

	Update from Headteacher		Value this half-term
		We had 100% school attendance on Wednesday! Well done!	
	Big Question of the week	Can you have happiness without sadness?	

Upcoming dates for the diary

Half Term	Half Term: Monday 13 th February – Friday 17 th 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	Epping & Ongar District Cross Country Competition at Ongar Primary – Arrangements TBC <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)
07.03.23	Possible Cross Country competition
17.03.23	Red Nose Day Mothers Day Gift buying
20.03.23	Circus – (potentially – a fee will be charged for this)
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 Bonnet Parade Easter Egg Hunt Raffle Easter service at St Nicholas Church

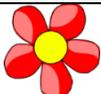
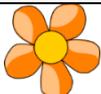
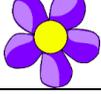
Whole School House Points

	Ants	Badgers	Locusts	Lizards
				
Red-Orange Class	15	17	9	15
Orange-Yellow Class	21	10	9	10
Green-Blue Class	5	4	20	18
Indigo-Violet Class	6	12	22	24
TOTAL	1465	1466	1519	1613

Attendance

	
Our school target	96%
Attendance this week	83%
Attendance this year	93%

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	93%	17
2021/2022	93%	18
2020/2021	90%	15
2019/2020	95%	4
2018/2019	95%	5

Class	Ants	Badgers	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
Red-Orange Class			71%	
Orange-Yellow Class			81%	
Green-Blue Class			85%	
Indigo-Violet Class			91%	

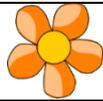
100% attendance this week: 40 pupils out of 84 pupils which is 47%

Freya G	Gabriella	Chloe		
Edward	John James	Autumn		
Florence	Teddy D	Ava G		
Lincoln	Paul	Finlay		
Ethan	Noah	Lily		
Teddy CG	Sidney	Harrison P		
Alice C	Cash	Sebastian		
Joey	Archie	Naomi		
Eva	Teddy Davis			
Harrison Mc	Freya J			
Dotty	Talia			
Amber	Sienna M			
Daisy	George A			
Jude G	Jessica			
Maci	Emily			
Phoebe	Dylan C			

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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 story 'The Little Red Hen', they have been learning the story, sequencing the story and retelling the story. They have been writing simple sentences.

Year One have looked at the story 'The Magic Porridge Pot' and planned and wrote their own version of the story.

In Maths Reception have been exploring the numbers 6,7 and 8 looking at different ways of making these numbers. Year 1 have been working on number bonds to 20 and subtraction crossing 10.

During our DT lesson we have started to make our own London Taxis.

In Geography and Science, we have been learning about the weather and the different types of weather we experience through our 4 seasons in the United Kingdom.



Little Wandle books should 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	William
Writer of the week	Nellie
Mathematician of the week	Edward
Scientist of the week	Dylan
Star of the week	Evie-May
Pen licence	N/A

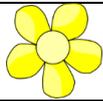
Buddies of the Week



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Orange- Yellow Class

Class Register Teacher: Miss Lauren Seeley

Year 1

Year 2

In DT this week, the children made their taxis! They worked really hard to think about their designs and how they would implement this into their final product. We were looking at how the axels could be formed.

For children’s mental health week, we spoke about how we are the same and how we are different. We also spoke about our feelings and read the story ‘The Invisible String’. We discussed how we feel when we are with people that we love and how we feel when we are apart. We also spoke about our connections with others and played a fun game! We had to hold hands and get a hoop, which was interlinked in our arms, all the way around the circle without breaking the connection.



Year 2 ONLY CGP BOOKLETS

Your child will be given 3, 10-minute CGP Revision booklets for: Maths, Reading and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). It would be extremely beneficial to complete these at home as part of their revision and/or homework. If, at any time, your child is unclear of anything in these revision guides, please remind them that I am here to help!

BOOSTERS

I will be running boosters during assemblies on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please inform me if you would not like me to take your child out of assemblies for extra booster sessions.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Dotty
Writer of the week	Ethan
Mathematician of the week	Eva
Scientist of the week	Madison
Star of the week	Jude
Pen licence	N/A

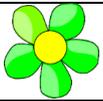
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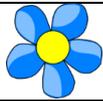
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Year 3



Year 4

Green-Blue Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean

In Geography, We worked in groups to conduct an investigation to establish the type of soil in our local environment.



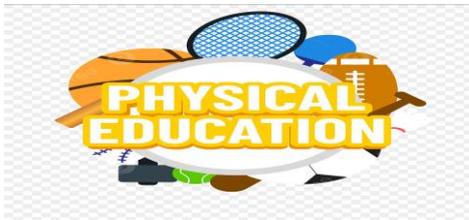
In PSHE, for part of Children's Mental Health Week, we made paper chains to showcase our meaningful connections.

Safer Internet Day



We had a great virtual assembly hosted by Be Internet Legends!

We have been creating **Diamante Poems** this week. Click [HERE](#) to type, save and/or print a Diamante Poem. Don't forget to share it with us!



This week's
**Physical Education
Top Players** are:
Gabby and Teddy Dou

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Teddie
Writer of the week	Cash
Mathematician of the week	Maci
Scientist of the week	Noah
Star of the week	Teddy
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

This week we enjoyed various activities.



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday we took part in Safer Internet Day. We came together as a school and participated in a live assembly and discussed ways we could all keep safe on the internet. Some of the things we were reminded of are to NEVER talk to strangers. In our class we were reminded that we should always talk to a trusted adult whenever something does not feel right. This might be our parents, teacher, or other trusted family members.

Children’s mental health week

On Friday, we all dressed to impress for children’s mental health week.



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Sienna
Writer of the week	Naomi
Mathematician of the week	Charlotte
Scientist of the week	Emily
Star of the week	Finlay
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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Pupils are making use of the equipment during lunch and play times.

Playground



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

Children's
Mental Health
Week 2023



Pancake Day

Children are invited to join us for a Pancake Day Breakfast on 21.02.2023.

To book a place for your child, please see Kelsey or Harriett in KS1 or the events facebook page.

DID SOMEONE SAY
pancakes?



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New fence	The new fence will go up in front of the school during the half term this will improve the schools security and appearance. The works should be completed by the time we return, but please do bear with us if not quite finished!
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! We have also updated the information in the physical notice board so please do have a look as you walk through at the end of the school day.
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.
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.
Online Safety	<p>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.</p>  <p>We are trying to get school accreditation, but need parents to register and complete some webinars or training.</p> <p>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.</p>
Half Term	Finally we would like to wish all children, staff and their families a happy and healthy half term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 20 th February.

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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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