



YEAR 5 LEARNING NEWS



Highlights of the Week

It is with a heavy heart that I write this Learning letter, without my dear companion Miss Watts. All the children have been amazing this week even whilst experiencing a range of emotions. From being shocked, to sad, to having a tummy ache and then being brave and comforting even the adults in the room. It is incredibly heartwarming to see such empathetic and resilient children.

Despite a tough start to the week, we managed to get quite a lot of learning done! In English, we have started our new book - Real Life Mysteries. The enthusiasm, background knowledge and discussion it created was absolutely brilliant. The children all engaged, listened to each other and have started thinking like investigators! We've been reading key pieces of evidence on our first mystery - Big Foot, and have also written our own eye-witness statements.

Information for Parents

- Homework is set on Thursday and due in the following **Monday**.
- Children should be reading for **30 minutes everyday and practising their times tables.**

Key Dates

20th April - Ongar Mini Marathon
4th May - Bank Holiday

Week 1 Summer Term
17th April 2026

Ongar Mini Marathon

On Monday 20th April, the whole school is taking part in a mini marathon around the school to raise money for Brain Tumour Research. All the children will be running for 30 minutes and will try and complete as many laps around the school as possible, earning 1 house point for each lap completed. They will be running in their houses and will need to wear appropriate clothing of the same colour as their house. We humbly request all parents, carers, guardians, friends and neighbours to **please make a donation** however big or small, it all matters and will count towards such a worthy cause.

Please use the link below to make your donation. Thank you!

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

Healthy snacks - Can you please ensure your child is only bringing healthy snacks - ideally fresh fruit- to school. Anything from the confectionary/snack aisle at the supermarket should be avoided. The sugar spike it results in has a knock-on effect on their learning which can be detrimental. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.