

Update from Headteacher



Our pupils had an amazing time this week taking part in sports competitions. Years 1 and 2 participated in multi skills and Years 3 and 4 in Cross Country. Our Years 3 and 4 boys' team won! Congratulations.

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

What events do Christians celebrate?

Something special happened in school this week...

We commemorated Remembrance Day in school. Pupils observed a 1 minute silence at 11:00.



Reception and Years 1 and 2 pupils decorated poppies.





Years 5 and 6 delivered a Remembrance Day assembly.

The school sold poppies in aid of the Poppy Appeal too.



Important dates this term













Friday, 18.11.22	Children in Need – FUNDRAISER Class assembly - Year 3 and 4 class – parents invited
Monday, 21.11.22	Breakfast with Southgate – FUNDRAISER (school volunteers to arrange)
Tuesday, 22.11.22	Individual and siblings photographs.
Thursday, 24.11.22	Flu immunisation for all pupils (Reception to Year 6)
Wednesday 23.11.22	Shoe Box Appeal Deadline
Friday, 25.11.22	INSET day – non-pupil day
Monday, 28.11.22	Inspiring assembly celebrating diversity with Britain's Tallest Man – Paul Sturgess.
Wednesday, 30.11.22	St Andrew's day
Thursday, 08.12.22	Christmas Jumper Day – FUNDRAISER Christmas dinner
Friday, 09.12.22	Class assembly - Years 1 and 2 class – parents invited
Wednesday, 14.12.12	Livestream Panto for all children
Thursday, 15.12.22	Christmas service at St Nicholas Church & Bazaar
Friday, 16.12.22	Class assembly - Reception and Year 1 class – parents invited
Monday 19.12.22	Christmas Concerts

Whole School House Points

	Ants 	Badgers 	Locusts 	Lizards 
Red-Orange Class	6	12	22	24
Orange-Yellow Class	6	3	1	2
Green-Blue Class	71	32	21	22
Indigo-Violet Class	5	17	22	8
TOTAL	728	725	702	763

Attendance

		Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
Our school target	96%	2022/2023	92	21
Attendance this week	93%	2021/2022	93	16
Attendance this year	92%	2020/2021	97	3
		2019/2020	95	4
		2018/2019	97	2

Red-Orange Class			94	
Orange-Yellow Class			91	
Green-Blue Class			94	
Indigo-Violet Class			95	

100% attendance this week: 68 pupils out of 87 pupils

Freya G	Dylan F	Ralph	Brooke	Freddie
Jesse	Evie-May	Harrison	Amelia	Maxwell
Edward	Mikey	Dotty	Gabriella	Tilly
Nellie	Ethan	Jacob	John James	Archie
Jackson	Knightly	Jude	Ralph	George
Jett	River	Amber	Barney	Freya J
Darcie	William	Daisy	Teddy D	Neney
Alice B	Alice Curtis	Kai	Lillie	Talia
Florence	Sienna	Jude G	Diggy	Sienna M
Madison	Joey	Maci	Noah	George
Scarlett	Cassidy	Phoebe	Sidney	Jessica
Emily B	Laura	Lily	Naomi	
Dylan C	Freddy G	Harrison P	Mason	
Charlotte E	Ava G	Sebastian	Libby T	

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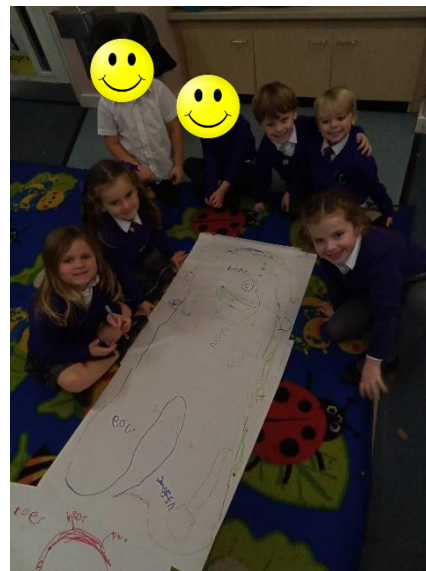
Red-Orange Class

**Class Register Teacher:
Miss Isabella Curtis**



This week in Computing the children have been learning to type up words on to a computer!

This week in Science the children have been learning about the human body and the different parts. The children had to draw around each other and then label the different parts!



