

Update from Headteacher



KS1 pupils had a wonderful morning at Ongar Academy this week, taking part in the 3 Tees Cricket event arranged by WESSP.

Value this half-term



Big Question of the week

What is Hope?

Thank you to the parents who attended the PSHE/RSHE meeting on Thursday, 08.06.23. Feedback has been positive. If you would like to know more about this. Please check the PSHE/RSHE policy on the school's website.

Class representatives

We need volunteers to come forward to help the school in the class representatives' role. Please let the office know if you are interested.

The current confirmed class representatives are:

- Year 1 – Ms Kelsey Gumble (Acer's mum)
- Year 2 – Mrs Emma Laurence (Eva's mum)
- Year 6 – Mrs Nicola Curtis (Dylan & Alice's mum)



Upcoming dates for the diary

14.06.23	Kids Walk Day arranged by the Road Safety Charity Brake
16.06.23	Parents are invited to Green – Blue Class Assembly
17.06.23	Parent volunteers to help out with bits and bobs – SATURDAY???????
23.06.23	Parents are invited to Orange – Yellow Class Assembly
27.06.23	Governors' and Parents' Open Meeting at 15.30pm
30.06.23	Parents are invited to Red- Orange Class Assembly
04.07.23	KS2 (Years 3 to 6) Athletics Festival
05.07.23	SUMMER SPORTS DAY
07.07.23	Parents are invited to Indigo – Violet Class Assembly
14.07.23	Reports home to Parents
14.07.23	Non Uniform Day for Year 6 only
19.07.23	Year 6 Leavers' Performance at 1pm followed by Church Service at 2pm
20.07.23	Picnic with Parents followed by a mini-Summer fete and early break-up
21.07.23	Inset Day for Staff – School Closed.
UPDATE REGARDING ROAD CLOSURE	We have been notified that the advertised road closure will not take place as planned and instead the works will be done during the school holidays. We are very relieved that we will not face more disruption.

Year 6 Bikeability





Safer Essex Roads Partnerships delivered the ***Bikeability*** course to 11 year 6 pupils this week. Pupils had a very informative learning experience. Cycling is increasing in popularity because of its many benefits; it is enjoyable, clean, and convenient, saves money and is good for physical and mental health.





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











	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	576	577	675	728
Orange-Yellow Class	588	609	901	661
Green-Blue Class	533	490	412	499
Indigo-Violet Class	696	637	532	552
TOTAL	2393	2313	2520	2440

Attendance

 	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	93.07%
Attendance this year	93.99%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	93.99%	8
2021/2022	92.63%	18
2020/2021	94.08%	19
2019/2020	94.21%	17
2018/2019	95.53%	11

Class	Ants	Badgers	Attendance	Achievement
Red-Orange Class			94.29%	
Orange-Yellow Class			92.11%	
Green-Blue Class			88.89%	
Indigo-Violet Class			96.25%	

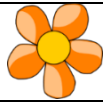
**100% Attendance this week:
63 pupils out of 75 pupils which is 70.67%**

Acer	Cassidy	Freya G	Jessica	Lucas	River
Alice B	Charlotte	Freya J	Jett	Maci	Sebastian
Alice C	Dolly	Gabriella	Joey	Madison	Sienna M
Amber	Dotty	George A	Jude G	Mason	Teddie
Amelia V	Dylan	George D	Jude M	Max	Teddy C-G
Archie	Ethan	Harrison Ma	Kezia	Naomi	Teddy Da
Autumn	Eva	Harrison Mc	Knightley	Nellie	Teddy Do
Ava G	Evie-May	Harrison P	Lily H	Phoebe	William
Barney	Freddy	Jesse	Loki	Ralph B	

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**Red-Orange
Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Joanne Hammond**

Reception

Year 1



This week in Maths we have been learning about place value and counting from 50 to 100.

In English we have been learning to write a recount about something we did during the holiday.

In History we have been finding out about life in Victorian Schools.

In Science we have been learning about animal parts and whether all animals have the same body parts.



In Design and Technology we have been learning about where our food comes from.

Reminders

Please make sure your child has their reading record in school every day as we write in these during our reading sessions.

Please make sure your child does not bring in any toys from home, as this causes upset and distress if they are misplaced.

Thank you once again for your kind support.

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	Knightley
Writer of the week	Nellie
Mathematician of the week	Mikey
Scientist of the week	Loki
Star of the week	Evie-May
Pen licence	N/A

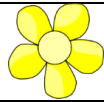
Buddies of the Week



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**Orange-
Yellow Class**

**Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley**

Year 1

Year 2



This week, Year 1 and 2 had a really fun morning out at Ongar Academy to play 3 Tees Cricket. The children were split into 4 teams and played against 4 teams from Chipping Ongar. All of the children had a great attitude and sportsmanship and shook each other's hands after each game. A great time was had by all.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Amelia
Writer of the week	Ethan
Mathematician of the week	Alice C
Scientist of the week	Alice B
Star of the week	Joey
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



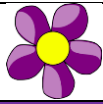
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Year 5



Year 6

Indigo-Violet
Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Karin Vorster



In History, we are learning about the Groundbreaking Greeks. This week we made comparisons between the lives of the Minoans and those of the Mycenaeans.

