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Ongar Primary School Newsletter

Enjoy, Enrich, Achieve, Aspire

This weeks newsletter contains lots of important messages this week so please pass on to any parents or carers who may not usually see the newsletter.

Firstly we began our visits to the local library which we have not done for a few years. Year 3 were the first to go this week and they had a fantastic time and is a great way to engage children with reading in a different setting. Future visits will be as follows:

Year 2 - Wednesday 13th January
Year 1 - Wednesday 20th January
Year 5 - Wednesday 27th January
Year 4 - Wednesday 3rd February

Non-Uniform day has been changed to Thursday 26th next week instead of Friday. The OPC will be collecting donations of items for the Tombola, please see the picture below.

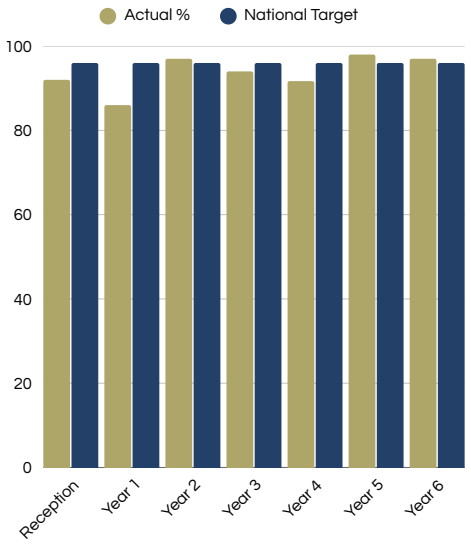
Nativity Tickets will be sent home with pupils on Monday. Each pupil will receive 3 tickets and they have an allocated day, a seperate email will be sent with more information.

Due to the busy time of year we will be sending emails about various events happening during the next 4 weeks. These will mostly be coming your way at the beginning of next week. Apologies in advance if you receive a few quite close together but please keep an eye on your inbox as we hope as many children as possible can be included throughout the school.

Lastly a reminder about school pick-up, if someone who doesn't usually collect your child is picking up please let the school office know during the day via email or a call. Teachers are unable to let children go with other adults that are not on thier list unless advised by the office.

Attendance

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



Reading Awards

Headteacher Award

Year R - Teddy Carey
Year 1 - Van
Year 2 - Elijah
Year 3 - Hunter
Year 4 - Blue
Year 5 - Ethan
Year 6 - Elliot

Menu

Week 2	Chicken alfredo pasta Or Tomato pasta	Cheese and tomato pizza Or Chicken tikka panini	Chicken curry with rice Or Sweet potato and chickpea curry with rice	Lasagna with garlic bread Or Jacket potato and tuna or beans	Chicken nuggets, chips and sweetcorn Or Fish fingers, chips and sweetcorn

OPC Events





Thursday Year 4 and 5 went on a trip to the science museum. We had lots of fun looking round the museum which brought science to life! We enjoyed a show watching different science experiments too. Everyone had a lovely day a learnt many new things.











WHAT WE'VE been UP TO

EYFS



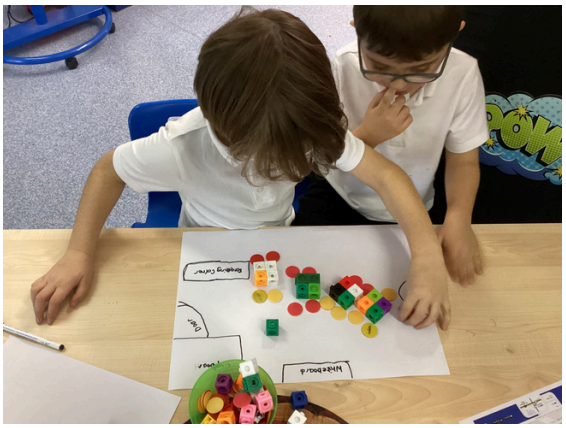
The outdoor cabin in Reception has been changed into people who help us.
This week we have been pretend firefighters and made an airport!



