



Update from Headteacher

Please be aware of Industrial strike action scheduled for:

Wednesday 1 February 2023
 Wednesday 1 March 2023
 Wednesday 15 March 2023
 Thursday 16 March 2023

Value this half-term







Big Question of the week

What is Lent?



Upcoming dates for the diary

01.02.23	INDUSTRIAL STRIKE ACTION – school planning to be open
03.02.23	NSPCC – Mega Maths Fundraising
03.02.23	Years 3 and 4 assembly for parents and carers (Green/Blue)
06.02.23-10.02.23	Children's Mental Health Week
07.02.23	Safer Internet Day
21.02.23	All Year 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics at Ongar Academy. Time 09.30-12.00
21.02.23	All Year 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics at Ongar Academy. 13.00-15.00
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 The school can only enter 1 team per category with a maximum of 8. <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	7	23	27	29
Orange-Yellow Class	23	39	58	48
Green-Blue Class	27	7	6	3
Indigo-Violet Class	29	39	48	27
TOTAL	1336	1369	1403	1471

Attendance

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

Academic year	Period average attendance	Number of Persistent Absence pupils (below 90%)
2022/2023	94%	13
2021/2022	92%	19
2020/2021	93%	14
2019/2020	95%	3
2018/2019	96%	4

Red-Orange Class			91%	
Orange-Yellow Class			95%	
Green-Blue Class			92%	
Indigo-Violet Class			95%	

100% attendance this week: 73 pupils out of 84 pupils which is 86 %

Freya G	Ethan	Kai	Cash	Ava
Jesse	Knightley	Alice C	Archie	Finlay
Edward	River	Jude	Teddy D	Lily
Nellie	William	Maci	George D	Harrison M
Jackson	Alice C	Phoebe	Freya	Harrison P
Amelia-Rae	Maisey	Brooke	Talia	Sebastian
Alice B	Sienna F	Amelia	Sienna M	Naomi
Florence	Joey	Gabriella	George A	Mason
Loki	Cassidy	John James	Jessica	Libby
Lincoln	Ralph	Ralph	Kezia	
Madison	Eva	Barney	Dylan C	
Scarlett	Dotty	Teddy D	Charlotte	
Dylan F	Jacob	Lillie	Chloe	
Rafe	Jude	Paul	Freya G	
Dolly	Amber	Noah	Freddy	
Ava	Daisy	Max	Autumn	

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Reception

Year 1

Red-Orange Class

Class Register Teacher: Mrs Joanne Hammond



This week in English, Reception have been looking at being kind and what a kind thing to do is.

Year one have been planning and writing a recount of someone's day, focusing on verbs.

Pupils have been designing London Taxis to be made next Wednesday in our DT Lesson. (Please could pupils bring in any small boxes and anything that could be used for wheels, an example would be lids from Pringle tubes, boxes.)

In Geography we have been learning about cities and what makes a city a city!

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	Jesse
Writer of the week	Jackson
Mathematician of the week	Rafe
Scientist of the week	Mikey
Star of the week	Acer

Buddies of the Week



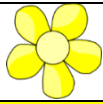
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Year 1



Year 2

Orange- Yellow Class

**Class Register Teacher:
Miss Lauren Seeley**

In PSHE this week, we have been recognising ways in which we are both the same as and different from other people. The children asked their partner the questions that you see posted here to see how many similarities and differences they had with each other.

Do you have a middle name?	What is your favourite and least favourite colour?
When is your birthday?	What is your favourite and least favourite food?
What colour are your eyes?	What is your favourite and least favourite drink?
What colour is your hair?	What is your favourite TV programme?
Do you wear glasses?	What is your favourite film?
How many brothers or sisters do you have?	What is your favourite book?
Do you have a pet and what type?	What is your favourite sport?
What is your favourite and least favourite lesson at school?	Can you name some things you are good at?

