

# Headlines

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026



## Dear Parents,

As you can see, we have had a very active week here at Ongar!

## Dodgeball

Last Friday, eight girls from Y5 and Y6 took part in a girl's dodgeball tournament, held at Cleves school. Five schools took part, all playing each other in matches of 5 x 2 minute sets. The girls played really well, with a particularly impressive performance against the eventual winners Cleves, managing to get all their players out in one set! In the end, we finished in joint 4<sup>th</sup> place alongside St Cuthberts. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to The Hythe, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to Cardinal Newman and Cleves were the tournament winners. Well done to all the girls taking part - Sienna, Myla, Penny, Callie, Tanvi, Eloise, Daisy and Mina - and thanks to parents for your help with transport.

## Feet First Training

After needing to postpone on Tuesday, due to the weather, Year 3 finally were able to complete their 'Feet First' training on Wednesday. They started by completing an online road safety course, then had the opportunity to take part in the practical course. Supervised by adults, they walked a route close to the school, where they were taught vital pedestrian skills to support safe walking to school and independent travel. The course combines digital classroom modules, practical on-road training with qualified instructors, and at-home activities. Together, these elements promote active travel and improve road safety awareness. The children did a fantastic job recalling and applying their previous online learning and were highly praised by the course leaders for their focus and positive attitudes.

## Sporting News

Despite the heavy rain, both our Y5 and Y6 football teams travelled to St Charles Borromeo on Tuesday afternoon for their league fixtures. The Y5 team were up first and they started the game with great energy. They were passing the ball around well, resulting in Sol scoring to ensure we went into half time 1-0 up. They continued to work hard in the second half but St Charles were up for the challenge and were able to equalise making it 1-1. The boys battled hard, working together and communicating well and the game finished 1-1. Well done to Nectarios, Judd, Connor, Joshua, Noah, Rocco and Sol.

The Y6 side then had their opportunity to play and they too started the game well, with a great tempo and fighting for every ball. After going down 1-0, we rallied and were able to bring the scores level thanks to a goal from Frank. It was a very well-matched game with both sides having their chances but it was St Charles who took the advantage going 2-1 up in the second half. Ongar continued to work hard and it felt like an equaliser was coming, but with just a minute left of the game, St Charles scored a third resulting in a final score of 3-1. Well done to Frank, Callie, Henry, Lennon, Hugo, Emmanuel and Louie.

Many thanks to parents for their help with transport and support during both games.



## Diary Dates

Description	Date
Y5 & Y6 trip to Rose Theatre	13/02/26
Half Term	16/02/26 - 20/02/26
Y5 football match vs Stepgates	25/02/26
Break the Rules Day	27/02/26
Y5 Football match vs Holy Family	27/02/26
Family Learning week	02/03/26
Book Fair in school	02/03/26
Y6 Bikability	09/03/26 - 13/03/26
Cross Country tournament @ Notre Dame School	21/03/26

## Healthy Snacks

Children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 are provided with a snack each day. Children in Key Stage 2 are welcome to bring a snack in to eat at breaktime if they wish to. These should be healthy snacks for example fruit, vegetables, rice cakes or breadsticks.

## Parents' Evening 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 -

Our parents' evening will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> of February. This is an opportunity for you to speak with your child's class teacher about their progress and how best to support them as well as seeing the learning in their books so far this year. If you haven't already, sign up for an appointment online via Scopay.