



### Dear Parents,

What a difference the sun makes. It has been a lovely week at Ongar this week. All the classes have completed some fantastic learning and also embraced reading! We may not have dressed up but we have read and quizzed and listened to stories, shopped at the book fair and taken part in online live lessons. Reading for pleasure is definitely a thing for many of our children! Have a good weekend Mrs T L Good

### Dance Festival

On Thursday a few children from KS2 took part in a dance festival at Notre Dame school. Each school created a dance based on a historical event and Ongar created a dance that told the story of the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall. The children performed beautifully on the stage, showing how the wall tore families and friends apart but also how, after lots of protesting the people tore the wall down themselves and families were reunited. We created our dance using music popular in Germany around the time of reunification and incorporated elements of German folk dance. Ongar performed incredibly well against 5 other schools and were just points away from the winners. Well done to Octavia, Tanvi, Callie, Emmanuel, Hugo, Kaeson- Charles, Penny, Elise, Brooke, James, Zayd and Ellsee. We look forward to performing the dance to their parents next week on Wednesday at 9am



### Sporting News

Last Friday, the Y5 football team went to Holy Family school for their final league game of the season. Both teams started well but Holy Family took an early lead. Ongar fought back but the score ended in a 4-1 loss for Ongar thanks to a couple of very good goals from Holy Family. Well done to Kareem, Judd, Rocco, Noah, Nectarios, Sol, Joshua and Abhiram for a great season.

On Tuesday, the Y5/Y6 football team travelled to St Charles for the ERPSSA quarter-final cup game. Ongar played with determination, in what was a physical game with some frustrating decisions. Although the game ended in a 1-0 loss in extra time, the team can be rightly proud of their performance and their cup run. Well done to Hugo, Lennon, Nectarios, Judd, Callie, Frank, Noah and Rocco.

### Family Learning Week

It has been an absolute delight to welcome so many parents into school this week for Family Learning Week. Parents and Grandparents crammed into the classrooms with the children and learnt together about reading, maths and digital content.

Thank you for filling in the evaluation sheets and so many lovely comments:

- 'Very useful and enjoyable'
- 'Great session'
- 'Amazing session'
- 'This was so interesting'
- 'Fantastic session'
- 'Thank you for involving us'
- 'Loved it!'
- 'Keep up the Good work'
- 'Brilliant teaching, beyond happy with the class and the school'
- 'Keep doing what you do'.

### Head Lice

We have had some reported cases of Head Lice in the school this week. Please check you children's hair and treat if appropriate. [NHS Head-lice Guidance](#)

### 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.

We will be following the Surrey dates

[school term dates 2026-2027](#)

and in addition we will have 5 INSET days:

1<sup>st</sup> September 2026, 26 – 28 July (finish school 23 July) plus one more to be confirmed.

Description	Date	Time
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 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm		