

Headlines

17th July 2026



Dear Parents,

We have once again come to the end of a very busy school year. Thinking back over the year it amazes me, yet again, how much we have achieved this year. We have had some wonderful trips and events including our annual panto trip and our visit to the Rose Theatre. We've had Brickies in again and Little Street, Perform and various music events. We've also had our residential to Sayers Croft and all our trips to local places like Gatton Park, Wisley and museums. There have also been all the wonderful assemblies, the school play and nativity and carol concert, harvest assembly, Macbeth and much more. It's not surprising we are all exhausted!

This year has been a very difficult year with the severe illness of several key members of staff, including Mr Good, and the sad loss of Miss Watts at Easter. However, we have pulled together as a community, supported each other and I can honestly say that our children have had their memorable moments and there have been few opportunities missed and few challenges side stepped! As always, I want to say a massive thank you to everyone who has contributed this year. Firstly, to all of our children - the very reason we turn up every day. To all our families who support us and make up our community. To our dedicated PTFA who have provided some fantastic events for us this year. To our Governors who provide me with support and guidance and ensure that the school is doing everything it can for our children. Finally, to all of our wonderful staff who work incredibly hard to ensure that every child feels special, is safe and enjoys learning and their time in school.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer Holiday – and to those of you who are returning in Year 1-6 I will see you on Wednesday 2nd September at **8.50 am**. With all best wishes Mrs T L Good

School Uniform

When we return to school in September I expect to see every child in school uniform including black shoes.

Children can continue to wear the summer uniform.

- Grey trousers/shorts
- Grey skirt or pinafore
- White polo shirt (with school logo if possible)
- OR Summer dress in pink gingham
- Grey socks (boys)
- Black/grey or white tights/white socks (girls)
- Black school shoes, no trainers or boots
- Burgundy Sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo (if possible)

We also have a school PE kit which everyone should have:

- Burgundy PE shorts
- White plain T shirt Unbranded
- Black/Burgundy Jogging Bottoms and sweat shirt (if required for winter PE)
- Plimsolls or Trainers for PE

<https://www.ongar-place.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=57>

If you have any problems acquiring uniform please speak to the office or contact the PTFA.

Year 6 Leavers

Our fantastic Year 6 are leaving today. I have many amazing memories of all of them – from whenever they started at our school. Some have completed the whole 7 years, some joined us this year. They have all added to the school and all take our best wishes with them as they continue their journey onto secondary school.

On Thursday they performed their leavers assembly for their parents and the whole school community. Their confidence, memories and enjoyment in school shone through in the words they read (written by themselves) and the songs they sang. This is a class that have had quite a tumultuous journey through school as Covid hit when they were in reception and they missed some essential learning. However, they are a class who have embraced every opportunity and made the very best of every moment.

Year 6 you are amazing. I hope you all keep a little bit of Ongar with you because we will be watching out for you and waiting to hear stories of your success and accomplishments. Every member of staff wishes all of you good luck – come back and see us soon!



The Sportsperson of the Year Award 2026

This student is a thoroughly deserving recipient of the Sports Person of the Year award. They consistently demonstrate the qualities that define an outstanding sports person, showing exceptional teamwork, commitment and sportsmanship in every activity they take part in. Ongar Place's Sports Person of the Year goes to **Daisy**.

Daisy has represented the school with pride across a variety of sporting events, always giving her best effort and approaching every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. While she may not always finish first or be the strongest individual performer, she embodies the true spirit of sport through her positive attitude, resilience, and willingness to contribute to the success of the team.

This award recognises not only Daisy's commitment to school sport but also the values she displays every step of the way on the field, court or track and in every PE lesson. Her dedication, integrity and outstanding team spirit makes her a worthy Sports Person of the Year and excellent ambassador and member of our Sports Crew.



Ongar Place Endeavour Award

The Endeavour Award is always given to someone who endeavours to do their best in everything. The person who has been chosen this year, only joined Ongar Year 4 and before this, hadn't been to a school in England. She has worked incredibly hard to understand our English Curriculum! This year, **Mina** has excelled. She has come to Maths pre-teach every single morning, paid attention in lessons, asked questions to clarify understanding and accepted constructive criticism willingly and gracefully. Mina has made tremendous progress during her time at Ongar Place Primary School and that is due to her hard work, resilience and determination.

Mina hasn't just been inspiring in lessons. 'Kindness' is a word that is used a lot in Year 6, partly due to it being a main theme of our core text, Wonder, and it is a trait Mina often demonstrates. If someone doesn't have a partner, someone to work with or play with, Mina will offer for them to join her. Mina will quickly diffuse any situation and make it into a positive, she is just an open book of friendliness and this is something that others should endeavour to be.



Tom Sewell Citizenship Award

Citizenship means being a caring, respectful and responsible member of a community – and at Ongar Place, it means being a positive role in our school every day. **Max** is a thoughtful, caring, and compassionate young boy. His actions are never motivated by the desire for recognition or praise; instead, he naturally looks out for those around him and quietly makes a positive difference to the lives of others. His kindness is genuine, and his consideration for others is something that has been noticed and admired by both staff and pupils alike. One of the most outstanding qualities Max has, is his empathy. He has an incredible ability to recognise when someone may be feeling lonely, worried, or left out. Without hesitation, he will go over to include them, partner with them, or simply make them feel welcome. He never waits to be asked—he notices what others need and acts with kindness and maturity. This simple yet powerful act of inclusion has had a lasting impact on many of his classmates and reflects the type of person he is.



Staffing News

As I announced a couple of weeks ago. **Mrs Robinson** will be leaving us today to spend more time with her family. Mrs Robinson joined us first as a student teacher on placement in Year 4 but we quickly hunted her down after she left and invited her back. She is an amazing teacher with compassion, humour and skill and we wish her all the very best.

We sadly have a last-minute leaver in **Mrs Meyer**. Mrs Meyer has been an absolute asset to Ongar and has made fantastic use of all her skills to make our children's learning better. Whether she has been teaching ukulele, leading the choir, running singing assembly, playing guitar, organising music or quietly helping a child who is struggling in class, she has been wonderful. A friend to everyone, particularly Miss Watts – a dynamic duo - she will leave a gap our school and in our staffroom. I personally have taught with her for nearly 20 years and will miss her dearly. Lots of love, Nicola – there will be a cup of tea and a healthy snack available for you anytime you wish to pop in.

Nursery Assembly

On Tuesday we had our delightful Nursery assembly, Mr Magnolia. It was lovely to see the children enjoying performing to Reception, KS1 and their parents. For those of you joining us in September we look forward to seeing you in Chestnuts. Good luck to those leaving us. We'll see the rest of you in Nursery in September.

Rock Steady

Well done to all our Rock Steady Stars - a great performance yesterday!

Please note that photos and Y6 SATs results went out yesterday – any questions contact the office.