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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

Well done to all the year 6's for completing their SAT's papers this week.
Next week, Year 4 have their WOW day on Wednesday and on Thursday the OPC have organised a Crazy Hair Day.

🎉🌈 OPC CRAZY HAIR DAY – Thursday 21st MAY! 🌈🎉

Get those combs, bows, colours, and creativity ready… it's time to go WILD with hair! 🤪✨

Children are invited to come to school with their hair styled in the silliest, wackiest, funniest, or most creative way they can imagine! 🚗🐝⭐🌈

💛 Donation: £1 to be given to class teacher on the day
🍦 All money raised will go towards the children's end-of-year ice cream treat!

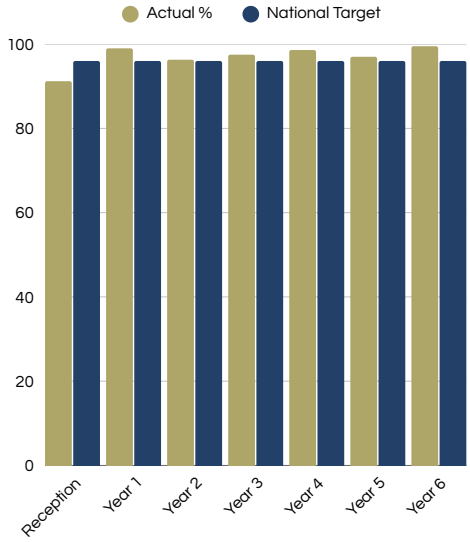
So whether it's crazy curls, rainbow colours, funky accessories, or totally bonkers styles — we can't wait to see everyone's amazing creations!

Thank you for supporting OPC and helping make this year's ice cream treat extra special! 💙

Kind Regards,
Ongar Primary Committee

Attendance

Our whole school attendance is: 97%
The national target is 95%



Reading Awards

Year 1 - Jude, Elijah & Lily
Year 2 - Gracie
Year 4 - Florence

Headteacher Award

EYFS - Isla
Year 1 - Kalin
Year 2 - Cass
Year 3 - Leo
Year 4 - Derin
Year 5 - Noah
Year 6 - All of year 6

Menu

Week 3	Tomato Pasta (Optional Cheese) Or Cheese Panini	Sweet and Sour Chicken and Rice Or Ham or Cheese Roll	Pasta Bolognaise Or Chinese Chicken Wraps	Cheese and tomato or pepperoni pizza Or Cod Goujons in a Baguette	Southern Fried Chicken, Chips and Sweetcorn Or Veggie Fingers, Chips and Sweetcorn

Frankie Walker was selected to play at the Palm Beach Soccor Academy and take part in the 18th annual Palm Beach Cup 2026. He played 2 years above his age bracket and their team made it to the final. He is has been invited back to play again next year.

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

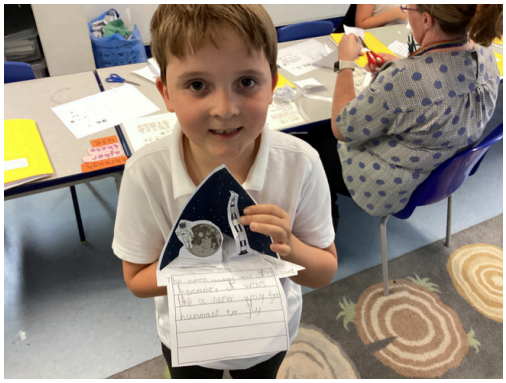
Donaldson have learning about what a coronation is and how people celebrate it.

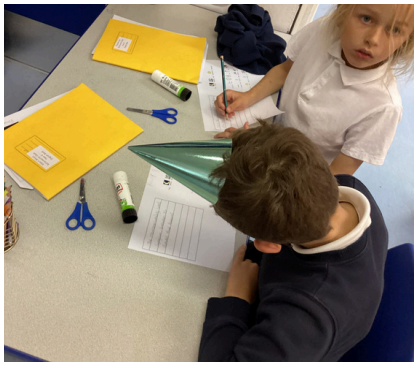
YEAR 1

As part of our Geography unit, year 1 went for a walk around our local area. The children identified human and physical features.

YEAR 2

The children have really enjoyed learning about Neil Armstrong this week. They made trioramas and wrote about why the moon landing was so significant.





YEAR 3

Year 3 have had an art filled week! Full of Egyptian themed art projects. The children have begin writing hieroglyphics onto their canonic jars, making scrolls inspired by papyrus paper and using tea bags to stain paper before painting our own mummies, pyramids and Pharaohs onto it.

YEAR 4

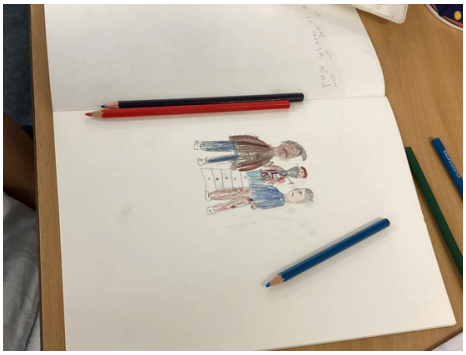
In computing this week, we made our own scratch project. We completed this by using all our knowledge and skills taught from previous lessons. All of the children had lots of fun!

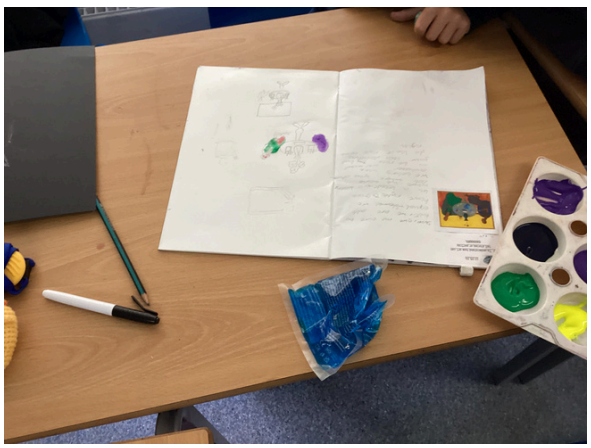
YEAR 5

This week year 5 designed their own games in English, then they went on the field to try out the rules.

YEAR 6

Year 6 have been working hard at their SATs all week but in art we have looked at a new artist called Lubaina Himid. They recreated their own versions in her style.





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 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