

Update from Headteacher



Our Persistent absences are decreasing, which is encouraging.

Value this half-term







Big Question of the week

How do you know when God is answering prayers?


Upcoming dates for the diary

06.02.23-10.02.23	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day
10.02.23	Dress to Express Day! Non Uniform for Children's Mental Health Week
Half Term	Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February
21.02.23	All Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics at Ongar Academy. 09.30-12.00
21.02.23	All Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics at Ongar Academy. 13.00-15.00
21.02.23	Pancake Day at Dr Walkers - Join us for breakfast and fun from 8am.
24.02.23	Years 1 and 2 assembly for parents and carers (Orange/Yellow)
02.03.23	World Book Day
07.03.23	<p>Epping & Ongar District Cross Country Competition at Ongar Primary – Arrangements TBC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 5&6 Boys – 9.45am • Year 5&6 Girls – 10.05am • Year 3&4 Boys – 10.25am • Year 3&4 Girls – 10.45am <p>The school can only enter 1 team per category with a maximum of 8.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Year 3 & 4 boys & girls – 1km • Year 5 & 6 boys & girls – 1.5km
10.03.23	Reception and Year 1 assembly for parents and carers (Red/Orange)
13.03.23	Bird Man to visit the school (like last year)
17.03.23	Red Nose Day
21.03.23	Year 6 TOA Transition Event at Ongar Academy. Time 09.15-12.15
24.03.23	Years 5 and 6 assembly for parents and carers (Indigo/Violet)
30.03.23	Easter service at St Nicholas Church












Whole School House Points

	Ants 	Badgers 	Locusts 	Lizards 
Red-Orange Class	13	12	22	24
Orange-Yellow Class	18	8	14	21
Green-Blue Class	30	21	12	14
Indigo-Violet Class	12	13	8	16
TOTAL	1409	1423	1459	1546

Attendance

	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	93%
Attendance this year	94%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	94%	14
2021/2022	92%	18
2020/2021	93%	14
2019/2020	95%	3
2018/2019	95%	5

Red-Orange Class			93%	
Orange-Yellow Class			98%	
Green-Blue Class			88%	
Indigo-Violet Class			94%	

100% attendance this week: 65 pupils out of 84 pupils which is 77%

Freya Grant	Mikey	Kai	George D	Mason
Jesse	Ethan	Alice Cussens	Freya J	
Edward	William	Maci	Talia	
Nellie	Alice Curtis	Brooke	Sienna	
Amelia Rae	Maisey	Amelia	Emily	
Alice B	Sienna F	John James	Kezia	
Florence	Joey F	Ralph	Dylan C	
Loki	Cassidy	Barney	Chloe	
Lincoln	Ralph	Lillie	Freya G	
Lucas	Eva	Paul	Freddy	
Madison	Harrison Mc	Noah	Autumn	
Scarlett	Dotty	Max	Ava	
Dylan F	Jacob	Teddie T	Finlay	
Dolly	Jude M	Cash	Harrison P	
Acer	Amber	Archie	Sebastian	
Evie-May	Daisy	Teddy D	Naomi	

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**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

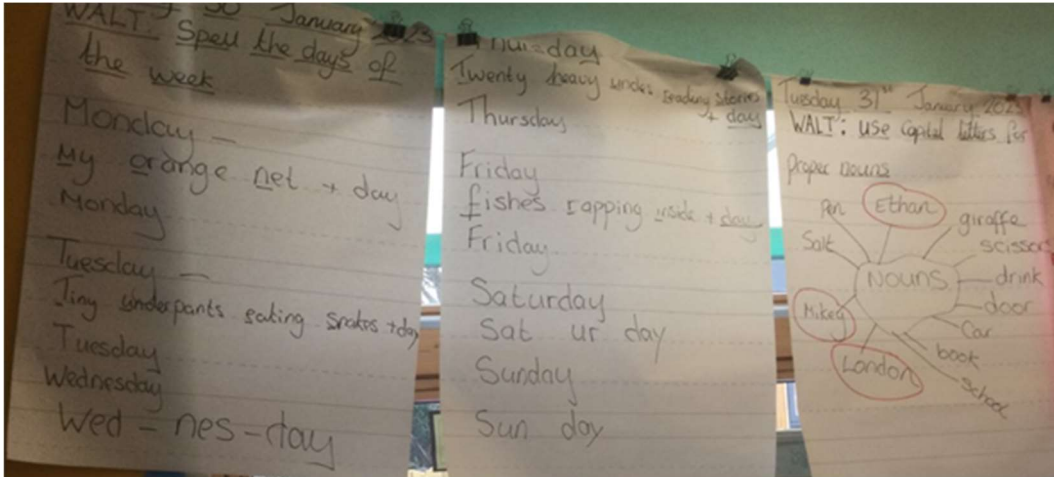
Reception

Year 1

This week in English Reception have been looking at The Hungry Caterpillar Story and been learning about the days of the week. They have looked at the seasons and how this affects animals.

