

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



Week Ending - Friday 14th February 2025 Dinner Menu - Week 1 W/B 24th February 2025

Week 1 	Margarita or Pepperoni Pizza Or Ham Panini ----- Dessert of the day	Pasta and Beef meat- balls in a tomato sauce Or Jacket Potato with Tuna ----- Dessert of the day	Mince Beef Lancashire hot pot Vegetables Or Sausage Roll ----- Dessert of the day	Chicken Curry Rice Or Cheese and Ham Panini ----- Dessert of the day	Chicken Burgers, Chips and Sweetcorn Or Veggie Fingers, chips ----- Dessert of the day
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This week at Ongar Primary...

Early Years have enjoyed rocking and rolling in PE. This week the children performed a short sequence including a balance and a roll.



Year 1 has had a fantastic week! They made kites and rockets. They had so much fun and asked lots of great questions when we had our history workshop.

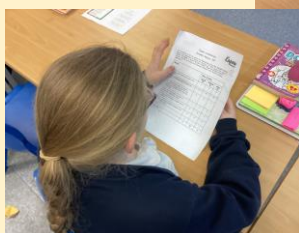


Year 2 have been learning to follow patterns and change dynamics in music. They have done brilliantly at being able to follow the music for the song and learning that the different keys have different dynamics. They played "Light 'Em Up" by Fall Out Boy. Scan the QR code and have a listen.



Year 3 really enjoyed their introduction to their new history topic the Romans! They really enjoyed being able to investigate the different artefacts.

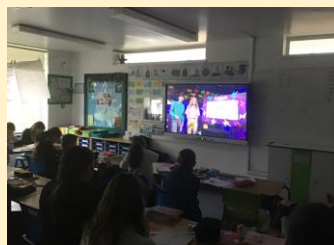
In history, **Year 5** looked at Tudor inventories to find out about people in the Tudor times.



Year 4 have continued to learn about rivers. The children created their own rivers to help them learn all the vocabulary.



Year 6 attended the safer internet day live lesson, where they learned about spotting scams and how they can avoid them.



Outside Play And Learning

The fancy dress is still very popular in the playground. The children are making games up with the scooters about going to the park or an adventure to find the dragons.



We are trying to add to our small world range of toys. If you have any unwanted toys, we are looking for:
Barbies and action figures
Dollies and prams (even old children's ones)
Small cars



ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance is:
92%

The national target is 96%

Well done to our top 3 classes



Week beginning 27th January 2025

Year 2	98%
Reception	96%
Year 5	92%

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

History Helper

Year 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 really enjoyed their history helper workshops which took place this Wednesday and Thursday.

We received some wonderful feedback from the museum:

"I just wanted to say again how much I've enjoyed working with all five classes these past couple of days. It was wonderful to hear their ideas and to see how well the history curriculum you follow equips them to work as historians. The year 1 class in particular asked some really different, insightful questions about the toys that I've not come across in 18+ years of doing this workshop!"



Uniform

Thank you for your support with adhering to our uniform improvement request. We have seen much improvement in the last week and hope to see everyone looking smart and in correct uniform on Monday 24th February 2025.

GOSH fundraiser

Thank you for your donations on non-uniform day last Friday. We raised £280.40 for GOSH.

Police visitor

PC Laura Chalcroft came in to speak to year 5 about online safety this week. The children were really receptive to what she had to say.

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
26 th	Yr 5 & 6 Sports Hall Athletics Final at West Hatch (by invitation)	11.30		
	March 2025		Children	Parents
14 th	School trip to Barleylands Farm	All Day		
18 th	Y5 Children and parents VIP tour of the Ongar Academy	TBC		

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	Familiesinfocusessex.org.uk	Helpline: 01245 353575
supporting parents with your child's mental health	Supporting Parents Helpfinder (youngminds.org.uk)	

BOOK ONTO A HALF TERM ACTIVITY CLUB WITH ESSEX ACTIVATE!

Children and young people are invited to book onto fun-filled half term holiday clubs and enjoy free activities run by locally trusted club organisations across Essex, brought to you by Active Essex on behalf of Essex County Council!

IS MY CHILD ELIGIBLE?

Essex ActivAte offer free, club spaces to primary and secondary school aged children who are eligible or receive pupil premium, benefit based free school meals or income-related benefits, also children who may be vulnerable to inactivity or social isolation. Clubs may offer discretionary paid places and paid for places, so there is something for everyone at an Essex ActivAte club!

WHERE WILL THE CLUBS BE RUN?

Clubs will run in Braintree, Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Chelmsford, Colchester, Epping, Harlow, Maldon, Rochford, Tendring and Uttlesford! Due to half term programmes being solely funded by Essex County Council, unfortunately there will not be any clubs running in Thurrock.

WHAT DO THE CLUBS PROVIDE?

Clubs offer different engaging activities such as sports and games, crafts, colouring, dance, baking and more! They also provide nutritious meals and snacks, as well as food education, helping to engage young people and support parents during the half term holidays. Specialist SEND, mental wellbeing and youth clubs will also be available to book onto, offering further support for children.

HOW DO I BOOK ONTO A CLUB?

You will not receive or book on with your HolidayActivities voucher code for half term holiday clubs. To book onto a local club, head over to the Essex ActivAte website, find the area that you live in and book on with the link, email or contact number provided by the club organisation directly.

[Find out more about Essex ActivAte half term holiday clubs and book here.](#)