

Ongar Primary School Newsletter

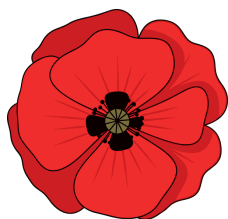
Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



We have a lot going on in the last week of half term. On Wednesday, Year 3 have their WOW day. Children are encouraged to come wearing stone age outfits.

On Thursday, it is Reception, Year 1 and Year 2's WOW day and the children are invited to dress up as Superheroes for the day.

We also have the OPC Movie and Munch on Wednesday.



This year, Ongar Primary School are getting involved with the poppy appeal and will be bringing around to classes a box of remembrance day souvenirs with a donation box starting from Monday.

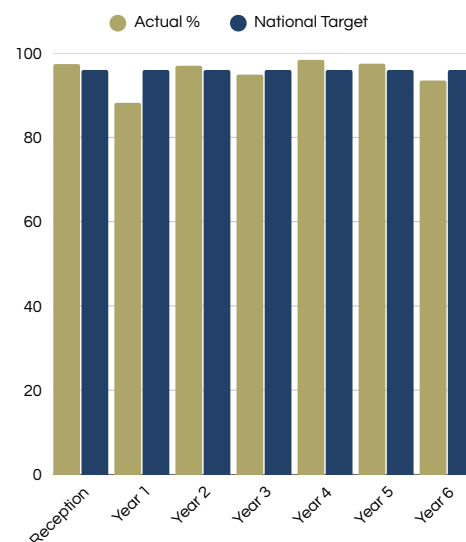
Suggested donations start at 20p up to £1 for some items. If you want your child to buy something from the appeal, please send them in with money to purchase something.



Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 96%

The national target is 95%



Reading Awards

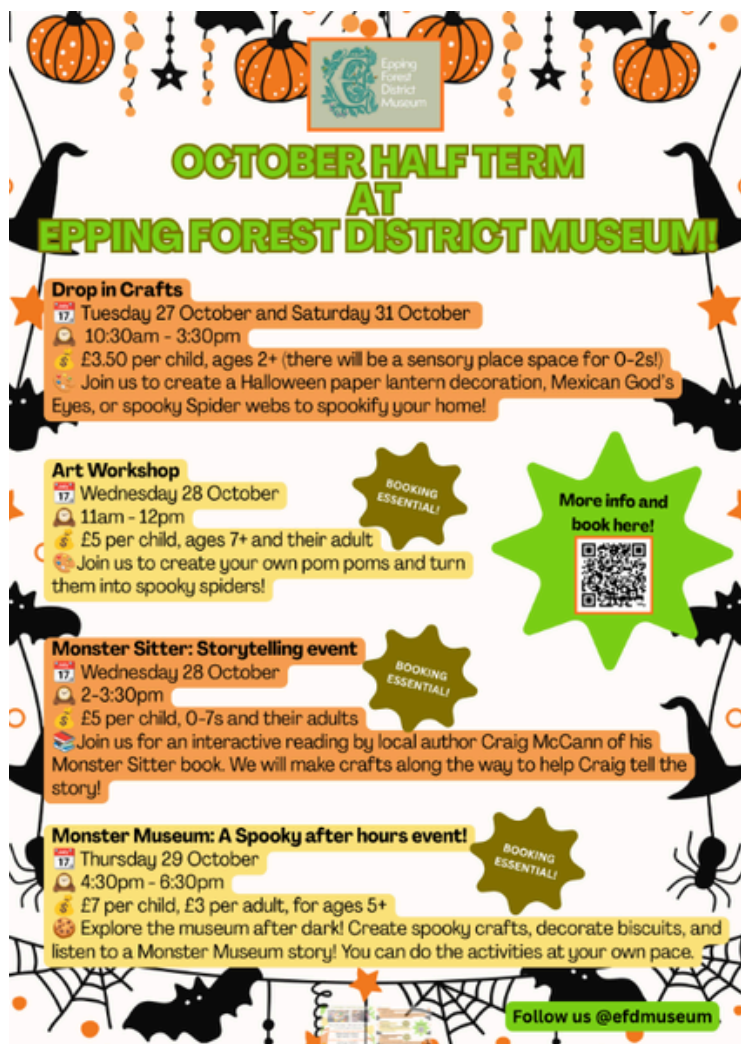
Year 4 - Lucas, Nelly, Ophelia, Dollie and Ramsay