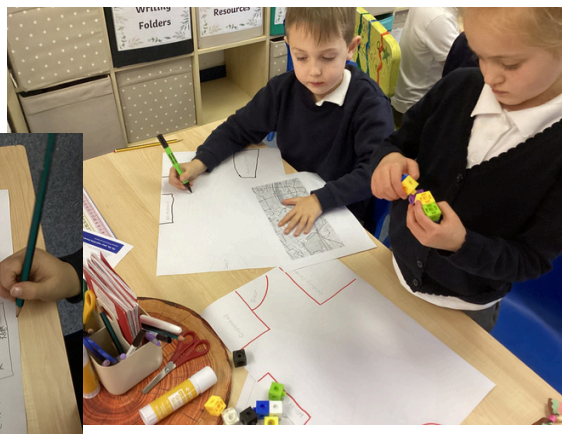


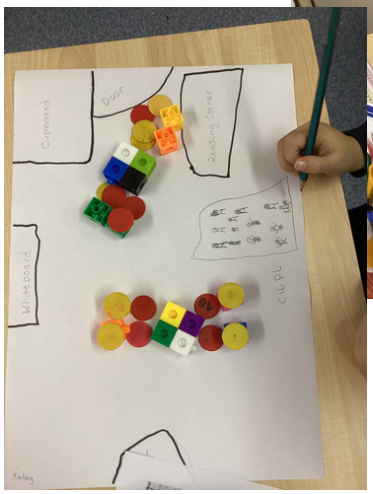
YEAR 1

This week Year 1 have been learning about where they live. They looked at aerial views of the classroom and made a map of it using different materials.

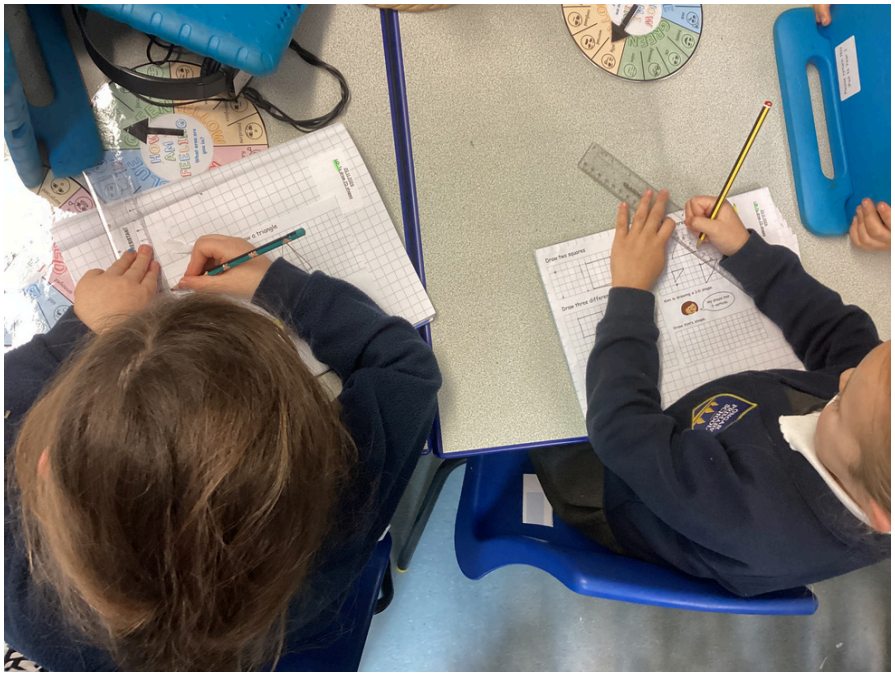






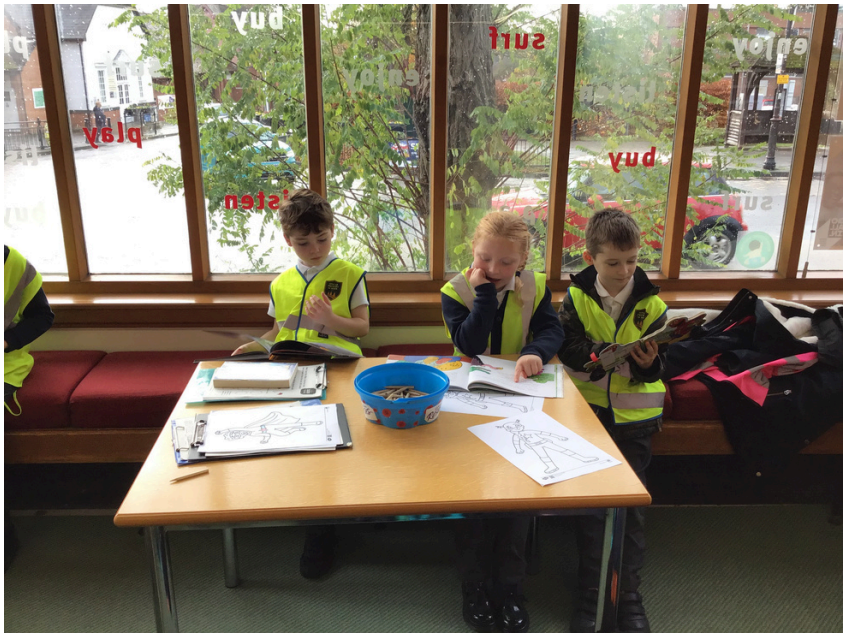


YEAR 2



Year 2 have been working hard in maths this week.

