

Headlines

9th January 2026



Dear Parents

Welcome Back to School and a Happy New Year to everyone. I hope 2026 brings us all peace and fun in equal amounts!

Thank you to all the parents and families who either bought or contributed to a gift or present for the teachers, support staff and office staff, staffroom or Amber! Everything, including smiles and good wishes, was much appreciated.

Have a great weekend Mrs T L Good

Uniform

The temperature has really dropped this week but children should still be in school uniform – maybe with a t-shirt under their school shirt if they are feeling the cold. They also need to have a coat with them and possibly hats and gloves as they will be outside at break and lunchtime as much as possible. As long as it is safe the children will also be outside for PE, so those children in KS2 who come in PE kit need to be appropriately dressed, in PE kit and the right colours. Children in KS1 and Reception may want to bring in jogging bottoms in burgundy or black to wear during PE lessons.

Dates for your diary.

More dates will be added as we move through the term and letters will be sent about the various events. The calendar is also available on the website.

Description	Date	Time
KS1 Skills festival.	15/01/26	10:30 - 14:30
Perform workshop YN-Y2	19/01/26	09:00 - 11:00
Sports Crew Training Y6	21/01/26	12:30 - 16:30
Y5/Y6 Girl's dodgeball	23/01/26	12:00 - 15:00
Y3 Feet First training	27/01/26	08:30 - 09:00
Full Governing Body Meeting	27/01/26	18:30 - 20:30
Panathalon	30/01/26	09:30 - 12:00
Parents Evening 1	10/02/26	3.30 – 18.30
Parents Evening 2	12/02/26	3.30 – 18.30
Y5&6 To Rose Theatre	13/02/26	09:00 - 13:30
Spring Half Term	16-20/02/26	5 days
Y5 game against Stepgates	25/02/26	14:30 - 16:00
PTFA Parent and Teacher Quiz night TBC	27/02/26	19:00 - 22:00
Family Learning Week	02/03/26	all day
Bikeability Level 2 Year 6	09-13/03/26	5 days
Rock Steady TBC	19/03/26	14:30 - 15:00
Y5 Macbeth Performance to parents in hall	25/03/26	14:00 - 15:30
Easter Holidays Finish at 1.30pm	27/03/26	
Back to School 8.50am	13/04/26	

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings will be on **Tuesday 10th February and Thursday 12th February, 3.30pm – 6.30pm**. These meetings provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and discuss how your child has progressed so far this year. There will also be an opportunity to look at some of the work your child has completed this year.

We have an online appointment booking system through Scopay. This allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers and you will receive an email confirming your appointment. Children can accompany you into school but they must remain with you.

Bookings can be made from Monday 12th January from 4.00 pm.

School Admissions

We had our last prospective parents' morning on Wednesday this week. Thank you again to our House Captains and Ambassadors for providing the tours. If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 and you require a school place at Ongar you must put your application into Surrey by the 15th January even if you already have children at our school.

Amber's holiday

Mrs Pirie went away over Christmas, so this year Amber spent the holiday with Miss Alexander and her family. She enjoyed lots of winter walks and was very pleased that Santa still managed to find and bring her presents there!



Worries and Complaints

A reminder to parents that if you have worries, concerns or complaints about the school the quickest way to get these addressed is by talking to the office, the class teachers or the senior leadership team.