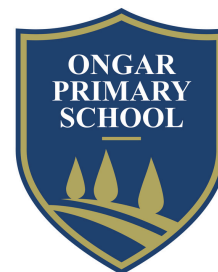


Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



We have had a good week with the Autumn term in full swing now. There is lots going on this term so please keep an eye on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter that will be updated each week.

A few reminders this week:

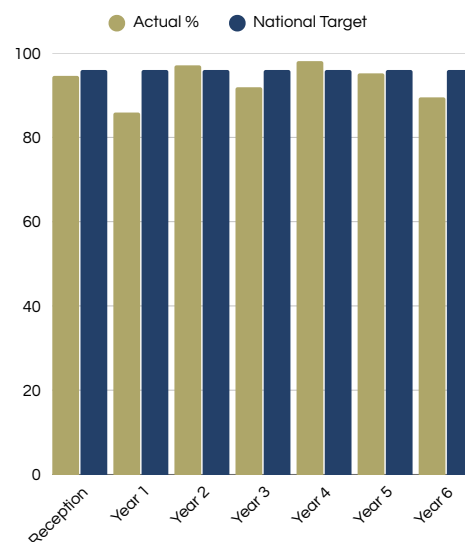
If your child suffers with Asthma can you ensure they have an asthma pump in school and an up to date Asthma plan. New forms can be collected from the office.

If you require any help logging in or using Tapestry, Marvelous Me and Arbor please don't hesitate to ask for help so that you don't miss anything.

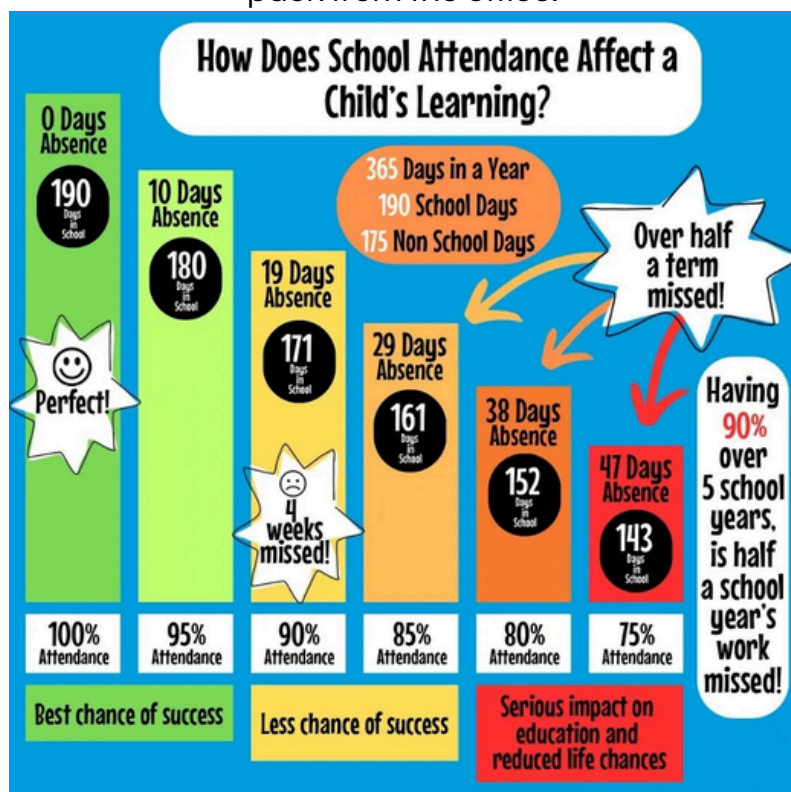
If anyone would like to volunteer at school, especially to help out with swimming walks, trips and events please collect a pack from the office.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 94%
The national target is 95%



Reading Awards



EYFS -
Year 1 - Finley
Year 2 - Davida
Year 3 - Lyla Vera
Year 4 - Addison
Year 5 - Ava M
Year 6 - Jake S



Week 1	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake Or Ham or Cheese wrap	Italian Chicken and Rice Or Jacket Potato with Beans	Picnic Day Choice of fillings in a wrap or roll, sausage rolls, crisps and veg sticks	Jacket Potato Day Choice of fillings including, cheese, beans, coleslaw, tuna and chilli	Pork sausages, chips and beans Or Vegetarian Sausage, Chips and Beans
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We are pleased to inform you that we will be working with Essex Therapy Dogs over the coming year.

We had our first visit from Ruby today and Year 1 were very happy to spend some time with her.

Ruby will be visiting regularly and we will keep you updated.



thank you!

Thank you to those that are helping with the swimming walks it is much appreciated.



We would like to say a very big thank you to Charlotte Strabrawa for donating a very long piece of astro turf in order to make a new pathway.

The area we have put the pathway gets very muddy and will help to keep little feet clean when we dismiss at the end of the day. We very much appreciate your generosity.

