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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

I want to say a huge thank you and well done to the families of Ongar Primary School.
Our attendance has improved by 3% overall for the school year against last year. This may feel small, however this equates to over 4000 additional hours of learning for our community in this year. That is an indredible achievement and we thank you for all your efforts.
We have so much to look forward to in the rest of the Summer Term that we hope to see all of our children showing up and taking part. Look out for upcoming events being added to the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.
Next week Mon-Thurs is SATS week for Year 6, following this on Friday 15th May is a non-school uniform day chosen by our school council as a fundraising event.

FUNDRAISING IN SUPPORT OF HELP for HEROES

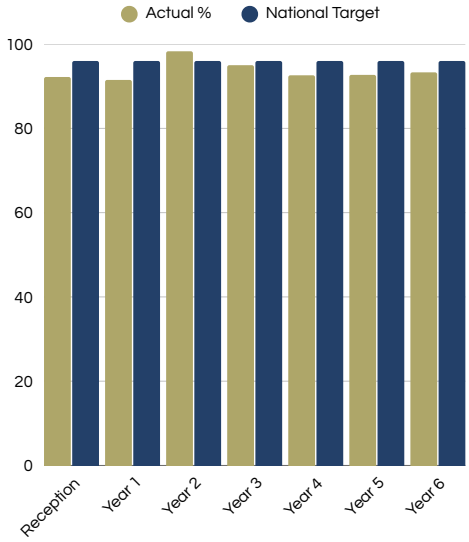
We are collecting white milk bottle lids for Help the Heroes for retired or injured services members.

They weigh the lids collected against a wheelchair and once they balance up the same amount the charity will then get given a wheelchair to go towards the charity.

If anyone can help towards this goal it will be greatly appreciated.
We can only accept WHITE lids.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 93%
The national target is 95%



HEADTEACHER AWARD

EYFS - Myla
Year 1 - Bobby
Year 2 - Albie
Year 3 - Ramsay
Year 4 - Ava
Year 5 - Oscar
Year 6 - Finley

Menu

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

Thank You!

Thank you also to the parents who are helping take the pupils to and from Swimming sessions. Your help is much appreciated!

WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS

Early Years celebrated Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday with activities inspired by his love of nature and the environment.

YEAR 1

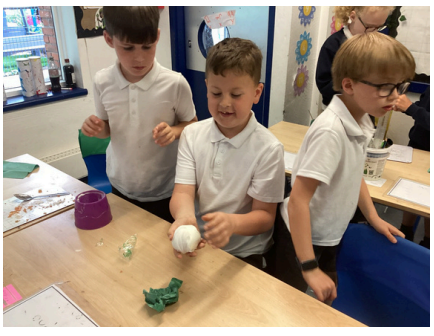
Year 1 had another fantastic week exploring paint. They used Lego to print with both primary and secondary colours.

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been learning about the clock in maths. They have enjoyed using the little clocks to make different times, they can tell the time in 5 minute intervals. Well Done Year 2!

YEAR 3

Year 3 are deep into their learning about The Ancient Egyptians and are fully immersed in all aspects of Egyptian life. This week, the children learnt all about mummification and what was believed happened in the afterlife. The class mummified tomatoes to represent the different steps taken when preserving a real body.



YEAR 4

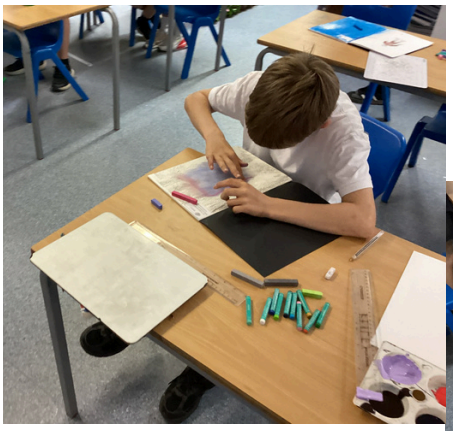
During science this week, Year 4 were recapping what vertebrates and invertebrates are.
We played a guessing game where our partner had to ask yes or no questions to work out what animal or insect was on our paper.

YEAR 5

Year 5 celebrated David Attenborough's birthday with a whole day of activities including writing narrative for some Planet Earth clips, drawing portraits and working with Year 2 to make bird feeders for outside.

YEAR 6

This week in art year 6 have been looking at the work of Fiona Rae and have been trying to replicate her style of art.



FREE PARENT COURSE

SEND IASS PRESENT THE RAINBOW PARENT COURSE

EXPLORING AUTISM TOGETHER

Rainbow 5

A six-week course delivered live online for parents / carers

This course has been developed for parents / carers who have children or young people recently diagnosed as autistic, are on the diagnosis journey, and those who wish to explore more about autism.

The Rainbow course has been written by Angie Purdy and Hazel Smee, both highly experienced specialist teachers and consultants working with families and schools supporting autistic children and young people. Check out their websites on: www.angiepurdystar.co.uk and www.autismsupportandtraining.co.uk

The Rainbow course will be delivered in the Spring Term 2026
by Angie Purdy and Hazel Smee

The course will be presented through live sessions via Zoom. Each session includes input through a PowerPoint presentation and the opportunity to share experiences, learn from each other and ask questions. A copy of the notes from the presentation are made available after each session.
Places will be limited to ensure tailored information and advice is provided.
Participants are encouraged to keep their camera on (if they are comfortable to do so).

COURSE CONTENT

Week 1 - Exploring autism – building on your understanding of your child.
Week 2 - The art of communication – understanding your child's communication skills and how to support them.
Week 3 - Being social – how to support your child's social understanding
Week 4 - Sensational senses – exploring differences in sensory processing and what it means for your child.
Week 5 - Nurturing well-being and emotional regulation – anxiety and helping your child understand how they feel.
Week 6 - Behaviour as communication – making sense of the tricky bits.

DATES FOR SUMMER TERM RAINBOW 5 - 2026

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS – 7.45pm – 9.30pm – 27th May, 3rd June, 10th June, 17th June, 24th June, 1st July.

Two family members may attend together on the same screen

Book you place or contact for any queries: iasspromotion.development@essex.gov.uk

Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Swimming Starts Year 3 & 6	17.04.26		x
Year 6 SATS Tests	11.05.26-14.05.26		x
Non-School Uniform Day	15.05.26		x
Year 4 Wow Day	20.05.26		x
Crazy Hair Day OPC event	21.05.26		x
May Half Term	25.05.26 - 29.05.26	x	x
Oliver Twist in School	03.06.26		x
Egypt History Workshop Year 3	10.05.26		x
Year 3 Wow Day	11.05.26		x
Wicked Theatre Trip Years 4, 5 & 6	24.06.26		x
KS1 Sports Day	26.06.26		x
Frinton-On-Sea Trip Years R, 1, 2 & 3	30.06.26		x
KS2 Sports Day	01.07.26		x
Year 4 Sleepover at the School	10.07.26		x