

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



Week Ending - Friday 31st January 2025 Dinner Menu - Week 2 W/B 3rd February 2025

Week 2	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Or Sausage in a Roll	Pasta Bolognese Or Jacket Potato and Beans	Chicken Casserole and Dumplings Or Ham Panini	BBQ Chicken Rice Or Jacket Potato and Cheese	Pork sausages, chips & beans Or Veggie sausages & chips
	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day	Dessert of the day

Reminders for next week...

***** Menu changes *****

Changes to next week's Lunch menu on Wednesday and Friday. See above.

Friday 7th February we will be having a **non-uniform day** to raise funds for GOSH. We're asking for £1 donations.

Please can you **settle any outstanding balances for trips and workshops** through your Arbor account.

ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is:90%
The national target is 96%

Well done to our top 3 classes



Week beginning 27th January 2025

Donaldson	94%
Year 1	92.5%
Year 4	91%

NEWS

Reading Awards

To promote reading at home, we have started a new reading awards system at school. Children will be awarded for regular reading with an adult. Every time they read with someone at home and their diary is signed, your child will receive 1 reading point. We will keep a running total each half term. When the children achieve 10 reading points, they will be able to choose from the first prize box and when they reach 25 reads, they will choose from the next prize box and so on. Our school council, alongside the children, chose our prizes. They range from pencils, bookmarks and sweets to a token to come into school in their pyjamas, an early lunch pass and a hot chocolate with a cookie. The most attractive prizes, such as coming into school in their pyjamas will be awarded to those who have shown sustained reading and so come in the later prize boxes.

The children have been really excited about this and so we would love it if you could encourage and support your children to read at home.

When they have read with you at home, you just need to sign their reading diary. At the end of each week, the class teacher will check the reading diaries so when they have achieved a number of reads, they will receive their reading awards. Happy reading!



Indoor Athletics

Well done to our representatives in Year 5 and 6 who came first in the indoor Athletics event on Wednesday 29th January at The Ongar Academy. They have qualified for the next round.

We're also very proud of Year 3 who came 4th.



This week at Ongar Primary...

In **Early Years** we have been celebrating and learning about Chinese New Year.



Year 1 had a fantastic time this week making 3D tower structures. They had to roll the paper different sizes and create multiple 3D towers.



Year 2 have been learning to create pitch patterns in music using the xylophones. Next week they will create a performance using the patterns that makes them feel like they are floating in space.



Our new maths topic is length and perimeter. **Year 3** have had fun measuring objects in our classroom!



Year 4 have been practicing retelling their myth stories. They are trying to do this from memory using story maps to prompt them. Ask your child if they can give you a personal performance.



Year 5 have been practising their sewing skills this week in preparation to start making soft toys. They may have brought their samples home. Unfortunately, we didn't catch them on camera.

This week **Year 6** have been making their own comic strips on the iPads about our class book. They were able to use their newly learned skills and create a story to show.



OPAL - Outside Play And Learning



The children have been enjoying the new gazebo choosing to use it as a chill out area with bean bags and small world toys. They have also been enjoying the new and improved digging area giving them more space to dig deep into the mud.

We had some new dressing up clothes donated which the children have made great use of on the stage performing shows.

If you have any old pots, pans and kitchen utensils, please feel free to donate them to us for our mud kitchen.

Please remember to provide spare wellies or shoes as we will go out in all weather conditions.



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.

	February 2025		Children	Parents
7 th	Non uniform day for GOSH £1	Whole School		
11 th	KS2 Quiz at St Andrews	TBC		
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			
14 th	School trip to Barleylands Farm	All Day		

Information



We have been contacted by a leader for Ongar Rainbows, Brownies and Guides to notify us that they have space for girls of all ages to join their local unit. If you are interested in finding out more their contact details are:

1stongarrainbows@gmail.com age 4-7

1stongarbrownies@gmail.com age 7-10

ongarandfyfieldguides@outlook.com age 10-14

www.girlguiding.org.uk



FEBRUARY *half term* EVENTS

EPPING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM

SATURDAY 15TH - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
DROP IN SESSION - MAKING A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET (£3)

TUESDAY 18TH - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
DROP IN SESSION FLORAL FUN (£3)

WEDNESDAY 19TH - 10:30AM - 11:30AM & 2:30PM - 3:30PM
BOOK IN ADVANCE TO CREATE HEART SUNCATCHERS OR A VALENTINES DAY CARD (£3)

FRIDAY 21ST 10:30AM - 11:30AM & 12PM - 1PM
BOOK IN ADVANCE FOR STORY-TELLING & DECORATING BISCUITS (£4)

SATURDAY 22ND - 10:30AM - 3:30PM
DROP IN SESSION MAKE A RECYCLED PAPER PET (£3)




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Essex Fire Museum Open Days



Tuesday 18 and 10:30AM
Sunday 23 February To
2025 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

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