

Headlines

31st January 2025



Dear Parents,

Another busy week at Ongar Place. We are battling with the weather but are still managing to ensure most lessons and activities go ahead. Hopefully, the weather will continue to improve as the days lengthen.

I am out of school for some of next week inspecting another school but Mrs Pirie, Mrs Bullett and Mrs Brill are available as always. Have a good weekend
Mrs T L Good

Vouchers

The Free School Meals Support Scheme will continue to run during the February half term holiday 2025. All families with children eligible for benefit-related Free School Meals (FSM) will receive a supermarket food voucher for £15 per child for February half term holiday. These will be sent out the week of the 10th February. If you do not currently receive vouchers but struggle financially please contact us. We may be able to help.

Bumped Heads

We have been looking at our procedures for informing parents if their child has bumped their head at school and are going to trial some changes. Pupils who bump their head in school will be given a wristband as opposed to a sticker. This will show whoever picks up that the child bumped their head at school and that there is a yellow slip in the child's bag explaining what happened. The band can then be removed at home. If the child was visibly upset and/or the bump left a mark parents will also be informed via a text, email or phone call. We will review these procedures in the summer term.



Sporting News

On Monday, a team of Y3/Y4 boys travelled to Cleves school to take part in a 5-a-side sports hall football festival. With six schools taking part, Ongar played 5 x six-minute games, which were competitive and hugely enjoyable to watch. All the boys played with energy and commitment, displaying great teamwork, with their sportsmanship especially notable. The boys won two games (against Walton Oak and St James), drew two (against Grovelands and Cleves) and lost one - by just one goal - in a very close game with Holy Family.

Thank you to the parents who transported the children and a big well done to Kareem, Christos, Arthur, James, Albert, Noah, Judd and Rocco.

Diary Dates

Description	Date	Time
Y2 Cake Sale - After School Today	31/01/25	15:20 - 15:45
Break the rules day	14/02/25	all day
Finish for Half Term at 3:20pm	14/02/25	
Half Term Holiday		
Return to school 8.50am	24/02/25	
Parents Evening 1	26/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Parents Evening 2	27/02/25	15:30 - 18:30
Y1 Cake Sale After School Today	28/02/25	15:20 - 15:45
Dance Festival	06/03/25	12:00 - 15:30
Y5 Football tournament @ RH	13/03/25	11:30 - 16:00
Year 2 Fire Safety Officer Visit	13/03/25	13:30 - 15:00
PTFA Quiz Night	14/03/25	19:00 - 22:00
U-10 Football Match vs St Cuthbert's	19/03/25	15:00 - 17:00
District Cross-Country @ Notre Dame	22/03/25	08:30 - 14:00
PTFA Disco	02/04/25	all day
Rocksteady concert	03/04/25	14:30 - 15:00
End of Term Finish at 1.30pm	04/04/25	
Easter Holidays		
INSET day. No children in school	22/04/25	
Children return to school 8:50am	23/04/25	

Parents' Evening 26th and 27th February 2025 -

Don't forget to sign up to parents evening. This is an important evening and provides you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss the progress your child is making.

We have an online appointment booking system through Scopay. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment.

Appointments will close at 12pm on the 12th February. Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Please use the Scopay app or Scopay.com to book your appointment, as you would to pay for trips. If you are not already registered with Scopay, please email the school office at admin@ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk to request login details. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the school office from the 21st January between 9.30 and 2.30 and we will be happy to make an appointment for you.