The Minoan civilization was a civilization on Crete. It began in the Bronze Age between 3000 and 2700 BC. It lasted until about 1450 BC. The Minoan civilization is famous for its sea trading and well-planned cities. The Minoans had an agricultural system which relied mainly on olives and grapes. Their religion worshipped mostly goddesses. The Minoan civilization was later replaced by the Mycenaean culture.

The Mycenaean culture (1600–1100BC) was an early Greek culture during the Bronze Age, on the Greek mainland and on Crete.

The name Achaean was used by the legendary author Homer to describe them, and occurs in the Iliad (oldest surviving work of Greek literature). The term we use is derived from Mycenae, which is an important archaeological site about 90 km from Athens (Athens is the capital city of Greece. It is one of the most famous cities in the world. The city is named after Athena, a goddess in Greek mythology).

Other important Mycenaean sites are at Athens, Thebes, Tiryns and Pylos. The epic poems of Homer, the Iliad and the Odyssey, are Mycenaean in origin.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Archie
Writer of the week	Freya J
Mathematician of the week	Dylan
Scientist of the week	Harrison P
Stars of the week	Kezia
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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Other News

We are really proud of our PE providers who have been awarded the UK Enterprise Award for Best Sports Coaching Provider in Essex 2023! Congratulations!



We at Sports Coaching Specialists Ltd. (SCS) are absolutely delighted to share with you our exciting news. SCS has been awarded the UK Enterprise Award for Best Sports Coaching Provider in Essex 2023. It is an honor to be recognized as a company for the work we have been doing both in schools and in our evening sessions. This award would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our hard working, motivational talented team.

We have been completely blown away by the support and feedback we have recently received through trust pilot and are so grateful for the words praising our team. If you would like to leave us a review we would really appreciate it. This can be done by clicking the link on our website or by searching for us on Trustpilot.

[Rate Sportscoachingspecialists \(trustpilot.com\)](https://www.trustpilot.com/review/sportscoachingspecialists.com)

Kind regards,



Angelo Harrop
Sports Coaching Specialists Ltd.
Company Director



Reminder: Upcoming Summer Sports Day

Summer Sports Day – Wednesday, 5th July

- We will be having a Summer Sports day... **HOORAY!**
 - SCS will be hosting this event and parents are invited to attend.
 - We will also have some help from the West Essex Schools Sports Partnership (WESSP).
 - We will definitely have more traditional events this year such as egg and spoon race, etc!
 - EYFS and KS1 will be in the morning and KS2 in the afternoon.
 - Class representatives to please liaise with school to help setting up the event.
- More information to follow, once arrangements have been finalised.



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DR WALKERS SPORTS DAY



WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY

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Because everyone has the right to walk safely in their community

Every year, thousands of primary schoolchildren take part in Brake's Kids Walk to learn important road safety messages and shout out for their right to make safe and healthy journeys.



BRAKE'S KIDS WALK

The next Brake's Kids Walk will take place on Wednesday 14 June 2023

What is Brake's Kids Walk?

Brake's Kids Walk involves thousands of primary schoolchildren walking at the same time to promote the health and planet-saving benefits of walking and shout out for their right to make safe and healthy journeys.

Why is Brake's Kids Walk important?

At Brake, we believe that every child has the right to walk in their community without fear of traffic and pollution. Danger from traffic is a big factor in whether families are able to walk safely in the places where they live. It affects their ability to be healthy and socially active.

Children of all ages are at risk of being hurt or killed when walking near roads. On average, six children are killed or seriously injured on roads in Britain every day – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week.

Brake's Kids Walk is a great way to inspire and engage children about the dangers they face, promote the benefits of walking, and raise awareness among parents and the wider community about the need to protect children on roads.



Ready... Steady... Go To School is a fun challenge full of activities which will help your child to practice skills that they'll need to help them feel confident and be ready to start school in September.

The challenge is running in all Essex libraries from May to July and includes a range of activities within

seven challenge areas. These are:

- Speaking and Listening
- Being Active
- Personal, Social and Emotional Skills
- Early Reading and Writing
- Maths and Numbers
- Understanding the World
- Express Yourself

Go To School Challenge

As your child completes activities, they'll collect stamps in a special booklet, and once they have all seven stamps, they'll get a certificate!

This challenge is a great way for your child to prepare physically and emotionally for starting school and will provide parents and carers with some top tips and useful information too!

Sign up to the challenge now in any Essex library! Don't forget to tag us in photos of you completing your challenges on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter @essexlibraries !

Brentwood School Taster Day

Brentwood School is having a taster day on 14th October 2023, please [click here](#) for more details.

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Dr Walker's Church of England Primary School

Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2023-2024

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	School closed: Holidays		School closed: Bank Holiday		School closed: Staff training (INSET)		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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