

Headlines

10th October 2025



Dear Parents

It has been another busy week at Ongar with adults and children learning lots.

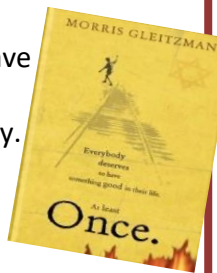
We had a fire officer come to school earlier in the week to talk to Year 5 about fire-safety in the home. She talked about smoke detectors and about how to look after yourself and others.

We also had Mrs Conn who is a member of the maths hub come in after school on Wednesday to talk to teachers from our school and other schools we work closely with to talk about maths resources and how adults can help children to learn. We ate a lot of biscuits and learnt a lot too.

Some of the staff also met this week for our inaugural book club! We have been reading 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman, a book written for older children and young adults, about a Jewish boy named Felix who lived in Poland and is on a quest to find his book-keeper parents after he sees Nazis burning books. Once again, we ate lots of biscuits, but felt very cultured as we were doing it.

If you would like to read the book we have been reading, we have some books to lend out. Speak to Mrs Pirie to get a copy.

Have a good weekend Mrs T L Good



Harvest

Reception and KS1 children will be performing their Harvest Assembly this afternoon – we are all looking forward to watching!



Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Harvest collection for the local food bank. We are still collecting and any contributions can be handed into the office.

Christmas Cards

Last call for Christmas Card orders – the forms need to be completed and returned to school by **Monday 13th October** if you wish to order.

Don't forget - Accelerated Reader Workshop

We are holding an Accelerated Reader information session for parents on **Tuesday 21st October** at 9.00am.

Thank you, ambassadors and house captains, for leading the first prospective parent tours of the year. They were all very impressed with your enthusiasm and knowledge about the school!

Forest Area

We are so lucky to have our lovely forest area and Forest School Teacher. All our children get a chance to use it during their time in school.

However, it is not safe for them to use it unsupervised at the end of the school day. There are sometimes hot embers left from fires and tools that are being packed away – particularly between 3pm and 3.20pm. Please ensure your children are supervised.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be on **21st and 23rd October**. These meetings provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how your child has settled into this year. The online appointment booking system through Scopay has been open this week and will remain open until the end of next week. We look forward to seeing you.

School Dates. Here are some dates of upcoming school events.

	Date	Time
Y6 football match @ Step gates	13/10/25	14.00-16.00
Y6 Forest School	20/10/25	All day
Accelerated Reader Parents' workshop	21/10/25	9.00 – 10.00
Parents' Evenings	21/10/25 23/10/25	15.30 – 18.00
Half term	27/10/25 -31/10/25	
INSET day (Nursery open as usual)	3/11/25	
Individual Photographs	5/11/25	9.00 – 11.00
Prospective Parents' morning	06/11/25	9.00-10.00
Y6 Junior Citizenship	13/11/25	9.00 – 12.00
Prospective Parents' evening	27/11/25	19.00 – 20.00
Y5 - 6 Sayers Croft residential	03/12/25-05/12/25	
Y5 football match	10/12/25	14.00-16.00
YR and KS1 Nativity	11/12/25 & 12/12/25	14.30 – 15.00
KS2 Carol concert	15/12/25	
Pantomime trip	17/12/25	
Christmas lunch	18/12/25	
End of term (school finishes at 13.30)	19/12/25	