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# Ongar Primary School Newsletter

## Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

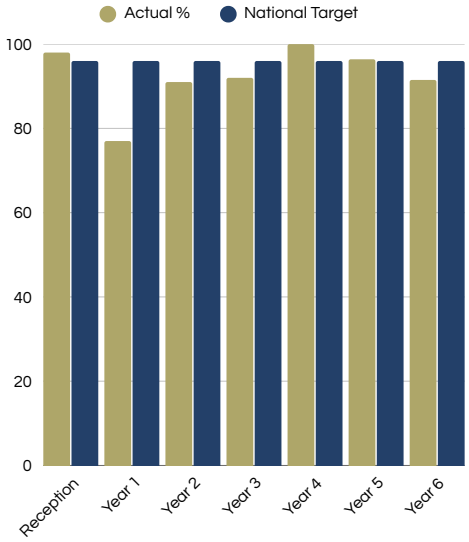
We are looking forward to a busy few weeks. Please familirise yourself with the dates for your diary section at the end of the newsletter.
This week is the last week for school-led clubs, Multisport, Karate and iRock will continue though .
Year 4 & 5 are at the Science on Thursday and Year 6 have their WW2 WOW day Friday.

Next week is filled with more trips, an iRock Christmas Concert and a Non-School Uniform day organised by the OPC.




## Attendance

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




## Reading Awards

Year 1 - Finley, Isla, Luca & Remy

Year 4 - Archie

## Headteacher Award

Year R - Olivia
Year 1 - James
Year 2 - Jude
Year 3 - Sadie
Year 4 - Ophelia
Year 5 - Jake
Year 6 - Charlie

## Menu

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| Week 1 | Tomato pasta (optional cheese) Or Southern fried chicken in a wrap with salad | BBQ chicken with rice Or Vegetable arrabbiata with rice | Jacket potato day Choice of fillings Including cheese, beans, coleslaw, tuna and chilli | Chicken casserole and dumplings Or Cheese and tomato turnover | Butchers' pork sausages, chips and beans Or Veggie fingers, chips and beans |





This week we took part in cross country. All the children did amazingly well and should be very proud!





This week we had Ottilie Robinson-Shaw a 9x world champion freestyle kayaker visit our school for sports for champions.

All the classes had great fun completing a fitness circuit with her. Well done to those children to achieved gold award for their sponsors!











# WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

## EYFS



In Donaldson class, our word of the week has been remember. We enjoyed making our own poppy art work and learnt all about Remembrance day.

## YEAR 1

This week year one have been learning how to join fabrics and designing their own puppets. Next week they will finish making their puppets adding elements from their designs.This week year one have been learning how to join fabrics and designing their own puppets. Next week they will finish making their puppets adding elements from their designs.







# YEAR 2



In science this week year 2 explored what different materials make the best umbrella.
They experimented with tissues, paper, tinfoil and plastic.







# YEAR 3

Internet Detectives!
In Year 3 the children enjoyed computer lessons looking at ways to stay safe on the internet.

# YEAR 4

In year 4 this week we started our new unit in art, of drawing: exploring tone, texture, and proportion. During this lesson we were using tone to create a 3D effect. There were lots of amazing artwork completed by the end of the lesson.









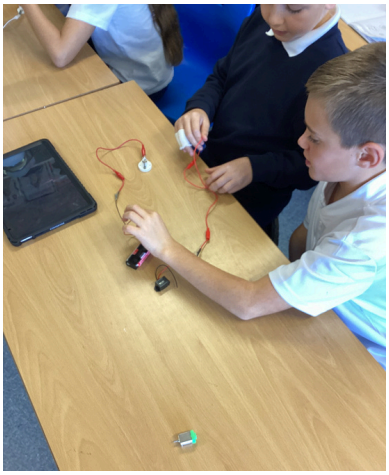


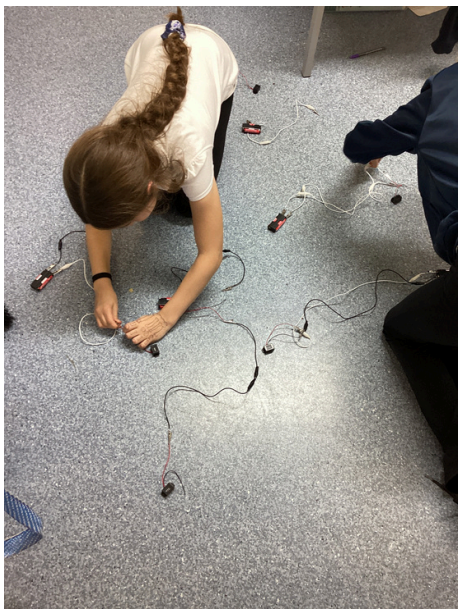
# YEAR 5

This week, Year 5 have been developing their tag rugby skills in PE, focusing on a range of ball-handling techniques. The children have worked hard to improve their passing, catching and teamwork skills through fun and engaging games.

# YEAR 6

Year 6 are enjoying their science topic on electricity, exploring how to make and test circuits using a range of electrical components.





| Diary dates | When | Parents | Children |
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| **Science Museum Trip** | 19.11.26 | | x |
| **Year 6 WW2 WOW Day** | 20.11.26 | | x |
| **Duxford IWM Trip Year 6** | 25.11.26 | | x |
| **iRock Christmas Concert** | 26.11.26 - 2:30pm | x | x |
| **Non-Uniform Day - OPC Event** | 27.11.26 | | x |
| **Inset Day** | 30.11.26 | x | x |
| **Reception Nativity** | 01.12.26 - 2pm | x | x |
| **Year 1 Nativity** | 02.12.26 - 2pm | x | x |
| **Year 6 visit to Brentwood Orchestra** | 03.12.26 | | x |
| **Year 2 Nativity** | 03.12.26 - 2pm | x | x |
| **Year 5 & 6 Bikeability** | 07.12.26 - 10.12.26 | | x |
| **Elfridges OPC Event** | 11.12.26 | | x |
| **Year 2 History Workshop - Homes of the Past** | 16.12.26 | | x |
| **Year 5 History Workshop - Anceint Greece** | 16.12.26 | | x |
| **Christmas Disco - OPC Event** | 17.12.26 | | x |
| **Last day of Autumn term 1:30pm Finish** | 18.12.26 | x | x |
| **First day of Spring Term** | 04.01.27 | x | x |

# MEET FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE MUSEUM!

Saturday 5, 12 and 19 December 2026!

**10AM – 4PM**

Come to our Victorian Christmas grotto at the museum to meet Santa, receive an age appropriate gift and make a Christmas craft!

Epping Forest District Museum

**£7.50 per child**

Book a timeslot to see Santa online at www.ticketsource.couk/efdmuseum, or call us on 01992 716882 or email us on enquiries@efdmuseum.org.uk





# ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM OPEN DAY

**Sunday 22nd of November 2026 - 10:30AM To 4:00PM**



## BOOK NOW!

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS

# SANTA AT THE MUSEUM

5TH & 6TH DEC 2026

10AM - 4PM

BOOKING VIA WEBPAGE FOR SANTAS GROTTO

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HE'S ON HIS WAY



SANTA'S 'HELI-GROTTO'

BOOK HERE

Santa's grotto and present included in normal Museum admissions fee (Event T&Cs apply)

TICKETS ARE AVAIABLE ON THE DAY*
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL
INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK

RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS AND/OR EXHIBITORS.
* QUEUE TIMES MAY VARY WITHOUT BOOKING - PLEASE ASK BEFORE PAYMENT .

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**Inclusive music, drama, and singing classes for children and young people with special educational needs or disabilities**



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