

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



Week Ending - Friday 17th January 2025 Dinner Menu - Week 3 W/B 20th January 2025

Week 3 	Pepperoni ,Cheese & Tomato, Ham or Ham and Pineapple Pizza	Macaroni Cheese Garlic Bread.	Chicken Pie in Gravy Vegetables Potatoes	Jacket Potato with a choice of fillings	Pork Sausage's, Chips & Beans
	Or	Or	Or	Or	Or
	Flavoured Chicken Breast in a Wrap	Ham Sandwich	Omelette, vegetables and potatoes	Tomato Soup with a Bread Roll	Veggie Sausages & Chips
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This week at Ongar Primary...

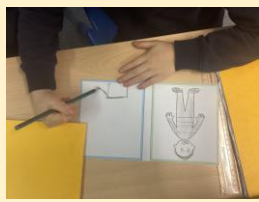
Year 1 had a fantastic time making pizza at pizza express. They learnt all about the history of the restaurant, where all the ingredients are from and then made a pizza each. They all said they tasted amazing and were so yummy.



In **Year 2** we have started a new Science topic on habitats. We went outside to find things that are alive, used to be alive and have never been alive. The children did really well at classifying all the different objects that they could see!



Year 3 have really enjoyed their English topic "Tricking a monster story." They really enjoyed creating their main character and monster. We can't wait to hear what their stories are about!



Year 6 have been applying their newly learned handball skills to match situations in PE.



Outside Play And Learning

We are part of an exciting Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) accredited provision. Children spend a large proportion of their time each week outside in our school grounds. We want to ensure this provision is just as exciting and engaging as the provision in our classrooms. Play is vitally important in children's development. We have developed areas to facilitate play for all children. We have chosen play that helps children develop social skills, communication skills and gross or fine motor skills. We encourage our children to be independent, resilient and imaginative. We have been awarded as OPAL Platinum which is the highest accreditation available.



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is: 92.2%
The national target is 96%

Well done to our top 3 classes



Week beginning 13th January 2025

Year 1	94.4%
Year 3	93.3%
Reception	92.2%

Any child whose attendance falls under 90% will receive a letter asking for a parental meeting, regardless of the reasons for absence. The meeting is informal and is to offer any support you may require.

NEWS and REMINDERS

An update on our new outdoor classroom

Our new outdoor classroom has been built and is ready for us to make use of. Thanks again to Qualis and OPC for the kind and generous donations and funding.



Thank You!

We wrote to you regarding the car park. There has been some improvement. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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
28 th	Year 6 Buggy 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		
11 th	Parent workshop	9am-10am		
12 th	History Workshop Yr 1, 3 & 4	All day		
13 th	History Workshop Yr 5 & 6	All Day		
14 th	Non Pupil Inset day			
March 2025				
4 th	Cross Country Event KS2	9.30-11.30am		

Help and Support

Service	Website	Contact Details
NSPCC	https://www.nspcc.org.uk	Email: help@nspcc.org.uk 0800 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	Familiesinfofocusessex.org.uk	Helpline: 01245 353575
supporting parents with your child's mental health	Supporting Parents Helpfinder (youngminds.org.uk)	