Year R - Delilah
Year 1 - Myla
Year 2 - Arthur
Year 3 - Nelly
Year 4 - Kathleen
Year 5 - Oakley
Year 6 - Ava S



Week 2	Macaroni Cheese and Veg Sticks Or Pizza Panini	Chicken Curry and Rice Or Jacket Potato and Tuna	Picnic Day Choice of fillings in a wrap or roll, sausage rolls, crisps and veg sticks	Sausage Plait (Homemade Sausage Roll), Potato Tots and Veg Or Broccoli and Cheese Pasta Bake	Chicken Nuggets, Chips and Spaghetti Hoops Or Cheese and Tomato Pinwheels
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**OCTOBER HALF TERM
AT
EPPING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM!**

Drop in Crafts
 Tuesday 27 October and Saturday 31 October
 10:30am - 3:30pm
 £3.50 per child, ages 2+ (there will be a sensory place space for 0-2s!)
 Join us to create a Halloween paper lantern decoration, Mexican God's Eyes, or spooky Spider webs to spookify your home!

Art Workshop
 Wednesday 28 October
 11am - 12pm
 £5 per child, ages 7+ and their adult
 Join us to create your own pom poms and turn them into spooky spiders!

Monster Sitter: Storytelling event
 Wednesday 28 October
 2-3:30pm
 £5 per child, 0-7s and their adults
 Join us for an interactive reading by local author Craig McCann of his Monster Sitter book. We will make crafts along the way to help Craig tell the story!

Monster Museum: A Spooky after hours event!
 Thursday 29 October
 4:30pm - 6:30pm
 £7 per child, £3 per adult, for ages 5+
 Explore the museum after dark! Create spooky crafts, decorate biscuits, and listen to a Monster Museum story! You can do the activities at your own pace.

More info and book here!

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ONGAR PRIMARY COMMITTEE

Join us for our Annual General Meeting
 Find out what we've achieved, hear our plans for the year ahead and get involved in supporting our school.

MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER

6:30PM

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Everyone welcome!

SMALL SCHOOL BIG DIFFERENCE



Essex County Council Libraries This is a digital poster, please do not print

**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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WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

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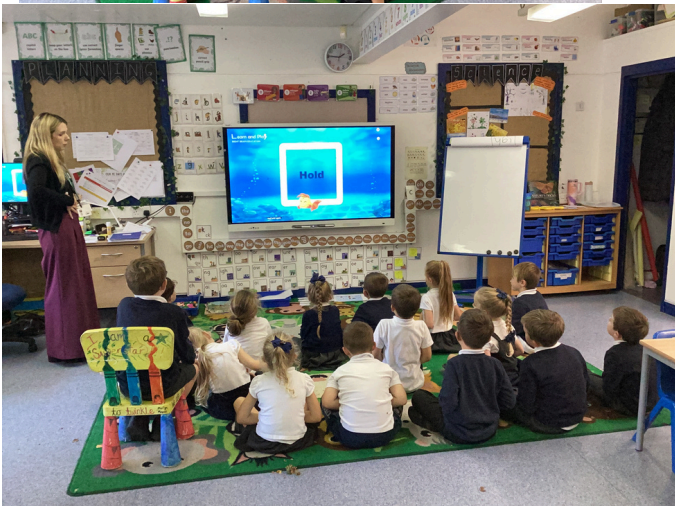


This week, our welly walk was all about our senses! We looked, heard and felt our way through the forest! Some of us even saw a pheasant!

YEAR 1



The children enjoyed listening and taking part in their 'Emotional Explorers' tasks and activities with Marion from Mind.



YEAR 2

Year 2 have enjoyed exploring colour mixing this week. They mixed primary colours to create secondary colours.

