

Headlines

25th September 2026



Dear Parents

It has been another busy week at Ongar but that hasn't stopped our Nursery children making sure they look after the environment! We are very proud of our Nursery provision and are delighted that our children are settling into the new term.

I am away from school for some of next week inspecting another school but Mrs Pirie, Mrs Brill and Mrs Bullett are available as usual. Have a good weekend Mrs. T L Good



Governors

All parents received a letter inviting them to nominate themselves as a parent Governor. Please consider this. We are also looking for a co-opted Governor so if you know anyone (Grandparents, friends, colleagues) who you feel would enjoy the challenge and delight of providing strategic leadership, ensure accountability, and oversee the financial performance of a school ask them to reach out to us.

The Children's commissioner has sent this message:

The Big Future is asking children and young people about their lives, their experiences and their hopes for the future. The survey takes just a few minutes to complete and can be accessed here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

Parents' Evenings 13th and 15th October

Booking for parents evening for Years R-6 opened on Monday. Please book your slot for this important meeting and your opportunity to meet your child's class teacher.

Parents' Information sessions

Thank you to the parents who attended Mrs Brill's information session on the Early Years Curriculum and learnt all about what their child will be learning in reception and how they can help them.

We also had a very interesting session run by Mrs Pirie for parents new to Accelerated Reader. These parents learnt all about the scheme and how they can access the website and their children's records at home.

Please look out for other parent sessions – it is always beneficial when we work together to support our children.

Description	Date	Time
Y6 Bikeability	28/09/26 - 02/10/26	
Perform Drama workshop YR - Y3	06/10/26	09:00 -11:00
Harvest Assembly	07/10/26	14:30 -15:00
Y5 Fire Safety	08/10/26	13:15 -14:30
Parents Eve 1	13/10/26	15:30 -18:00
STEM workshop Year 4 + 5	14/10/26	all day
Parents evening 2	15/10/26	15:30 -18:00
Halloween Mufti PTFA	16/10/26	08:30 -15:30
PTFA tuck shop at end of day	16/10/26	15:00 -16:00
Half Term 19/10/26 - 30/10/26		
Individual Photos	09/11/26	08:30 -13:00
Bags2school	11/11/26	08:30 -15:30
Dentist visit -Y4/Y5/Y6	13/11/26	08:30 -12:00
Sports Crew Training	13/11/26	08:30 -12:30
Year 4/5 Rose theatre	08/12/26	13:00 -17:30
KS1 Nativity	09/12/26	14:15 -15:20
KS2 Carol Concert rehearsal	10/12/26	09:30 -12:30
KS1 Nativity	10/12/26	14:15 -16:20
KS2 Carol Concert	14/12/26	17:45 -19:15
Pantomime - Wizard of Oz	16/12/26	all day
Nursery Christmas party	16/12/26	14:00 -15:00
Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	17/12/26	all day
Christmas Holiday 19/12/26 - 03/01/27 (finish 1.30pm 18/12/27)		
High Ashurst Y5 & Y6	13/01/27 - 15/01/27	
Y3 Feet First Walking Training	28/01/27	10:00 -12:00
Half Term 19/10/26 - 30/10/26		
Notre Dame dance festival	04/03/27	all day
Easter Holiday 26/03/27 - 11/04/27 (finish 1.30pm 25/03/27)		
Bikeability Level 1	27-28/04/27	09:10 -12:15
May Bank holiday	03/05/27	all day
Half Term 31/05/27 - 04/06/27		
Last Day of Term 23 rd July 1.30pm		
26 th , 27 th , 28 th July Inset days		

Harvest

As I write this I can hear Reception and Key Stage One beginning their rehearsals for Harvest festival – it sounds fantastic – I hope as many as possible of you can attend on Wednesday 7th October at 2.30pm. Thank you to those of you who have already brought in donations for our harvest table – please try to contribute if you can.

Volunteers

We really value the support of all our volunteers – to support in swimming sessions, with reading and others activities.

However, can I remind everyone that our volunteers follow our 'Good Practice for Volunteer Helpers' guidance. Any information they have is confidential and we ask that they don't share any specific details with other parents. If you have any queries about lessons or activities at school please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher, Mrs Good or the office.

If you would like to volunteer either in school or as part of PTFA you will need a DBS check from our school (or you will need to be registered with the update service).