

Headlines

4th September 2026



Dear Parents

Welcome back to school for the Year 2026-2027 – and a very special welcome to those children and families who have just joined us in Years 1 – 6. We are looking forward to welcoming most of our Reception Children and Nursery Children next week.

The weather was amazing over the summer (for sun worshippers at least!) and it was lovely to see so many children coming into school looking healthy and well rested, with smiles on their faces. All of children appear to have settled quickly into their new classes and are getting back into the routines and rules that we have at school.

In our first whole school assemblies of the year we talked about 'Change, Chance and Challenge' and how important it is to embrace all although we sometimes find it hard. We also talked about belonging and the number of groups we all belong to including our class, our school and our local community.



Change

Change makes us grow



Challenge

Challenge makes us stronger



Chance

Chance opens new doors

Today will you be sent curriculum letters - outlining what your child will be studying this year. The curriculum overview is also available on our website. The club letter will come out next week and teacher run clubs will start on Monday 14th September. Next week I will include a list of dates that have been set so far.

If there is anything else you would like to know please don't hesitate to speak to myself, Mrs Pirie or our office team.

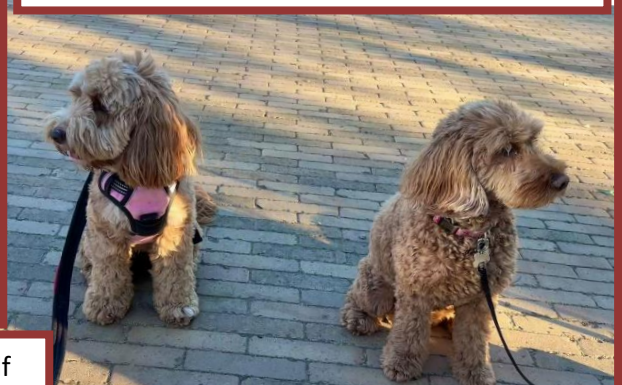
Have a great weekend, Mrs T L Good

Staffing News

We are very proud of the work we do at Ongar and are always happy to share our experiences and expertise with others and keep learning ourselves. We welcome three new trainee teachers, Miss Reardon, Mrs Kopanska and Mrs Acar, into our school. They are working in Nursery and alongside Miss Hale and Mrs Masey to support children and learn about the curriculum and learning. We also welcome two new playworkers to our after-school club team; Danielle Hester (a long standing parent) and Carrie Slee (who will be coming out from behind the kitchen counter)

Miss Shields, Mrs Alexander and Mrs Gailor are currently off work but will be returning in the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations to Mrs Alexander and Miss Atkins, in Nursery, who both completed their apprenticeship courses and both passed with flying colours! Good luck to Miss White and Mrs Pirie who continue with theirs this year!



Uniform Hopefully the weather will improve next week! Until half term the children can remain in summer uniform – if they want, despite the miserable weather.

<https://ongarplace.ovw2.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=57>

Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform or we may have to ask you to bring uniform in so they can get changed. If your child requires adaptations to uniform please speak to the office.

PE Kit Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will come into school in their PE kits on their PE days.

Year 3 Tuesday, Year 4 Tuesday,

Year 5 Monday and Friday and Year 6 Monday and Friday.

Again, please ensure they are wearing the Ongar Kit of white t-shirt, burgundy shorts or burgundy, black or grey jogging bottoms and their school jumper for PE.

Coats Can you also ensure children have a coat as we will have breaks outside as often as possible.

Water Bottle Please ensure your children bring a named water bottle to school filled with plain water – no squash or juice.

Amber's Summer

Amber enjoyed her summer holiday too, especially going for long walks and chasing squirrels in the woods. There were some days when it was too hot for her to go out and they were not so much fun for her. She managed to find time for play dates with some of her dog friends and loved visiting Wisley Gardens with her sister, Pippa. It was hard to tell them apart! She celebrated her 6th birthday in August with frozen yoghurt topped with peanut butter sauce and dog biscuits! Though after a busy summer, she is still very excited to be back in school and being with the children again.