

Headlines

27th February 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after half term. This half term which always promises to be busy, particularly this year as we have only four weeks now until we break up for Easter! This week, our Delight rehearsals for Y3 Dance and Y5 Macbeth have been going well and we are looking forward to performing them to parents later in the term. Have a good weekend Mrs T L Good

Sporting News

On Wednesday, the Y5 football team travelled to Stepgates for their penultimate league game of the season. How lovely it was to play a game in the sunshine! It was a fairly balanced game in the first half, with neither team finding the net from free play. However, Ongar were awarded a penalty - scored by Judd - which saw us 1-0 up at half-time. We stepped things up in the second half, dominating possession and taking control of the game. It wasn't long before we had goals from Rocco, Nectarios and two from Judd to give him his hat-trick (well done!) and seeing us 5-0 up. Our defense played really well, with Kareem commanding things from between the sticks, ensuring a clean sheet and a decisive win from the team. Well done to Kareem, Nectarios, Joshua, Abhiram, Sol, Connor, Noah, Rocco and Judd. Thanks, as always to parents for their transport and support, and to Emma for being our parent helper.

Holidays 2026-2027

As some of you may be aware Surrey have changed their school holiday timings and as a maintained school we have to follow these. From September 2026, there will be have a **two-week autumn half term** and five days will be taken from the summer holiday in July 2027.

The school year will still have 195 days, including 5 INSET days.

Autumn Term

1 September 2026 – 18 December

INSET day for children 1 September (return 2 September)

Half term 19 to 30 October 2026 (2 weeks)

Spring Term

4 January 2027

Half Term 15 to 19 February 2027 (1 week)

Summer Term

12 April 2027 to 28 July 2027

INSET days for children 26 – 28 July (finish

school 23 July)

Half Term 31 May to 4 June 2027

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/term-dates>

Forest School

For a number of reasons we have had to make some changes to our Forest School Hours. Mrs Bennett will now be teaching just the mornings. This means the whole class will go out, together with their class teacher and the class TAs. We tried this out for the first time this week with Y1 and Y3 and it worked well.

If it is your child's forest school day, they need to come to school ready to go to Forest School in the morning, with the appropriate clothing.

Staffing News

We welcomed Mrs Rose to our office this week. She is working Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. She is already getting to know staff and children. Don't forget to introduce yourself when you next meet her.

Rose Theatre

On the last Friday of half term Year 5 and 6 went to the Rose Theatre in Kingston to watch a production of The Boy at the Back of the Class, a book they have read in school. It was an amazing production tackling themes such a refugees, family separation, bullying and being different. (There were also some moments of fun!) Our children were absolutely amazing all the way through. They behaved beautifully and made pertinent and insightful comments about the performance. They also sat beautifully through the question and answer session hosted by The Rose with members from Refuge Action Charity and the play's assistant director. We would like to thank the Rose Theatre for supplementing our ticket prices and I would like to say that I was very proud of Ongar!

Description	Date	Time
Family Learning Week	02/03/26	all day
Book Fair this week	02/03/26	all day
Dance Festival @ Notre Dame -	05/03/26	11:30 - 15:30
Bikeability Level 2	09/03/26 - 13/03/26	
Y6 football game Sayes Court	11/03/26	15:00 - 16:00
Rock Steady Performance TBC	19/03/26	14:30 - 15:00
Notre Dame district X country	21/03/26	08:30 - 14:00
PTFA School Disco	23/03/26	17:00 - 19:30
Macbeth Performance to Parents	24/03/26	14:00 - 15:30
Easter Holiday	28/03/26 - 12/04/26	
End of Term 17 th July 1.30pm		

Family Learning Week We are very much looking forward to inviting parents into school next week to share our classrooms and our learning. On your day, please drop your child off as usual and then come into school through the front entrance. There you will be signed in and taken down to class once the children and teachers are ready. Space will be tight, so no buggies or prams in class please.