WHAT WE'VE been UP TO



EYFS

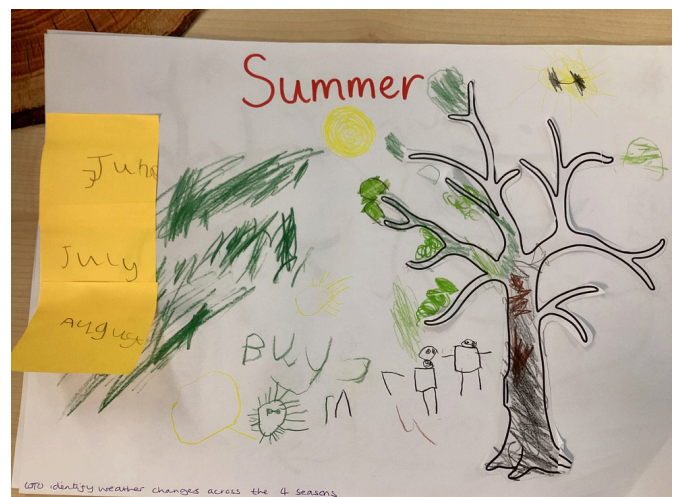
Donaldson have had a fantastic first week settling in. The first lot of photos will be posted in next weeks newsletter.

We are still waiting for a few photo permissions on Arbor. If you need help with this please speak with the office.



YEAR 1

Year 1 have been learning about the four seasons in Science so the children created tree pictures including autumn tree pictures using paint and bubble wrap!



YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning about hot and cold places on Earth. This week they used atlas's to find countries that are close to the equator.



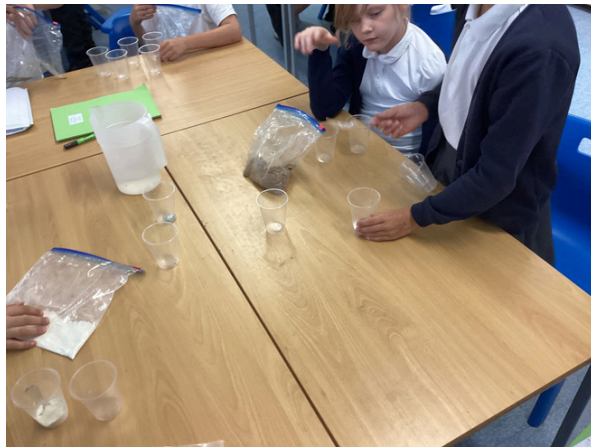
YEAR 3

We practised our knowledge of place value by becoming human place value charts! We represented numbers using counters.



YEAR 4

In PSHE, we have been looking at our health. During this lesson, we looked at how physical activity affects the body. We spoke about different choices we could make to be healthier and more active. We then had a go at being active ourselves, speaking about how we feel and what is happening to our bodies.



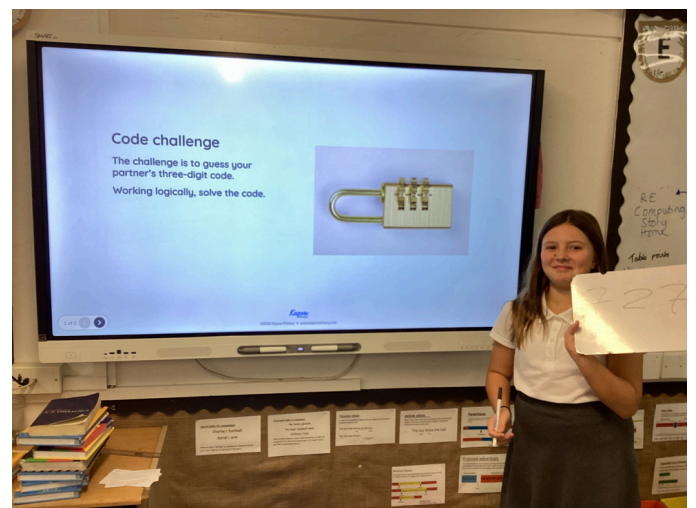
YEAR 5

This week in science Year 5 were learning about mixtures and different substances.



YEAR 6

Year 6 investigated how codes can be cracked in computing this week. They worked systematically trying different combinations and discussed why strong passwords are important for keeping information safe online.



Headteacher Tours

- Monday 28th September 9.15am
- Tuesday 29th September 9.15am
- Thursday 1st October 9.15am
- Friday 2nd October 9.15am

Mr Sands will be running Headteacher Tours of The Ongar Academy for new Parents, Carers & Students.

Please book via our website or click link below

[Book Here](#)



OPEN EVENING Headteacher Presentations at 6pm & 7pm

The Ongar Academy
Open Evening Thursday
24th September 2026
5pm -8pm

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- www.theongaracademy.org
- Fyfield Road, Ongar, CM5 0AN



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Magic Dave's Magical Mayhem!



Chipping Ongar Library

Saturday 24 October 10am and 11:15am

- Live children's magic show with professional family entertainer and magician Magic Dave
- Performance time approximately 45 minutes
- Suitable for children aged 3 and above
- Tickets £3 for all attendees; children must be accompanied by an adult. Please book via website



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Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Year 4 & 5 Swimming Starts	16.09.26		x
Wicked Theatre Trip Year 4,5 & 6	23.09.26		x
Key Stage 2 Sports Day	25.09.26 at 13:30	x	x
Key Stage 1 Sports Day	29.09.26 at 13:30	x	x
Year 6 Residential	30.09.26 - 02.10.26		x
Year 6 Visit to The Ongar Academy (During School Hours)	07.10.26		x
Flu Vaccination	08.10.26		x
Year 1 History Workshop – Toys	21.10.26		x
Year 3 WOW Day	21.10.26		x
Year 3 History Workshop - Stone Age	21.10.26		x
Year 6 History Workshop - WW2	21.10.26		x
Inset Day	23.10.26	x	x
Autumn Half Term	26.10.26-30.10.26	x	x