

# Amber-lines

Summer 2021



## Dear Children,

I have the best first year with you all at Ongar. After the teachers had chosen me as a good dog for Ongar, I started coming in when I was only 8 weeks old. There were lots of new friends for me and you were all so kind that I loved coming to school from the start. It did get a bit tiring though and I sometimes needed a little nap. As I got bigger I spent more time visiting classes and having children come and visit me. Sometimes we played together, sometimes I listened to stories and some of you have even helped me with my training. As I get bigger, I can't wait to be able to spend more time with you all and I thought you might like to read about some of my favourite things so far.

## Amber RULES!

Approach me calmly from the front

**Stroke my back with one hand only**

Make sure I never have more than three hands on me

**If I move away, leave me be**

Only feed me dog treats that an adult has given you



Hanging out in Chestnut Class

I loved the snow

I've been working hard-time for a rest!



My first groom

## Playing with children

One of my favourite things is playing with children. It's great when you come to visit me, and I love seeing your fantastic work or just having a cuddle. Thank you everyone who has helped with my training sessions or taken me for a walk.

## Playdates

To help me get used to playing nicely with other dogs, some of the teachers brought their dogs to visit me. Mrs Brill's dogs, Bunty and Burt showed me how to behave nicely and I had the best time playing running about with Miss Woolnough's puppy, Shelby and Mrs Bullett's puppy, Max. Here are some pictures of when Riley, Poppy and Rossi came to visit me.



## Training

Even though I come to school every day, I still need to do more learning every week to help me be a good school dog. I have learnt to follow instructions like 'sit' and 'stay' and a few more clever tricks. I am getting better at learning my colours but I especially like to practise my reading - just like all of you.

## Reading with children

I love listening to children read and have been lucky to get to hear lots of stories. I can't wait to find out which books you all read over the Summer - remember you can join this year's reading challenge at the local libraries.



Helping with maths

Have a wonderful Summer holiday, stay safe and I will see you all in September.  
Love from Amber