In arts and crafts club with Miss Snow the children made fireworks!

Reception are going to start having home learning work sent home from this Friday. It would be great if parents could engage in this with their

children to support them!

Little Wandle books should have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Lincoln
Writer of the week	Jett
Mathematician of the week	Dylan
Scientist of the week	Edward
Star of the week	Evie
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



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Orange- Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher: Miss Lauren Seeley

Year 1

Year 2

This week Orange Yellow class have enjoyed a variety of different lessons including; identifying body parts in Science; Learning new relaxation techniques in PSHE; identifying primary and secondary colours in Art and learning how to use simple maps in Geography.

On Wednesday morning, the children had lots of fun joining in with the multi-sports at Ongar Academy, where they got to complete a variety of different activities, including; javelin, hurdles, long jump and many more.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Harrison
Writer of the week	Madison
Mathematician of the week	Alice C
Scientist of the week	Sienna
Star of the week	Kai
Pen licence	N/A

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Year 3



Year 4

Green-Blue Class

Class Register Teacher: Mrs Jenny Dean

We had a great morning at Love Lane Sports Ground this week, participating in the Cross Country event against four other local schools.

The children were amazing and represented Dr. Walker's impeccably. I would like to extend my gratitude to the parents who attended and their support at the event!

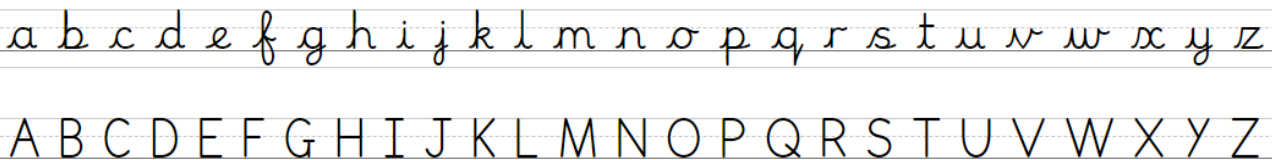
We even got to bring home some medals! Well done to



In Science, we have been deepening our understanding about the skeletal system and have been looking closely at (our) human hands to be able to understand about the role of the bones, muscles and tendons within. This will also lead on to some even more exciting learning over the next few weeks ...



The class have been working hard on their presentation and handwriting, and there are few children who are extremely close to securing the much sought after Pen Licence. Below are the letter joins that your child needs to secure to be able to achieve this. Your child also needs to use a consistent and regular sized font.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Diggy
Writer of the week	Phoebe
Mathematician of the week	Alice
Scientist of the week	Max
Star of the week	Tilly
Pen licence	-

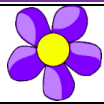
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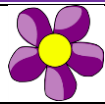
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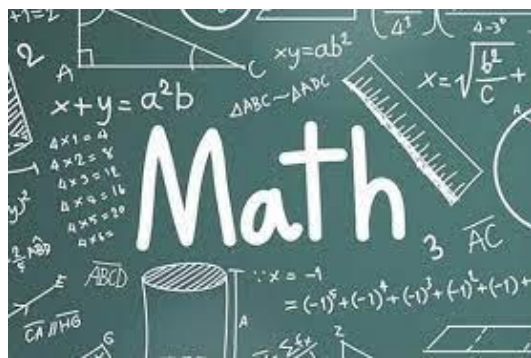
Year 5



Year 6

Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher: Mrs Karin Vorster



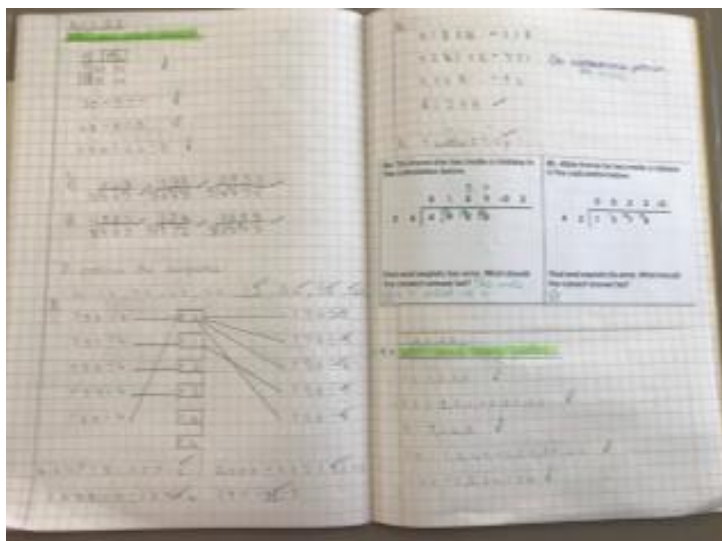
In Maths, we are currently focusing on the four operations. In this block, Year 6 have the opportunity to recap prior learning as Year 5 are introduced to the content for the first time.

