

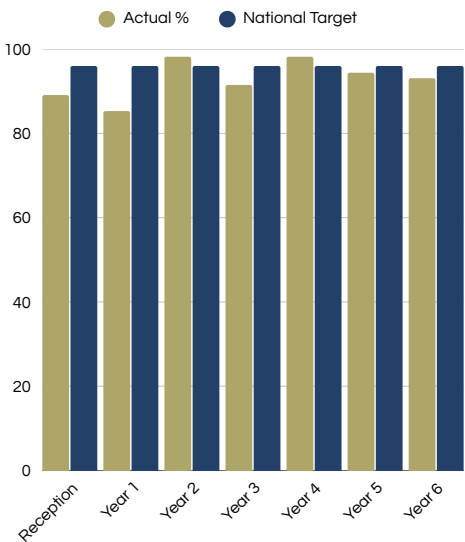
Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire



Attendance

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



Reading Awards



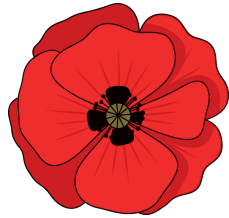
- Year R - Grayson
- Year 1 - Remy
- Year 2 - AJ
- Year 3 - Hudson
- Year 4 - Frankie
- Year 5 - Harry
- Year 6 - Florence



We have a new lunch menu after half term and a seperate email with the full menu is being sent to you. Please check the below for the first week back and be aware that wednesday is different for this week only.



Week 1	Tomato pasta (optional cheese) Or Southern fried chicken in a wrap with salad	BBQ chicken with rice Or Vegetable arrabbiata with rice	Picnic Day Choice of fillings in a roll, sausage rolls, crisps and veg sticks	Chicken casserole and dumplings Or Cheese and tomato turnover	Butchers' pork sausages, chips and beans Or Veggie fingers, chips and beans
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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.

This will run everyday until 11th November.

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.

OCTOBER HALF TERM AT EPPING FOREST DISTRICT MUSEUM!

Drop in Crafts
17 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
17 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
17 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!
17 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!
[QR Code]

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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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WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS

Lots of Halloween fun
in Donaldson this
week!



YEAR 1



Superhero WOW day!

YEAR 2

Year 2 completed learning about Diwali by making diya pots to take home.



YEAR 3

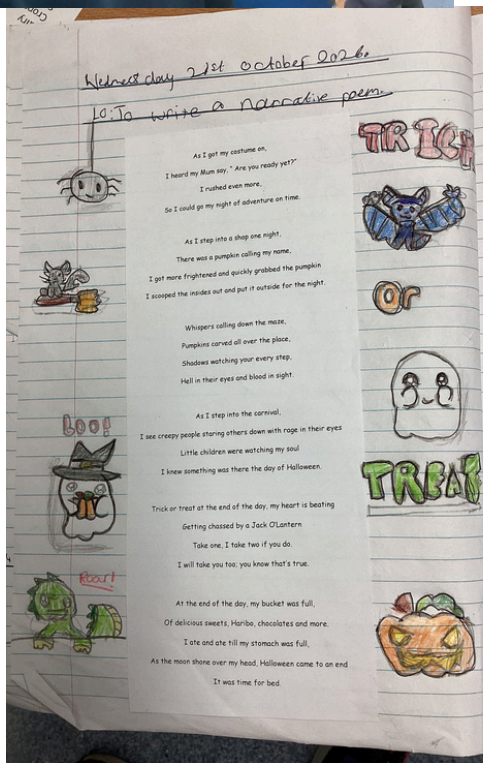
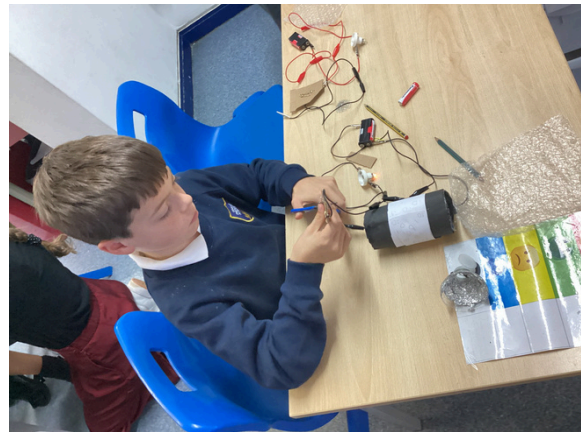
Year 3 had our stone age WOW day this week and a very special visit from the History Helper.



YEAR 4

In year 4 we finished off our DT unit this week.

The children designed and made torches using knowledge of electric circuits from our science unit.



YEAR 5

This week in English, year 5 have been studying narrative poems, as a class we wrote one about Halloween.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have enjoyed researching and learning about the Blitz this week!

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

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Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford



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Short Breaks and The West Essex
Inclusion Project before booking.



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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
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
Reception Parents Phonics Meeting	03.11.26	x	
Tag Rugby Years 5 & 6 (Selected Pupils)	04.11.26		x
Parents evening Year 1	04.11.26 - 3:30-7:00pm	x	x
Year 1 Parents Phonics Meeting	05.11.26	x	
Sports for Champions Visit	10.11.26		x
Individual & Sibling Photographs	12.11.26		x
Cross Country Years 3-6 (Selected Pupils)	12.11.26	x	x
Book Fair	12.11.26 - 17.11.26	x	x
Science Museum Trip	19.11.26		x
Duxford IWM Trip Year 6	25.11.26		x
iRock Christmas Concert	26.11.26 - 2:30pm	x	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