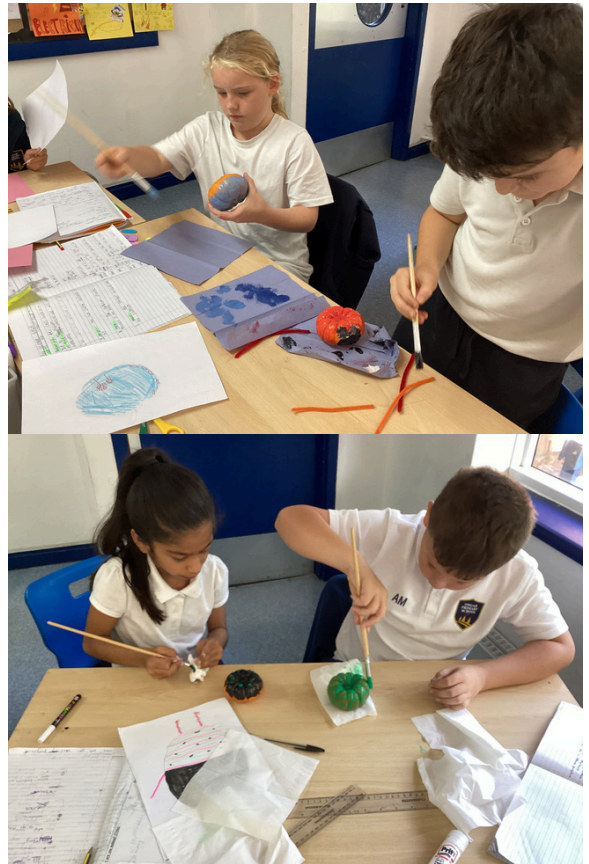


YEAR 3

Year 3 have been learning all about prehistoric art and have been busy making their own cave paintings inspired by the Stone Age.

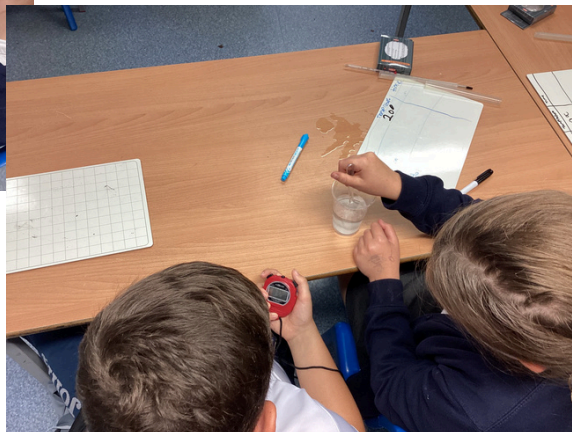
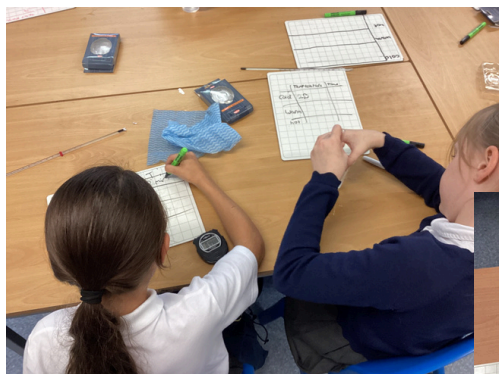
YEAR 4

In Year 4, we have been learning how to write clear and effective instructions. The children wrote their own step-by-step guides explaining how to decorate a pumpkin. They then put their instructions to the test by following them independently while decorating a pumpkin.



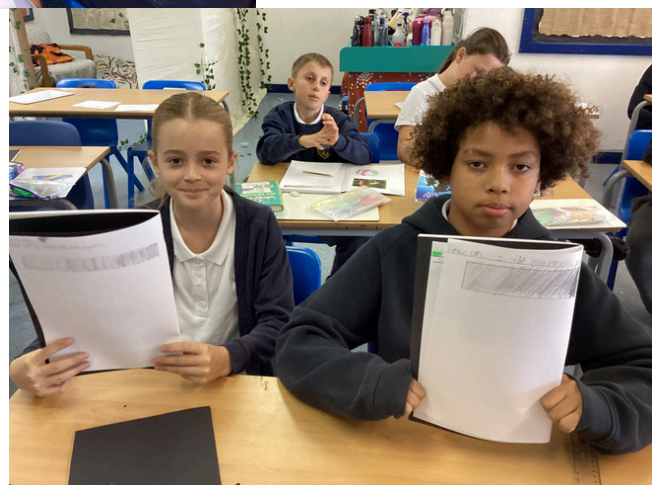
YEAR 5

This week, in science, year 5 have been looking at factors which effect the time it takes for solids to dissolve.



