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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

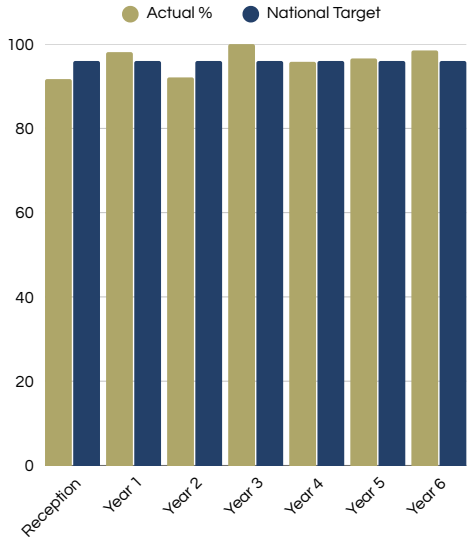
Next week marks the last week of the Spring term and we will be looking forward to an eggciting week in class and around the school.

We will also be saying goodbye at the end of the week to our amazing Catering Assistant, Eileen Brown, who is retiring after 39 years here at Ongar Primary School. She is a well loved and familiar face in the dining hall and will be missed by all of us here.

Additionally Miss Love our Year 5 teacher will be leaving on Maternity leave at the end of the week. We wish her good luck as she embarks on this new journey and we can't wait to meet the new arrival.

Attendance

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



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Reading Awards

Year 1 - Elijah, Jesse, Sophia and Harry
Year 2 - Bea and Louella

Last day of term!

A reminder to parents that the school day finishes at 1pm on the last day of term - Friday 27th March.

Please see menu below for next week as it has changed slightly.

HEADTEACHER AWARD

EYFS - Tommy
Year 1 - Whole Class
Year 2 - Albie
Year 3 - Naomi
Year 4 - Vinny
Year 5 - Felicity
Year 6 - Kayden

Menu

Week 2	Macaroni cheese or Ham panini	Pork sausages, chips and beans or Vegetarian Sausages, chips and beans	Cheese and tomato or pepperoni pizza or Ham roll	Chicken curry with rice or Jacket potato with cheese	1pm Finish

Bright Stars Wraparound Care

- Spaces available for immediate start- either regularly booked days/times or on an 'as required' basis. 24 hours notice is required of booking however we will do our best to accommodate emergency cover where space allows.
- Children can attend once we have received a completed registration form- available from the pre-school or can be emailed to parent.
- New dinner menu after the Easter holidays. Dinner is included in the price for the 6:00pm finish.

mind
for better mental health

Is your child experiencing anxiety or finding it difficult to manage big emotions? Please read the attached information from our school based good mental health support team and request support direct or speak to Sue Beardsmore, our school SENCo.

Expression of Interest Link: https://forms.gle/jshVDkW46Hb8XU8CA

WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS

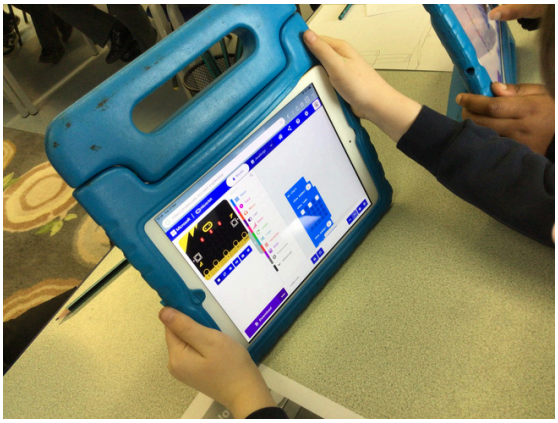
Donaldson have been learning about minibeasts and habitats.

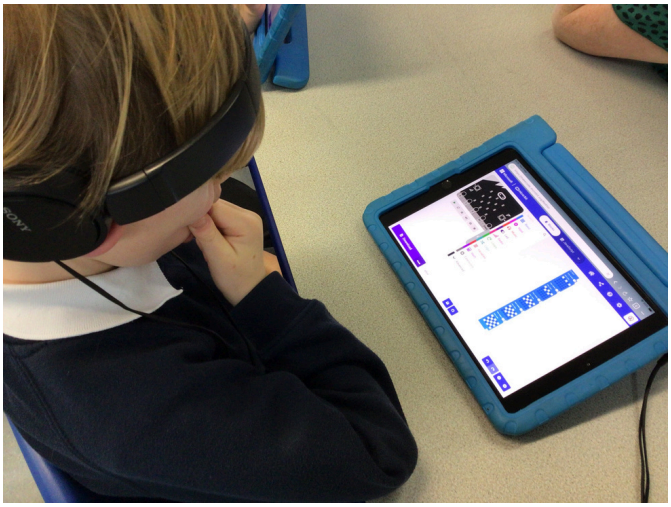
YEAR 1

Year 1 had a fantastic PE lesson with Marcus. They were practicing their listening skills as well as working as a team.

YEAR 2

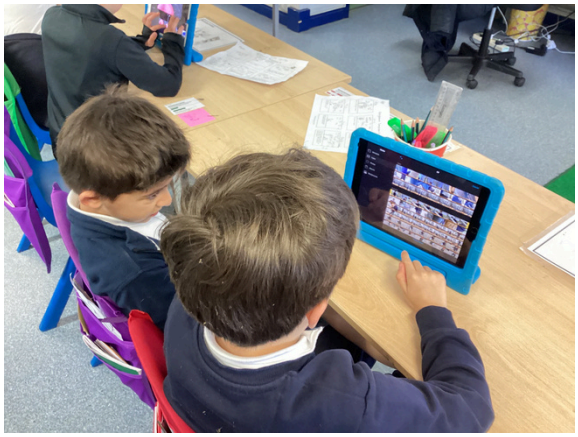
Year 2 enjoyed there computing unit this half term. They are great at programming and helping each other.





YEAR 3

This week in ICT year 3 have been working hard to film and edit their own videos.



YEAR 4

In geography we have been investigating the question 'Where does our food come from?'. This week we were researching which food comes from and grows in which countries. We then worked out how long that food takes to travel to the UK. Year 4 did well investigating this.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning how to make a stop motion animation in computing. We have seen some fantastic creations.

YEAR 6

This week, year 6 attended the internet safety assembly where they learned 5 key points on how they can stay safe when they are online.

CSSE

The Consortium of Selective Schools in Essex

11+ Selective Test

Examination Date

Saturday 19th September 2026

Registration open from 9am Tuesday 12th May 2026 until 5pm Friday 19th June 2026.

Further information can be found on the CSSE website www.csse.org.uk

Please scan the following QR Code:

To gain entry to the following selective schools **ONLY**:

- Colchester County High School for Girls
- Colchester Royal Grammar School
- King Edward VI Grammar School
- Shoeburyness High School
- Southend High School for Boys
- Southend High School for Girls
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- St. Thomas More High School for Boys
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Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Last Day of Term 1pm Finish	27.03.26	x	x
Easter Holiday	30.03.26 - 10.04.26	x	x
Summer Term Starts	13.04.26	x	x
Swimming Starts Year 3 & 6	17.04.26		x
Bank Holiday - School Closed	04.05.26	x	x