

Newsletter date: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After an eventful weekend at the Ongar Town Festival, a chill returned for the start of the week, but that hasn't deflected from the children's enthusiasm for learning.

Our 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary VE Day celebrations began with the school entrance being decorated with bunting and photographs from the Ongar Town Festival and with the children being invited to wear red, white or blue or to dress as wartime evacuees.

There was a special Collective Worship to mark the occasion and we also signed up to receive a personalised letter from WWII veterans, along with 70,000 other children and young people across the UK. We have received the digital version, and once we have received the original, we will be writing back to share our thanks!

We are very proud of the effort being made by our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their SATs tests next week, and we would like to thank you for the support that you are giving your child. SATs week begins on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and we hope that you take the time this weekend to enjoy the sunshine, relax and have fun!

Open the Book will visit on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, and we warmly welcome families to experience the drama led biblical Collective Worship between 10:25am and 10:45am.

Plans are being made for the whole school trip to Southend and a detailed itinerary will follow regarding the details for this very exciting trip.

We appeal to you to ensure that you support us with your child's education. If you require help and information, please contact the office and we will be happy to help you.

95%	=	40 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 8 days in total or 1 week and 3 days	<b>ATTENDANCE MATTERS</b>  WHAT DO YOUR ATTENDANCE FIGURES ACTUALLY MEAN?  <b>BE SMART BE THERE!</b> <small>Percentages based on 190 academic days</small>
90%	=	80 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 16 days in total or 3 weeks and 1 day	
85%	=	120 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 24 days in total or 4 weeks and 4 days	
80%	=	160 LESSONS MISSED EACH YEAR 32 days in total or 6 weeks and 2 days	

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Hafise Nasif (Executive Head Teacher)

Mrs Jenny Dean (Head of School)

**Light a candle** - By lighting a virtual candle, you're making space to pray. You can light a candle online to pray for yourself, for a loved one or for a situation. Whatever is going on, make space to pray in your life.

Grant, we pray, the courage and the humility to make difficult choices for the good of the world, that our sacrifice might alleviate some of the world's suffering and thus be pleasing to you. Through Christ our Lord, we pray: Amen.



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your future will flourish indeed."*

### TERM DATES:

#### Upcoming Dates and Events

Breakfast Club - Register your child's place. If you haven't already done so, remember to sign up [here](#).

**Year 6 ONLY** - Register your child's place for pre-SATs Breakfast [here](#).

WC 12<sup>th</sup> May: Year 6 SATs Week

#### Family Collective Worship - Open the Book

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025

Collective Worship for Rev. Sam - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at 9:30am - 10:00am

23<sup>rd</sup> May: Break up for half term

**2<sup>nd</sup> June: INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school

3<sup>rd</sup> June: MTC Assessment Week -Year 4

3<sup>rd</sup> June: Years 5 & 6 Bikeability

6<sup>th</sup> June: Swimming starts - Maple class

WC 9<sup>th</sup> June: PSC Check Assessment - Year 1

19<sup>th</sup> June: Class photos

**11<sup>th</sup> July: INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED**

18<sup>th</sup> July: Last swimming lesson - Maple

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: End of academic year**



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## National: 95% Our School Target: 96%

	WC 02.05.25	WC 02.05.25	WC 09.05.25	WC 16.05.25	WC 23.05.25
Willow	91%	96%	92%		
Sycamore	96%	91%	86%		
Maple	90%	95%	89%		
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE</b>	92%	94%	89%		

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**Is my child too ill for school?**

Please find attached [poster](#)  
and [NHS website guidance](#).

There were many photos shared of the Ongar Town Festival, celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> VE Day Anniversary! The children all looked authentic, and the photographs are very humbling. Please head to our [Facebook page](#) to see more photographs!





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Amelia-Rae was selected out of the village to be crowned May Day Queen on the 4th of May! Part of the May Day Queen role is spreading happiness and joy to everyone, which she did by handing out flower bouquets - and we and Mum believe she accomplishes this every day! Amelia-Rae took part in some Maypole dancing with Rev. Stuart and Rev. Hazel and a few more people from the village! We're all very proud of Amelia-Rae. Well done.



The children celebrated VE Day's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025. The money donated will go to the Royal British Legion.