In Maths we have been working on addition within 5.

Year One have been planning and writing a diary story focusing on how to spell the days of the week and using capital letters for proper nouns.



They have been looking at the different seasons and how this affects different animals.

In geography we have looked at the local area using a map and looking at what human geographical features we have in our local area.

Little Wandle books have now been sent home to all children. Please ensure you read with them and write in their reading records. **Please remember to put reading books in book bags! Otherwise we cannot give out a new reading book. If books are lost or damaged parents will be charged a fee to replace.**

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Scarlett
Writer of the week	Freya
Mathematician of the week	Lincoln
Scientist of the week	Evie
Star of the week	Jesse
Pen licence	N/A

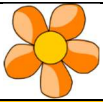
Buddies of the Week



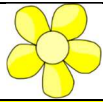
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Year 1

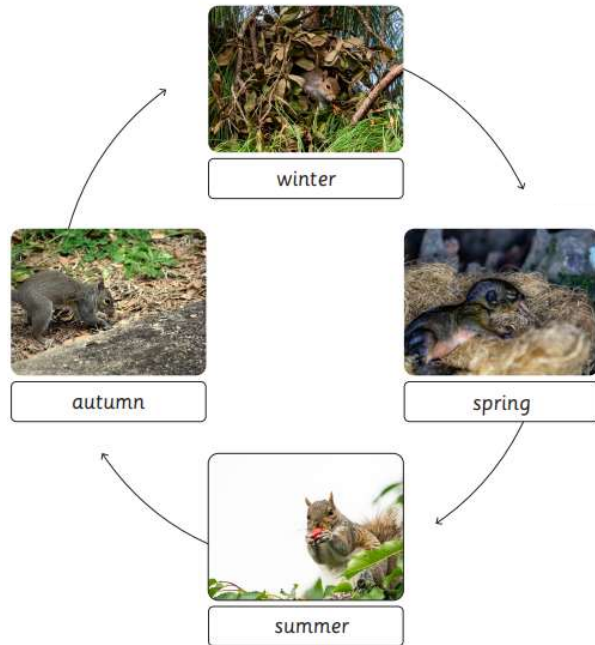


Year 2

Orange-
Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley

In Science this week, we have been observing seasonal changes in animals. We looked at how the seasons affect animals as well as how they grow throughout the seasons. We looked at some animals that have their young in spring as well as some animals which hibernate in the winter. The children then got to choose which animal they would like to focus on and wrote about how they change through the different seasons.



In RE we have been learning about and starting to understand what happens in the daily life of a Hindu. We learnt about Puja, which is a worship ritual performed by Hindus, as well as looking at shrines Hindus have in their homes and what they do when they visit temple.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Teddy
Writer of the week	Amber
Mathematician of the week	Daisy
Scientist of the week	Harrison
Star of the week	Ethan
Pen licence	N/A

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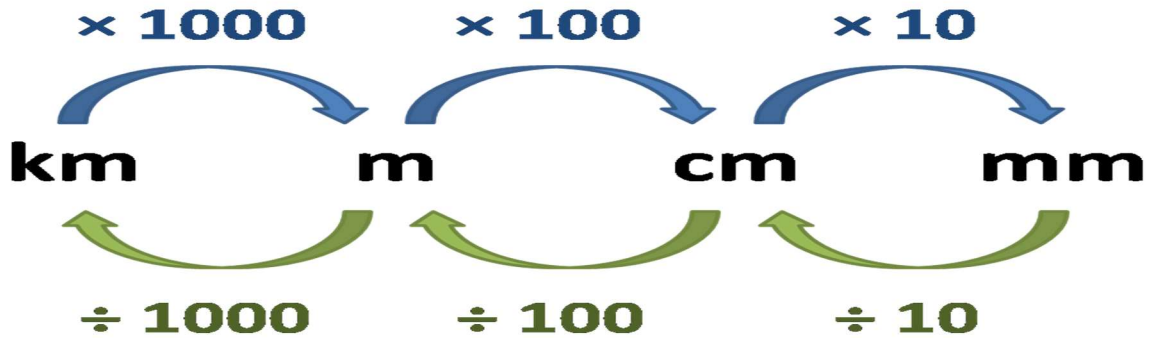
**Green-Blue
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean**

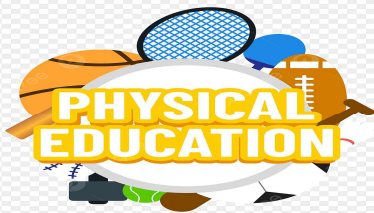
Year 3

Year 4

In Maths, we have been learning about equivalent lengths. We have been applying our knowledge of place value to convert lengths from millimetres to centimetres to metres and kilometres.



