

Headlines

9th May 2025



Dear Parents,

It may have been a short week due to the bank holiday but we have managed to fit a huge amount into four days!
There has been a little bit of disruption to the normal day for some children as we have been having some work done on playground markings. They are looking great already and will provide lots of new opportunities for children at playtime. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this for us.

Year 1 Assembly

On Wednesday, Year 1 shared their learning this year with the whole school and their families. They all enjoyed joining in and performed so confidently. They talked about trying everything even if it was difficult – a good lesson for all of us and there were a few rather emotional adults in the audience when the children told us what they wanted to do when they grow up. Thank you to Mrs Masey, Mrs Robinson and the adults in Year 1 for helping the children prepare and practise.

Gatton Park

Chestnut Class had a wonderful day yesterday at Gatton Park. The children used their senses to explore different sights and delicious smells, they were made aware of climate change and deforestation. They had a wonderful picnic lunch on the lawn with their teddies and soft toys.

VE Day Celebration

Thursday marked the 80th anniversary of VE day and classes took part in lots of activities to commemorate the day. Mrs Dreher started the day with an assembly to explain how our local area was affected by the war and the significance of VE day. Following the two minute silence, at lunchtime, we listened to music from Vera Lynn as we enjoyed fish and chips. During the day each class took part in lots of creative activities to honour the day, including decorating flags, making friendship bracelets and designing their own bunting to decorate classrooms.

Perform Drama Workshops

Early Years and Key Stage 1 were very pleased to receive a visit from Perform today. The children had a wonderful time exploring the theme of Jungle Rumble and using drama, dance and singing to help develop their confidence, concentration and social skills. Perform run regular weekly classes in the local area and they are offering a special introductory discount to all parents of Ongar Place if they come along for a free trial session before Saturday 28th June. To claim your discount, call Perform on 020 7255 9120 quoting **OPIF280625** or book a Trial Session online at perform.org.uk/try.

Dates for Diaries

Description	Date
Year 6 SATS	wc 12 th May
Year 1 trip to The Lookout	Wednesday 14 th May
Year 4 Bikeability	Friday 16 th May
Year 2 Infant Sports Festival	Tuesday 20 th May
Chess tournament	Tuesday 20 th May
Year 5 class assembly	Wednesday 21 st May
Year 2 allotment visit	Friday 23 rd May

Athletics Kit

We are missing lots of Ongar athletic vests and football kits. If you have any at home, please can you return them to your class teacher next week. We will need them for upcoming sporting events this term. Thank you.

