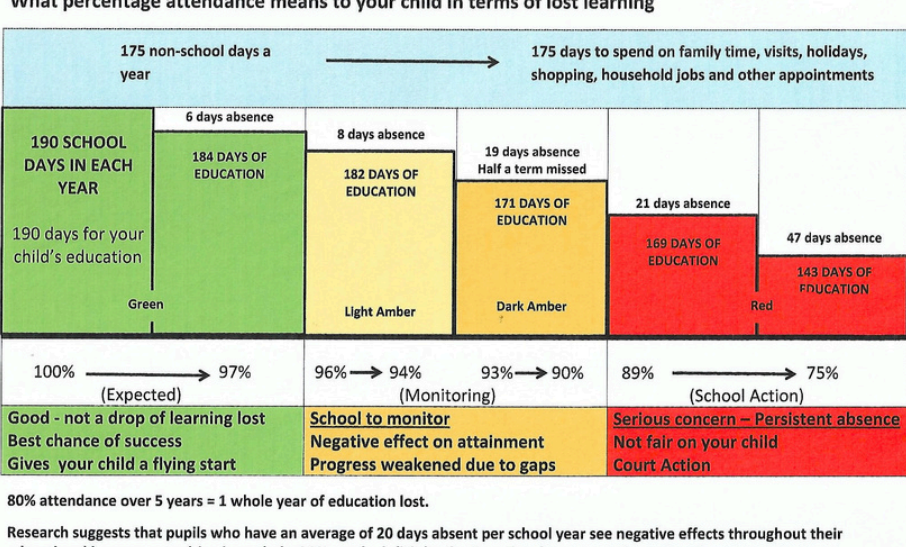
Persistent absence is 12.6% which is 0% less than the national average.

Attendance

I am please to share some positive outcomes regarding the overall attendance of our children last year. Our overall 'persistent absence' (children off for more than 10% of the year) has reduced significantly and is now in line with national data. However, our overall attendance remains below the average for all schools.

We are fully aware that there are valid reasons for children to be off school, and this will always be the case. For your information, I have attached the link to the [NHS website](#) entitled 'Is my child too ill for school?'

What percentage attendance means to your child in terms of lost learning



80% attendance over 5 years = 1 whole year of education lost.

Research suggests that pupils who have an average of 20 days absent per school year see negative effects throughout their educational journey - resulting in a whole GCSE grade deficit by the time they leave secondary education.

Article 28 of United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child : The right to learn and go to school

School dates

newly added items or any changes are highlighted in yellow

	September
8th	Year Ahead parent meeting - Year 3/4
9th	Year Ahead & Bawdsey Manor parent meeting- Year 5/6
10th	Year Ahead parent meeting - Year 1/2
15th	Year Ahead parent meeting - Reception
17th - 6.15pm	Phonics Information Evening for parents
25th - 9am	Parent Forum
26th	French Day
26th	Individual photographs
29 th - 6.15pm	FOSP Annual General Meeting (AGM)
30th	Harvest Assembly (children only)
	October
2nd	Y6 Honywood opening evening (at Honywood)
3rd - 9am	Welcome Coffee Morning - Reception parents
10th - 2.45pm	Maple (Miss Vianello) class assembly
15th-17th	Y5/6 residential trip to Bawdsey Manor
17th - 2.45pm	Silver Birch (Mr Brennen) class assembly
21st 3.30-6pm 23rd 4-7.30pm	Parents' Evening
23rd = 2.45pm	Holly (Dr Gardner) class assembly
24th	Non-pupil day
27th-31st	HALF TERM
	November
3rd	Back to School

FOSP update:



Annual General Meeting



Our AGM is coming up on Monday 29th September at 6.30pm in the school hall, and we'd love to see as many of you there as possible. Everyone is welcome, and anyone can put themselves forward for a role if they'd like to - all positions are open.

You don't have to join the committee to come along though - it's also a great chance to hear about what we do and how we support the school. If you'd like to get a feel for the different roles, you can read more at fospschool.co.uk/find-out-more-about-how-we-work

Lego Afternoon

We've also got a Lego afternoon planned for Sunday 5th October, 2-4pm at the Village Hall. It should be a really fun couple of hours for the children (and parents too!).

Tickets are on sale now at ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-peters-school-coggeshall and if you'd like to lend a hand on the day, you can sign up here: volunteersignup.org/MWAB8



Fireworks Display



Another date for your diary is our biggest event of the year - fireworks night on Sunday 9th November.

Please note that this year it's on a Sunday, this helps us keep our entry prices affordable, and raise as much as possible for the school at the same time. To help with the clear up

afterwards we're also starting a little earlier, so gates will open at 4pm, close at 5pm, and the display will begin at 5.30pm. Tickets will be available soon at ticketsource.co.uk/friends-of-st-peters-school-coggeshall. We'll also be putting out a big call for volunteers - it's a huge event and we really rely on your help to make it possible. It could be setting up on the Sunday morning, working on tuck or the bar before the fireworks start or helping pack away afterwards: we'll need you!

Fundraising target

Last year, with your amazing support, we raised over £21,000 and were able to give thousands to the school. This year the school needs even more, so after the AGM we'll be sharing our fundraising target and letting you know exactly what the money will go towards.

Keep up to date

You can keep up to date with what we are doing on our website (<https://fospschool.co.uk/>) and our Instagram page (<https://bit.ly/47y1pZD>)

Thank you so much for all your continued support - every bit of time, effort and fundraising really does make a difference for our children.