Building on previous year groups, children add and subtract larger numbers and use their skills to solve problems.

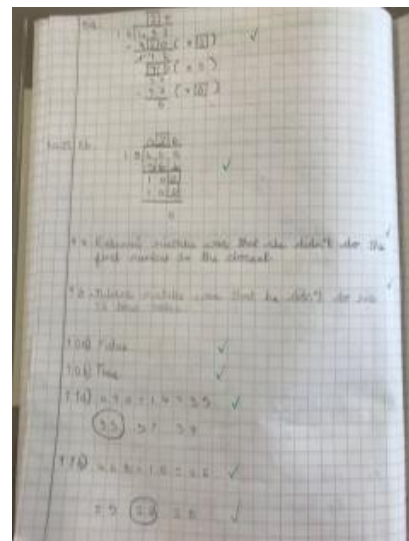
Children then focus on multiplication and division. Year 5 break down their learning into 5 small steps, however Year 6 use this opportunity to build their skills towards their final

aim of multiplying up to 4-digits by 1 or 2-digit numbers. Finally we work on division – understanding when to use the different methods.

Short Division



Long division



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Charlotte
Writer of the week	Mason
Mathematician of the week	Freya G
Scientist of the week	Libby
Star of the week	Archie
Pen licence	-

Buddies of the Week



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Any other updates and news

Our school's year 3 and 4 pupils participated in a Cross Country event alongside other Ongar schools:

- High Ongar
- Moreton
- Chipping Ongar
- Ongar Primary

Dr Walker's Year 3/4 boys came first in the Cross Country competition.



Teddie T came 2nd overall in the Year 3/4 boys Cross Country competition.

Max came 3rd overall in the Year 3/4 boys Cross Country competition.

Well done to an amazing result.

All children were impeccably behaved and represented our school well.



Sporting
events this
week



Special events

Where possible and appropriate, we provide additional clubs and use resources to support pupils and extend the curriculum outside of the classroom, such as initiatives, and educational visits to further enhance learning. These will at times require asking for financial voluntary contributions.

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Unfortunately, due to the size of the school and staffing numbers, these activities can at times be limited. This is also true for sporting events.

We have booked initiatives for this term and are really excited about December's activities and events. The parent community has been amazing with coming forward with suggestions and ideas. Please liaise with the class representatives as events need to fit within the school's strategic calendar and also the priorities of the school. Our focus this year is on the Quality of Teaching and Learning.

We are delighted that our KS1 and KS2 pupils all had the opportunity to attend an event hosted by West Essex Schools Sports Partnership (WESSP) over the last two weeks. We will plan again to participate in organised events next term (and termly moving forward). This is an improvement from the events last year where only a selected few could attend. Moving forward we will look at events which the whole class can participate in to make it fair.

We appreciate that some parents might be disappointed that we are not doing more competitive sports, however, we are limited to release staff, as staff need to accompany pupils and we have to cater for those staying behind at school. Risk Assessments also need to be completed and measures put in place for those pupils with medical needs and SEND. It is unfortunately not that easy to just attend these events – there are a number of factors to consider.

As a small school, we appreciate that we have a very different "School Core Offer" compared to other schools. Schools' Core Offers will thus be different and at best of times also create disappointment, when compared.

It is very much like going to restaurants and looking at different menus. Some might prefer a vegetarian option, others more adventurous carnivorous or omnivorous ones, and some may even prefer simplistic culinary artworks to feast their senses on. Whatever the choice, it is personal and should be respected, both by the individual making the choice and the person offering the "menu." Said in another way, if you were to go shopping at a supermarket and you don't find the product you need, you will continue your search elsewhere.

Thank you for the positive comments we have received from parents regarding the sporting events and other initiatives offered by school. It is heart-warming to know that pupils are enjoying these.

We look forward to planning and offering initiatives and events where appropriate and possible.

