

# Headlines

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025



## Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the Year 2025-2026 – and a very special welcome to those children and families who have just joined us in Years 1 – 6. We are looking forward to our Reception Children and Nursery Children next week. It was lovely to see so many children coming into school with smiles on their faces this morning and great to see them quickly settled in class getting to know their new teachers and new routines.

We were delighted to welcome back Miss Watts who is currently working part time in Year 5 with Miss Chaudhry. In our first whole school assembly of the year we talked about 'rules' and how it's so important to follow them – I even confided in the children that I had once been caught speeding!!

Today will you be sent curriculum letters - outlining what your child will be studying this year. The curriculum overview is also available on our website. The club letter will come out next week and teacher run clubs will start on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September.

If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

## We have been very busy using PTFA money to improve the school over the summer.

We had our lovely paddock area on the mound in the KS1 area completed just before the summer by Mr Hancock and then during the summer we had a pavilion built up there by Mr Owen. This provides an extra learning area and some shade at breaks. The PTFA also paid for us to have our Nursery fence moved to extend their outdoor area.

The school has also paid to have a lot of our play equipment repaired and updated and there has been decorating and repairs around the school. The PTFA is a very important part of our school and we desperately need to increase our numbers for this year in order that we can organise events and raise money to benefit our children. You are all members – PLEASE be active members!!!



**Uniform** Hopefully the weather will improve next week! Until half term the children can remain in summer uniform – if they want, despite the miserable weather.

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=57>

We are going to tighten up on uniform this year as this helps prepare the children for their next stage of education. Please ensure they have the correct clothes on or we may have to ask you to bring uniform in so they can get changed.

**PE Kit** Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will come into school in their PE kits on their PE days. Again, please ensure they are wearing the Ongar Kit of white t-shirt, burgundy shorts or burgundy, black or grey jogging bottoms and their school jumper for PE.

**Coats** Can you also ensure children have a coat as we will have breaks outside as often as possible.

**Water Bottle** Please ensure your children bring a named water bottle to school filled with plain water – no squash or juice.

**Year 1 and 2** – please wait outside the gates at the beginning of the day and when the bell rings an adult will welcome your child through the gate and into class.

## Amber's Summer

Amber had a fantastic Summer holiday with lots of long walks and visits to her favourite places as well as celebrating her 5th birthday. She met Mrs Brown's new puppies and had great fun running and playing with them. One of her favourite parts of the holiday was definitely her week with Mrs Robinson who looked after her while Mrs Pirie was on holiday. She got to play with Mrs Robinson's new puppy, Pippa who is also Amber's little sister!