YEAR 6

In Art, as part of their art unit, year 6 were exploring tone. They then went onto shading pictures of flowers whilst exploring different ways create tone.



Essex Fire Museum Halloween Open Day

2026



25th and 27th of October
10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS



Book Now
Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

OCTOBER CRASH COURSE

JOIN OUR EXCLUSIVE OCTOBER HOLIDAY SWIMMING CRASH COURSE AT
GREAT BADDOW HIGH SCHOOL (CM2 9RZ) OR BLACKMORE (CM4 0LA)
5 DAYS, MONDAY 26TH - FRIDAY 30TH

- 12.1 PRIVATE LESSONS TAILORED TO YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS, WHETHER THAT BE LEARNING TO SWIM, HOW TO DIVE OR IMPROVING YOUR TECHNIQUES WE ARE ABLE TO HELP WITH ALL
- DESIGNED TO BUILD WATER CONFIDENCE, INCREASE STRENGTH AND DEVELOP SWIMMING SKILLS

Fun, engaging sessions for all ages and abilities



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Short Breaks and The West Essex
Inclusion Project before booking.



Join us!

For children aged 0-14 with SEN

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Register for a
Short Breaks
ID



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Register your
child with us



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We will
contact
you



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Your child
can be
booked on to
activities!



October Half Term 2026

Week beginning Monday 26th October

Monday

Bounce, Cycle Swim 11:30am-4pm Stewards Academy Harlow -
choose 1 for stay & play, or full day drop & go
5 day swim course begins with Comfort Aquatics at Freshwaters
Pool, 10:30 - 11am everyday

Tuesday

Nature Without Limits 10am-3pm Field Studies Council High Beech,
drop and go activity to build independence
Family Museum Visit Saffron Walden Museum 3.30pm-4.30pm
stay and play, meet the team at the museum and Disability Inclusion
Officer

Wednesday

Trampolining at Epping Sports Centre, 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Urban Limitz, Harlow, 4pm-5pm

Thursday

Interactive Games at Epping Leisure Centre 12pm-2pm
12pm start, or 1pm start, or join for the full two hours!
Drop and go or stay and play

Friday

Saffron Walden Agricultural Unit 10.30am-2.30pm
drop and go activity to build independence
Halloween with CanalAbility 11am-3pm

Sunday

Family Swim at Epping Sports Centre, 9:30am to 10:30am
stay and play, fun for all the family (only book and pay for children)

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Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Year 1 History Workshop – Toys	21.10.26		x
Year 3 WOW Day - Stone Age	21.10.26		x
Year 3 History Workshop - Stone Age	21.10.26		x
Year 6 History Workshop - WW2	21.10.26		x
Movie and Munch OPC event	21.10.26 - 3:15-5:15pm		x
KS1 & EYFS WOW Day - Superheroes	22.10.26		x
Inset Day	23.10.26	x	x
Autumn Half Term	26.10.26-30.10.26	x	x
Parents evening Year 1	02.11.26 - 3:30-5:00pm	x	x
Parents evening Year 1	04.11.26 - 3:30-7:00pm	x	x
Sports for Champions Visit	10.11.26		x
Individual & Sibling Photographs	12.11.26		x
Book Fair	12.11.26 - 17.11.26	x	x
Science Museum Trip	19.11.26		x
Duxford Air Museum Trip Year 6	25.11.26		x
Inset Day	30.11.26	x	x
Reception Nativity	01.12.26	x	x
Year 1 Nativity	02.12.26	x	x
Year 2 Nativity	03.12.26	x	x