

Headlines

21st March 2025



Dear Parents,

It has been another very busy week at Ongar but the arrival of the sunshine has made everyone look forward to all of the exciting things coming up in the Summer term. Swimming will start after the Easter holidays and letters with times and dates have come home today. The next block of Forest school for Reception and Year 5 will also begin and further information will be sent shortly. We rely on parent helpers to ensure these activities run smoothly so if you have some time that you could spare to help, please see the office to arrange a DBS check.

Sunny the Canary

On Wednesday a small bird came into our library. She is a canary and has a yellow stripe on her side. Mrs Brill picked her up and put her in a box to keep her safe. In the afternoon, I helped to research what canaries need and where we could get a cage and Mrs Pirie checked to see if someone had lost her. She now has food and water and is resting. We are calling her 'Sunny' because she arrived on a sunny day!

Myla in Year 4



Year 4 Assembly

On Wednesday Year 4 entertained the whole school with a fantastic assembly about what they have been learning so far this year. They shared their dreams and aspirations and talked about what they needed to do in order to achieve these. All children performed confidently and seemed to be really enjoying themselves. Thank you to Miss Hale and the adults in Year 4 who supported the children.

PTFA

Thank you so much to the PTFA for arranging last week's Quiz Night. A great evening was had by all and although not winners on the night, the staff teams did themselves proud. The event raised £310 for the school.

The next planned PTFA event is the Easter disco on 2nd April. Unfortunately, the PTFA committee do not have enough volunteers to run the disco and if they do not have enough people to supervise, it may need to be cancelled. This would be a real shame as the children do love the disco. If you are able to help please see the PTFA website for more details or contact your class rep.

Football

On Tuesday, Ongar's Y5/Y6 football team played their semi-final ERPSSA Cup match against Cleves. We were going into the match as huge underdogs, with Cleves fielding a squad of 12 Y6 boys - 9 of whom play at District level. Despite the odds being against them, the boys started well and battled hard in a physical game which saw Cleves 3-0 up by half time. The second half saw a few quick goals by Cleves, but Ongar continued to battle for every ball. Considering the calibre of our opposition, across a game of 40 minutes, the final score of 7-0 is a respectable result. Congratulations to all the boys who reached the semi-final - Ethan, Ben, Fletcher, Grayson, Hugo, Henry, Lennon, Frank. Again, a big thanks to parents for their support.

Diary Dates

Description	Date	Time
Easter experience St Pauls. Y3+4	24/03/25	13:30 - 15:00
Parents to watch Synergy Dance	24/03/25	16:00 - 16:30
Easter experience St Pauls. Y5+6	25/03/25	13:30 - 15:00
Class Assembly Y3	26/03/25	09:15 - 09:30
Panathlon	27/03/25	
District Cross-Country	29/03/25	08:30 - 14:00
PTFA Disco	02/04/25	
Rocksteady concert	03/04/25	14:30 - 15:00
Fire Brigade for Chestnuts	02/05/25	10:30 - 12:00
BANK HOLIDAY	05/05/25	all day
Class Assembly Y1	07/05/25	09:15 - 09:30
Chestnuts to Gatton Park	08/05/25	09:30 - 15:00
Perform workshop YN - Y2	09/05/25	
SATS WEEK	12-15/05/25	
Year 1 school trip to The Lookout Discovery Centre	14/05/25	09:00 - 15:00
Year 4 Bikeability	16/05/25	08:30 - 12:30
Chess Tournament	20/05/25	13:30 - 16:00
Class Assembly Y5	21/05/25	09:15 - 09:30