We are encouraging parents to also look at alternative clubs and sporting providers outside of school if you wish for your child to participate in more competitive events. This is also true for arts, music, etc.

11.11.22
Remembrance
Day

What is Remembrance Day?

Remembrance Day is an annual event, where we remember all the people who have lost their lives while serving in the armed forces. It's also called Armistice Day or Poppy Day.

In Britain, Remembrance Day has been a tradition since the end of the First World War. It's also celebrated in many countries across the globe. People from different backgrounds, cultures, and religions come together to honour Remembrance Day.

We remember the bravery and courage of those who fought in the World Wars on Remembrance Day. But, we also commemorate all those who have served in the army since, and those who are serving in the army today.

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When is Remembrance Day 2022?

Remembrance Day 2022 will take place on Thursday 11 November. Remembrance Day is celebrated every year on the 11th of November. This is because during WW1, the conflict ended “at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month”.

How is Remembrance Day commemorated in the UK?

From laying wreaths to watching parades, there are lots of ways that people in Britain commemorate Remembrance Day each year.

One important moment that happens every year on Remembrance Day is a two-minute silence. Held at 11:00 a.m. on the 11 November, the silence takes place across the country.

Many TV channels and radio stations ask audience members to join them in holding a silence. There are even announcements about the silence in supermarkets! It's up to each person how they choose to spend their two-minute silence. Usually, people will think about the sacrifices made by people in the armed forces. Or, they will remember loved ones that lost their lives at war.

Wearing a poppy throughout November is another popular way to commemorate Remembrance Day. The red poppy is a sign of remembrance and a symbol of hope for a peaceful future.



In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place, and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To take you from failing hands we throw
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Major John McCrae
Canadian doctor and WWI artillery commander

Lest We Forget

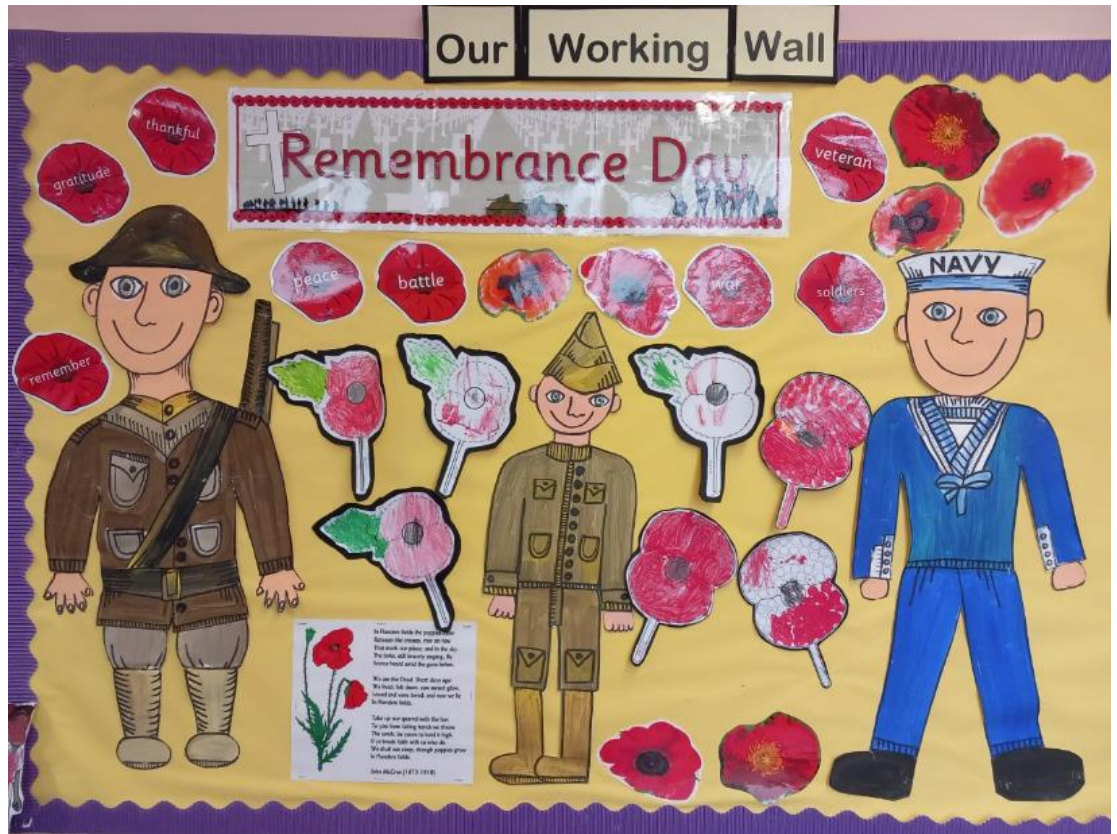
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Reception pupils made Poppies for their Working Wall.



