

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

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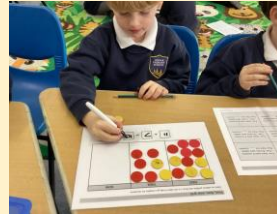


Week Ending - Friday 10th January 2025 Dinner Menu - Week 2 W/B 13th January 2025

This week at Ongar Primary...



Early Years have been busy making pasta bracelets as part of our DT project this week. The children were great at threading the pasta onto the string!



Year 1 has enjoyed doing practical maths this week working out number stories for adding by counting on.



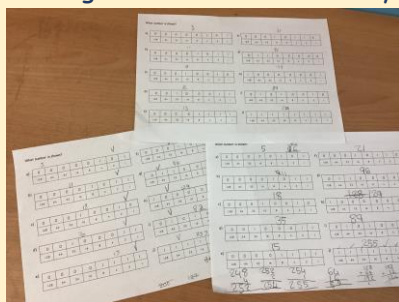
In **year 2** we have been learning about data handling in an international space station, we explored what a satellite would look like and how astronauts live in space.



Year 4 have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons invasion. They have been making their own horrible histories films to share what they have learnt.



In computing, **Year 5** have started to look at data handling. In this week's lesson, we learned about the Mars Rover and how it used binary to transmit data. We then practised reading and writing numbers in 8-bit binary.



Year 6 have been investigating the census from the Victorian period, they then created a class census.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is:
94%
The national target is 96%

Well done to our top 3 classes

Please refer to the NHS guidance link on managing common winter illnesses at home and whether your child should attend school.
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Week beginning 6th January 2025

Year 3	97.1%
Year 5	96.3%
Reception	94.4%

OPAL News



The children have really enjoyed playing with the ice and frost in these cold temperatures. Please make sure your children have warm coats/gloves/hats as they will still be playing outside.

It might be useful to include spare socks or tights in school bags for them to be able to change if they get wet at break and lunchtime.



NEWS and REMINDERS

Welcome back. We hope you had had a lovely Christmas and break away.

We have been gritting the playground and slippery areas of our grounds, but please take care travelling as the roads and pavements are slippery.

Photos on Friday 17th January

Individual photos will be action shots around the school. These photos will not include sibling groups.

Change to next week's Lunch menu.

Monday 13th January

Red: BBQ Chicken and Rice

Green: Jacket potato and cheese

Thursday 16th January 2025

Red: Cheese and Tomato Pizza

Green: Sausage in a roll

Diary Dates 2024-25

Please note that dates are subject to change, sometimes at short notice. We will, however, do our best to ensure notice is given where possible. Please check Diary dates regularly for any additions or changes.

January 2025			Children	Parents
16 th	Year 1 Pizza Express	9.20am		
17 th	Individual Photos	9am		
28 th	Year 6 Bussy Malone at TOA	10.30am		
29 th	Indoor Athletics at TOA Yr 5 & 6 Indoor Athletics at TOA Yr 3 & 4	AM PM		
February 2025				
11 th	KS2 Quiz at St Andrews	TBD		
12 th	History Workshop Yr 1, 3 & 4	All day		
13 th	History Workshop Yr 5 & 6	All Day		
14 th	Inset day			

Help and Support

Service	Website	Contact Details
NSPCC	https://www.nspcc.org.uk	Email: help@nspcc.org.uk 0808 800 5000
NSPCC	A dedicated helpline to support past or present victims of sexual abuse in an education setting	0800 136 663
Childline	https://www.childline.org.uk	0800 1111
Young Minds	https://youngminds.org.uk	Text YM to 85258
NHS Choices	https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/nhs-services/mental-health-services/how-to-access-mental-health-services/	Telephone: 111
Compass Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline	www.essexcompass.org.uk	Telephone: 0330 333 7 444
Families in Focus Support for children with SEN	Familiesinfocussessex.org.uk	Helpline: 01245 353575
supporting parent's with your child's mental health	Supporting Parents Helpfinder (youngminds.org.uk)	

OPC News



THANK YOU!

For your continued support for Ongar Primary Committee (OPC) We are so grateful! This term we have been able to support the school by purchasing a number of items to encourage play and much more. This would not be possible without everyone's help and support.

With the funds raised by OPC and the generous grant made by Qualis, the outside gazebo build will start in January 2025!

5 new scooters, 4 new go karts with helmets, litter pickers, brooms & racks:
Every child in school & Bright stars has/ will receive a gift from Santa (OPC)



Messages from the OPC
from the end of last term



ONGAR PRIMARY COMMITTEE

CHRISTMAS MARKET

THANK YOU!
WE RAISED AN AMAZING

£977!!