In Science, we investigated the force required to move a shoe across different surfaces to determine which type of surfaces had the greatest frictional force. We ensured that our test was fair by choosing **ONE** variable – the surface.



This week's
Physical Education
Top Players are:
Amelia, Cash and Teddie T

Merits and Awards

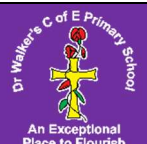
Reader of the week	Alice
Writer of the week	Max
Mathematician of the week	John-James
Scientist of the week	Maci
Star of the week	Gabby
Pen licence	n/a

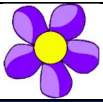
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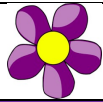
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Year 5



Year 6





Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Karin Vorster

In Art, we are looking at line, light and shadows. We are learning about the visual qualities of line, light and shadow. In class, we looked at the work of Pablo Picasso and were introduced to a range of shading techniques.

We have been finding out that preliminary sketches and models are usually simple line drawings or trial pieces of sculpture that are created to explore ideas and techniques to plan what a final piece of art will look like. We started off by adding perspective, light and shade to a composition.

Shading is a technique that artists use to give the illusion of a 3-D form on a 2-D surface. We looked at four different techniques: smudging, cross-hatching, scribbling and contour lines.

smudging		cross-hatching
scribbling		contour lines
		
		

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	George D
Writer of the week	Kezia
Mathematician of the week	Teddy Da
Scientist of the week	Jessica
Star of the week	Dylan
Pen licence	n/a

Buddies of the Week



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Thank
you
so
much!



Thank You!



Thank you to all the helpers, who are supporting the school. It is much appreciated to hear and receive positive feedback and comments.

We are very excited to look at additional events – these are discussed with the representatives. If you have any suggestions, please liaise with your class representative. We have had a number of parents who have shown an interest to volunteer.

And a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to our marvelous staff, Rev Sam Brazier-Gibbs and Mrs Lesley Wallis who helped out on Wednesday, during the Industrial Action, to keep the school open. **Well done!**

FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

Number
Day
2023



Dr Walker's took part in the NSPCC's number day on Friday 3rd February.

It was great to see all the creative ways the children had incorporated the theme into their outfits!

NSPCC
Number day

We raised an incredible
£119.10

Thank you!



Children's Mental Health Week 2023 6th-10th February 2023

Children's Mental Health Week is taking place from 6th –10th February 2023 and is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on and raise awareness for children and young people's mental health and well-being.

Throughout the week, we will have lessons and assemblies based around mental health and wellbeing as part of the PSHE curriculum.

The week provides a great opportunity to be open about mental health and start conversations within our school community.

On Friday, 10th February, pupils can come to school dressed up for a 'Dress to Express' Day.

Children's
Mental Health
Week 2023

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Your child/children's dress to express outfit can be as simple or elaborate as they like! It is an opportunity for self-expression and celebrating a diverse range of emotions.

This is a **NON FUNDRAISING** day!



Internet Safety Day

We will be participating in Internet Safety Day on Tuesday, 7th February.

Further information can be found on the attached letter.

Safer Internet Day 2023 | **Tuesday 7 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Pancake Day

Please join us for a Pancake Day Breakfast on 21.02.2023

[click here](#) for more information, booking instructions will follow next week.



Notice board

Please [click here](#) for the latest edition of 'What's on in Epping Forest' for all the activities and events taking place in half term!

Reminder

Please do not enter the building when dropping off or collecting your children from school. If you wish to speak with the Class Teacher please arrange this via the school office.

New Fence

The New fence will go up in front of the school during the half term this will improve the schools security, more information will follow next week

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor and would be grateful for any parents who want to make a positive contribution to school to show an interest to perhaps join the Governing Body.

Kindly contact the office for more information.

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Online Safety

Parents & Carers are encouraged to register at <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/dr-walker-s-c-of-e-voluntary-controlled-primary-school> with National Online Safety. This will allow you to have access to updates, information and free training.



We are trying to get school accreditation, but need parents to register and complete some webinars or training.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device, including via their brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store.

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Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School days		Weekend
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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

Autumn Term	Monday, 4 September 2023 – Wednesday, 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 27 October</i>	73 days
Spring Term	Thursday, 4 January 2024 – Thursday, 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term	Monday, 15 April 2024 – Tuesday, 23 July 2024 <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

You are strongly advised to check with the school before making any holiday or other commitments.

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