

Headlines

14th November 2025



Dear Parents

Another busy week at Ongar and a very pleasing set of questionnaire results.

Have a good weekend

Mrs T L Good

Thank you to all the 63 Parents who filled in the

Questionnaire about their child/ren settling into school this year We were pleased with the results. If you have any questions or suggestions don't hesitate to contact us.



Junior Citizen

Year 6 had their annual trip to Thorpe Park on Thursday – not that they got to go on any rides! Instead, there were representatives from various organisations teaching them how to be safe and responsible Junior Citizens. They learnt about how to be safe near Railways (including the 3rd rail which has a constant supply of electricity and is therefore incredibly dangerous if you venture off the crossings) and how to be safe near water. They learnt essential first aid, online safety and conservation awareness through a game of Tree Top Trumps. The class were impeccably behaved throughout and gained a lot of useful knowledge regarding how to behave now they are gaining more independence outside of school.

Years 1-6

How well do you feel your child was prepared for the transition into their new class?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very well prepared	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Well prepared	21
<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat prepared	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Not well prepared	0
How well do you feel your child has settled into their new class so far?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very well	41
<input type="checkbox"/> Quite well	11
<input type="checkbox"/> Not very well	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Not at all	0
How does your child feel about coming to school each day?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excited and positive	24
<input type="checkbox"/> Generally happy	23
<input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes reluctant	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Often reluctant	1
To what extent do you feel your child experiences a sense of belonging within their class and the wider school community?	
<input type="checkbox"/> A strong sense of belonging	37
<input type="checkbox"/> Mostly feels included and connected	15
<input type="checkbox"/> Still finding their place	2
How confident do you feel your child is with their learning in their new class?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very confident	34
<input type="checkbox"/> Fairly confident	14
<input type="checkbox"/> Requires some support	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacks confidence	1
How would you rate communication between home and school since the start of term?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	21
<input type="checkbox"/> Good	26
<input type="checkbox"/> Adequate	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Needs improvement	0
To what extent do you feel that you have a sense of belonging and connection within the school community?	
<input type="checkbox"/> I feel a strong sense of belonging and inclusion	33
<input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat connected	19
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not yet feel part of the school community	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsure	1

Reception

How well do you feel your child was prepared for the transition into Reception?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very well prepared	7
<input type="checkbox"/> Well prepared	2
<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat prepared	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Not well prepared	0
Did your child attend the nursery attached to our school?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	3
<input type="checkbox"/> No	6
How helpful was the information provided before your child started Reception?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very helpful	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Helpful	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Neutral	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Unhelpful	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Very unhelpful	0
How did your child feel about starting Reception?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Excited	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Confident	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Nervous	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant	1
How is your child now settled into the Reception class?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Very well	8
<input type="checkbox"/> Well	1
<input type="checkbox"/> Okay	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Struggling	0
<input type="checkbox"/> Not settled	0
Did you feel supported by the school during the transition period?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, very supported	4
<input type="checkbox"/> Supported	5
<input type="checkbox"/> Somewhat supported	
<input type="checkbox"/> Not supported	
As a parent do you feel that you have a sense of belonging and connection within the school community?	
<input type="checkbox"/> I feel a strong sense of belonging and inclusion	5
<input type="checkbox"/> I feel somewhat connected	4
<input type="checkbox"/> I do not yet feel part of the school community	1

Dairy	Date	Time
Bag2School Collection	17/11/25	09:00 - 10:00
Governing Body Meeting	18/11/25	18:30 - 20:30
Y5 football match	19/11/25	14:20 - 16:00
Prospective Parents	27/11/25	19:00 - 20:00
Christmas Wreath Workshop	28/11/25	19:30 - 21:30
Y5/Y6 Football @ Cleves	01/12/25	14:30 - 16:00
Mental Health Parents Workshop	02/12/25	09:00 - 10:00
Y5 & Y6 Sayers Croft	03/12/25 - 05/12/25	
PTFA Christmas Shopping	08/12/25	
Reception & KS1 Disco	08/12/25	17:00 - 18:00
KS2 Christmas Disco	08/12/25	18:15 - 19:15
Carol concert rehearsal	09/12/25	09:30 - 12:00
Y5 football	10/12/25	15:00 - 16:30
YR and KS1 Nativity	11/12/25	14:30 - 15:00
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School Photographs Don't forget photos need to be ordered by the 19th November using the link on the form. Any ordered after this may incur postage costs.