They have really enjoyed learning about shapes they particularly enjoyed drawing 2D shapes.
Well done year 2!





YEAR 3

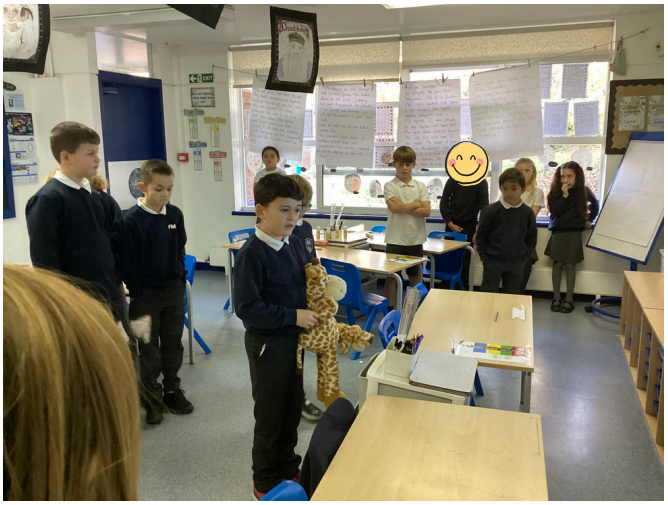
Year 3 had their first trip to Ongar Library this week.

We met the librarian and learnt about how books are organised in a library.

We can't wait to go back and take out some books in January!

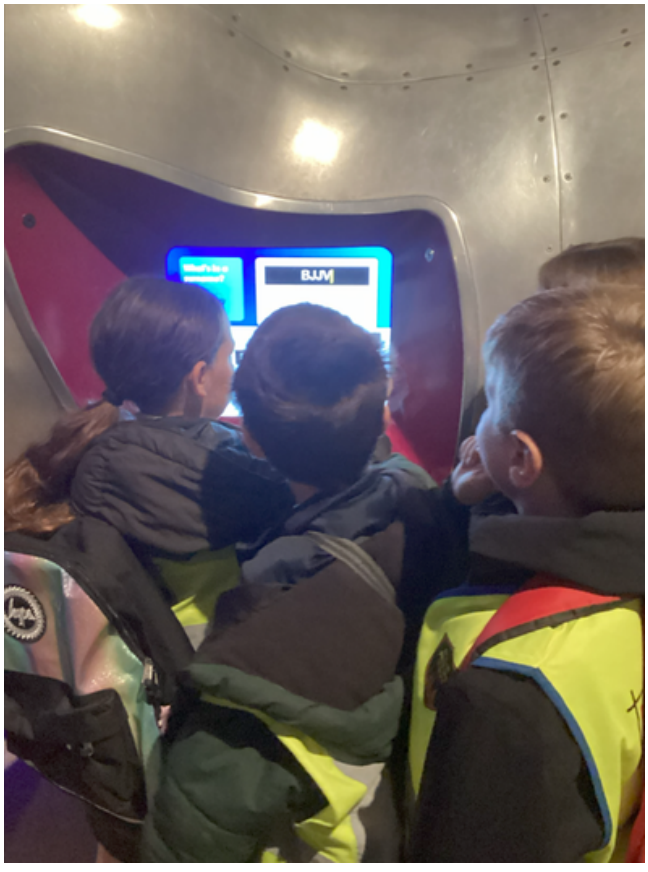
YEAR 4

In year 4 this week we were discussing what trade means and how to be fair.
We took part in a class debate discussing different scenarios and what we believe was the best option. All children had really good statements to make.









YEAR 5

On Thursday, Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the Science Museum in London, where they explored exciting exhibits and learned about the wonders of science. Highlights included the Space section, where they saw real space suits and other fascinating artefacts, as well as the spectacular Wonderlab show featuring explosive experiments such as Elephant's Toothpaste.

Diary dates	When	Parents	Children
Duxford IWM Trip Year 6	25.11.26		x
iRock Christmas Concert	26.11.26 - 2:30pm	x	x
Non-Uniform Day - OPC Event	26.11.26		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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