In Design and Technology we have been designing a London Taxi. The children had a lot of fun doing this and got very creative. **For next week's lesson, could pupils please bring in any resources that we could use to make a taxis? We need cardboard boxes and anything that resembles a wheel- e.g. Pringle lid. Many thanks!**



Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Dolly
Writer of the week	Dotty
Mathematician of the week	Jacob
Scientist of the week	Joey
Star of the week	Alice B
Pen licence	N/A

Buddies of the Week



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Year 3



Year 4

Green-Blue Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Jenny Dean

In English we have been looking at instructions in readiness for designing our own game and writing instructions for it. We have looked at adverbs and their purpose,

In Art and Design, we have completed relief printing of our ammonite sketches after transferring our designs onto polystyrene tiles.



This week's
Physical Education
Top Players are:
Amelia, Sid, Max and Gabby

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

Buddies of the Week



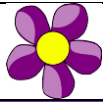
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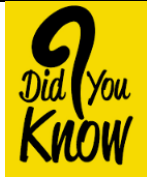
Year 5



Year 6

Indigo-Violet Class

Class Register Teacher:
Mrs Karin Vorster



In the average primary class,
at least 2 children have
suffered abuse or neglect.



The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity.

On Thursday 26th January 2023, we had an NSPCC workshop in Indigo/Violet class.

- We worked in pairs and discussed different types of abuse.
- We read through different scenarios that children might find themselves in.
- We were reminded that we can always talk to a trusted adult or to child line.
- Who a trusted adult might be was discussed and we were reminded of the child line help line: **0800 1111**.



Abuse can derail a child's development. But it's never too late to help a child. Child abuse and its effects are preventable.

We can work together to stop abuse happening and support children who have been abused. That's why the NSPCC work with primary schools across the UK and Channel Islands to give children the knowledge and confidence to speak out if they're worried by something.

Merits and Awards

Reader of the week	Teddy Davis
Writer of the week	Sienna Mulhare
Mathematician of the week	Emily Brinkley
Scientist of the week	Sebastian Potton
Star of the week	Naomi Rockliffe
Pen licence	NA

Buddies of the Week



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Autumn 100% attendance



Congratulations to the following pupils who had a 100% attendance for Autumn term. They received their Attendance badges today.

- Ethan (Year 1)
- Alice C (Year 2)
- Amber (Year 2)
- Barney (Year 4)
- George (Year 5)
- Freya J (Year 5)

Parent Phonics Workshop

Thank you to the parents who attended the Phonics' workshop. As there were only 3 parents attending, we will distribute the slides of the workshop to parents in EYFS and KS1.

Free Hockey Club

Please See our Website under Community Opportunities and Flyers for more information, this is for years 5 and 6 Boys and Girls, commencing after Half Term.

Parent Questionnaire feedback

Positive feedback from the Parent Questionnaire:

I am able to support my child with homework.	91.3%
My child is well looked after at school.	91.3%
My child has opportunities to engage with initiatives, e.g. World Book Day, Mini-Marathon, McMillan Cancer awareness, Christmas activities, etc.	86.9%
My child feels safe at school.	86.6%
My child likes school dinners.	80%
My child has opportunities to take part in activities (e.g. year 6 residential) and clubs (even though these are limited at the moment due to COVID).	78.9%
The school liaises and communicates regularly with parents e.g. via weekly newsletters, text messages, twitter, emails.	78.3%
The school keeps parents informed of COVID related information and updates e.g. via emails, newsletters, school website, etc.	78.3%
The school has a clear set of School Rules.	78.3%

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

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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FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023

Dr Walkers will be taking part in number day on Friday 3rd February.

We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits.*

Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme!

A letter has been sent out to all parents on Thursday 26th January.

In class we will enjoy investigations and projects such as:

EYFS

- Dotty Butterfly - shape
- Foot ruler - measure
- Make a star - shape
- Number character - number recognition

KS1

- Cross the river - number and Numicon
- Getting home - numbers; multiples

KS2

- Number machine (Year 3) - number sequence
- Number card (Year 4) - number patterns
- Saving goals (Year 5) - money
- Business plans and profits (Year 6) - money

Kindly contact your class teacher or the office for more information.



**NSPCC
Number day**

**Children's
Mental Health
Week 2023**



**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.

We will round our week off with a **'Dress to Express' Day**.

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.

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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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