

# Headlines

17<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## Dear Parents,

It has been a strange week at Ongar as we have been processing the death of Miss Watts. Staff have been supporting each other and the children. Thank you to those of you who have sent in emails and small gifts. They have been much appreciated.

However, even a time of great loss life rolls on and we have not sat idle this week. We have also been looking forward to the learning that will take place this term and you should receive a copy of your child class curriculum letter today.

Have a lovely weekend Mrs T L Good

## Judo

On Tuesday Jack from CoreJudo Coaching club came into school and ran sample classes with all the children from Year 2 to Year 6. The children had a great time and were quick to follow the discipline rules around Judo and try out some moves and exercises.

Jack runs a class here at Ongar on a Thursday.

## Smarties

Thank you the PTFA for organising the Smarties tubes for all the children at the end of last term. These are gradually coming back in filled with coins. Thank you so much. If you have the tube at home waiting to be returned please could you send it in.

## Mini Marathon

We are very much looking forward to our Mini Marathon in aid of Brain Tumour Research. It will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the afternoon. The course has been set by Mrs Hale and there will an opportunity for children to run together with their siblings and to cheer each other on. There will be medals and fun! Nursery will be taking part in their own marathons in the morning and the afternoon. Children need to come into school in their PE kits and are welcome to wear a top in the colour of their house.

Please don't forget to donate to this worthy cause either through the just giving page below where you can also leave a message for your child or in cash at school

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/ongarplace>

## SCHOOL CLOSING EARLY

**On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May school will close at 1.30pm.**

This is to allow all staff who wish to, to attend Miss Watts funeral. Please arrange for your child to be picked up promptly and ensure we have a note of any changes in collection arrangements in advance.

Due to Nursey funding arrangements I am unable to make the decision to close Nursery so there will be a session. If you intend your child to attend please can you let the office know so I can ensure there is adequate staffing.

Thank you for your support with this. I have worked with the family to make it as least disruptive as possible.

I am currently arranging an opportunity for parents and children to get together later in the term to celebrate Miss Watts.

## Attendance

If a child is not at school they are not learning and not spending valuable time with their friends. While we realise that sometimes school has to be missed because of illness, the office staff are always ready to call parents if needed once a child gets to school. We encourage every child to come to school every day – and parents to talk to us if they are having difficulty. Surrey asks us to remind you that, if you take your children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then you may be fined.

## Diary Events List

Description	Date	Time
Mini Marathon event -	20/04/26	13:30 - 14:30
Governors Meeting	21/04/26	18:30 - 20:30
Year 1 Lookout Discovery Centre	22/04/26	09:00 - 15:00
Bikeability Level 1	24/04/26	09:00 - 12:00
May Day Holiday	04/05/26	
Y4 Learn to ride training	06/05/26	09:30 - 11:45
Year 2- Fire Safety Visit	07/05/26	13:30 - 15:00
School closes 1.30pm 08/05/26		
SATs week	11/05/26	all day
Year 3 trip Haselmere Museum	14/05/26	all day
Reception trip to Gatton Park	19/05/26	all day
Year 1 Class Assembly	19/05/26	09:15 - 09:30
Chess Tournament in Hall	19/05/26	13:30 - 16:00
Summer Half Term 25/05/26 - 29/05/26		
Aspiration Week	08/06/26	all day
School Development Plan - Governors Meeting	09/06/26	18:30 - 20:30
Little City	11/06/26	08:30 - 12:00
Perform drama workshop YN-Y2	18/06/26	09:00 - 11:00
Class Photographs	19/06/26	08:30 - 11:00
TG Out Mag	22/06/26	all day
Addlestone Young Voices	24/06/26	all day
Brickies Workshop	25/06/26	all day
Mufti for colour raffle	03/07/26	08:30 - 14:30
Reception class assembly	07/07/26	09:15 - 09:30
Full Governing Body Meeting	07/07/26	18:30 - 20:30
Last day of Term for children Finish 1.30pm 17/07/26		