

# Headlines

24<sup>th</sup> October 2025



## Dear Parents

We are at the end of our first half term of the year. The last 7½ weeks have seemed incredibly long and yet gone by in a flash – bizarre! It is so pleasing to see how all our new children have settled in school and in Nursery and are now part of our school.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term. We will see Nursery children back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November and everyone else back on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November for our run up to Christmas. Best wishes, Mrs T L Good.



## Football

This week saw Ongar travel to St James for the first round of the Y5/Y6 ERPSA knockout football cup.

The teams were really well matched and it was an end-to-end game, but with goals from Lennon and Henry, Ongar led 2-0 at half time. St James, however, managed to pull two goals back to see us level at full time. After a period of extra time, nothing could split the teams, so it was over to penalties to decide the tie. With goals from our first three efforts, alongside Hugo making a couple of saves, Ongar came away with a 3-1 victory!

We now proceed to the next round of the cup against Cleves.

Well done to Hugo, Lennon, Henry, Callie, Rocco, Noah, Judd and Nectarious. A big thanks to parents for their help with transport. Miss Hale

**Halloween** Lovely to see lots of children in fancy dress today. You all looked great. Thank you to the PTFA for organising. We are looking forward to some fun events next term too.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents evening. I hope you found it informative. A fuller parents evening, where books are available to look at and assessment scores will be shared, will be scheduled for February. Don't hesitate to contact the class teacher if you do have any concerns the quicker we address worries the easier they are to sort out.

## Questionnaires

Also, thank you to everyone who filled in the questionnaires. If you still have it in the bottom of your bag or on the kitchen counter please drop it in to the office.

## Holiday Clubs

**Club4** - known nationally as the **Holiday, Activity and Food (HAF) Programme** - is back this Winter. This DfE-funded initiative is designed for children from Reception through to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals. Parents with children in this category will receive an email and can book places (including at Ongar) for 2 days.

I can also refer children for places and support if they don't receive free school meals but fall into one of these categories:

- Education, health, and care plan (EHCP) **AND** whose family are also in receipt of Universal Credit
- Vulnerable child / Child in Need (CiN) Plan
- Care experienced child/ previously care experienced child
- Transition phase between nursery/primary or primary/secondary
- Young carer
- Child protection plan / known to social services
- At risk of school exclusion or Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance (EBSNA)

If you would like access to the funding for clubs don't hesitate to let me know.

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

	Date	Time
<b>Half term</b>	<b>27/10/25 -31/10/25</b>	
<b>INSET day (Nursery open as usual)</b>	<b>3/11/25</b>	
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	