

Headlines

12th September 2025



Dear Parents

Our first full week back and everyone has been very busy and there are a lot of tired faces around the school – both adults and children!

We have had two lots of our Chestnut children start already this week and it has been lovely to see them joining in with assembly and learning their way around the classroom. Our final group will start on Monday. I hope you found the curriculum letters useful last week and they have given you an overview of what the children are learning. This week the class teachers will be sending out the first Learning Letters of the Year. To the left are a list of dates. We already have many of our major events booked in and hopefully this will help you to plan your year. There will be 1 more INSET day when the school will be closed to children. As soon as I know this date, I will inform you. There are lots more exciting things to add as we move through the year. Have a good weekend Mrs. T L Good

Ambassadors

Today we announced our first positions of responsibility for our Year 6 children.

Children were asked to apply for the role of Ambassador in writing to me. The Senior Leadership Team and Mrs. Dreher read all the wonderful letters and it was a pleasure to hear how much the children enjoyed school, want to help the younger children and how proud they are to belong. We had an amazing amount of applicants this year, we were spoilt for choice and had a hard job choosing just four. Many congratulations to this year's Ambassadors: **Emmanuel, Daisy, Callie and Oliver**. I look forward to working with you.

Next week we will be asking Year 6 to put themselves forward as House Captains.

	Date	Time
Governors Business meeting	16/09/25	18:30 - 20:00
House Captain elections	18/09/25	
Perform workshop YR-3	23/09/25	
Sayers Croft Parents Meeting	24/09/25	15:30 - 16:30
Flu vaccinations	26/09/25	09:00 - 12:00
Family Learning Club	30/09/25	15:20 - 16:20
Eikon Heads Up	02/10/25	
Prospective Parents Morning	07/10/25	09:15 - 10:00
Harvest Assembly	10/10/25	14:30 - 15:00
Parents Eve	21/10/25	15:30 - 18:00
Parents Eve 2	23/10/25	15:30 - 18:00
Autumn Half Term	27 - 31/10/25	5 days
Individual photos	05/11/25	08:30 - 12:30
Prospective Parents Morning	06/11/25	09:15 - 10:00
Y6 Junior Citizenship	13/11/25	
Governors Meeting	18/11/25	18:30 - 20:30
Prospective Parents Evening	27/11/25	19:00 - 20:00
Y5 & Y6 Sayers Croft	03 - 05/12/25	3 days
Carol concert rehearsal	09/12/25	
Nativity YR/KS1	11/12/25	14:30 - 15:00
Nativity YR/KS1	12/12/25	14:30 - 15:00
Carol Concert	15/12/25	
Panto Camberley Theatre	17/12/25	all day
Christmas Lunch	18/12/25	
Christmas Holidays	22/12 – 02/01	10 days
Prospective Parents Morning	07/01/26	09:15 - 10:00
STEM Workshop Y4 and Y6	21/01/26	
Full Governing Body Meeting	27/01/26	18:30 - 20:30
Spring Half Term	16 - 20/02/26	5 days
AP SCITT training	26/02/26	13:30 - 14:30
Family Learning Week	02/03/26	
Rock Steady TBC	19/03/26	14:30 - 15:00
Easter Holidays	20/03 – 10/04	10 days
Governors Meeting	21/04/26	18:30 - 20:30
May Day Holiday	04/05/26	all day
SATs week	11/05/26	
Reception trip to Gatton Park	19/05/26	
Summer Half Term	25 - 29/05/26	5 days
Aspiration Week	08/06/26	
Governors Meeting	09/06/26	18:30 - 20:30
Governing Body Meeting	07/07/26	18:30 - 20:30
End of term for children	17/07/26	13:30
INSET days for teachers	20-22 nd July 2026	

In your emailed letters this week there will be a letter about attendance from Surrey and the school. Please read the full letter but the message in brief is:

A Penalty Notice may be issued to a parent/carer for their child's unauthorised absence from school in the following circumstances:

1. Pupils identified on Truancy Patrols and who have incurred unauthorised absences.
2. Leave of absence in term time of 5 days or 10 sessions or more. Headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case by case basis
3. Where it is judged that a parent is failing to ensure their child's regular school attendance. eg: when a pupil has incurred 10 or more unauthorised sessions in the previous 10 school weeks, which may include a pupil arriving late after close of registration.

As a school we are required to follow the rules.

At Ongar we do our best to make school unmissable with a wide range of learning and activities, fun and memorable moments. If you are struggling with attendance don't hesitate to talk to us.



Behaviour

We have focussed a lot on behaviour in class and in assembly this week. We believe that we need to work together to promote good behaviour and excellent learning. Our full behaviour policy can be found on our website <https://www.ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Policies&pid=32> and I include a summary on the back.