Year 1 and 2 decorated poppies too.



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Remembrance Day Remembered



For the sake of men we never knew
We trooped into the hall
Where their names in golden letters
Were written on the wall.

Somebody sounded a bugle
And ghosts seemed everywhere
Until the last note softly fell
On the suddenly empty air.

Then the world filled up with living
In its own accustomed way,
With the usual busy traffic
Of the usual busy day.

But what I most remember
And know that I always will
Is how we stood utterly silent
And absolutely still.

by John Mole

Christmas Shoebox Appeal



“Christmas is coming, and, right now, I think, children need us to be more present for them. Now is the biggest need.” – Dima Nachyna

Your shoebox will be given to a vulnerable child, or family, through schools, nurseries, hospitals and orphanages. Our aim is that each box is given in relationship with the local community as part of a long-term commitment to these children.

Please be a part of this ongoing story that is continuing to impact and change lives by donating a shoebox to this year’s appeal!

A hard copy leaflet will be placed in your child’s book bag.

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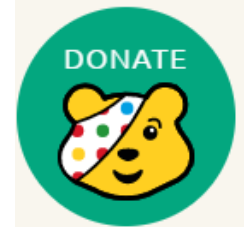
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Friday, 18.11.22
Children in
Need Day
Fundraiser

Pupils to bring in a voluntary contribution of **£1** towards the Children in Need charity.

Non-uniform day - Pupils to dress up as Pudsey Bear or something spotty.



Thursday,
08.12.22

Christmas
Jumper Day
Fundraising
event for



Pupils to bring in a voluntary contribution of **£1** towards the Save the Children charity.

Pupils to wear a Christmas jumper to school (not football kits!).

Monday,
21.11.22

Fundraising
event for the
school



This event is a school fundraising event, which is organised by the school's year group representatives / volunteers.

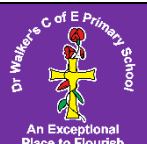
All voluntary contributions will go towards the school's fundraising funds.

Arrangements to be finalised. At the moment the proposals are:

- Breakfast between 8.00 and 8.30 in school hall.
- Breakfast snacks and juice
- Design your football top
- Name the winning team
- Come up with an England football chant - best one wins a prize.
- Pupils come to school dressed up in football kit (or anything to represent England - red or white)

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BREAKFAST WITH SOUTHGATE

ORANGE JUICE, SAUSAGE ROLL,
COME ON ENGLAND SCORE A GOAL!

MONDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 8:00AM

BREAKFAST & DRINKS SUPPLIED

FOOTBALL KIT & ENGLAND THEMED OUTFITS

COMPETITIONS

BEST FOOTBALL CHANT

NAME THE ENGLAND TEAM

SWEEP STAKE

KEEPY UPPY CHALLENGE

£5 PER CHILD TO ATTEND BREAKFAST

£1 FOR NON UNIFORM (IF NOT ATTENDING BREAKFAST)

SIBLING DISCOUNT OR HARDSHIP DISCOUNT AVAILABLE PLEASE ENQUIRE

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**Year Group
Parent
Representatives
/ Volunteers**

Reception - TBC
Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer’s mum)
Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva’s mum)
Year 3 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie’s mum)
Year 4 - Mrs Cherie Turpin (Teddie’s mum)
Year 5 - TBC
Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan & Alice’s mum)



**Reception 2023
intake**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 7 November 2022, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2023. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2023. From 7 November 2022, applications can be made via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions 99% of parents in Essex applied online last year. All of the application information is available on the website above.

**Charges for
damaged books**

As you are aware the school has been working with the English Hub and implementing the Little Wandle Phonics Scheme.

We have listened to parents’ feedback regarding the e-books and therefore sending hard copies of books home to support reading at home.

The school had to purchase new sets of books to support the implementation of this reading scheme.

Unfortunately we have already received damaged books back.

Please be informed that **the school will be charging £5** per damaged book received back. This is to cover the cost of buying a new book and admin.

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