

High Ongar Primary School

A school to which we are proud to belong

Prospectus



Welcome to High Ongar Primary School



A message from the Head of School

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our school.

High Ongar Primary School is a friendly and caring village school where every child is known, valued and encouraged to achieve their very best. We are proud to be at the heart of our local community and work closely with families to ensure that children feel happy, safe and successful.

At High Ongar, we believe that positive relationships are the foundation of a successful school. We strive to create an environment where children develop a strong sense of belonging, show kindness and respect towards others, and grow in confidence as learners and individuals.

We are committed to providing engaging learning experiences that inspire curiosity, develop knowledge and foster a lifelong love of learning. Reading lies at the heart of our curriculum, and we work hard to ensure that every child develops the skills and confidence needed to thrive.

Beyond the classroom, children enjoy a wide range of opportunities, including outdoor learning, educational visits, sporting events, leadership opportunities and extracurricular clubs. These experiences enrich learning and help children discover new interests and talents.

We are incredibly proud of our school and look forward to welcoming you.

Stephanie Kilbey
Head of School

Part of Bridge Academy Trust



Enjoy
Enrich
Aspire
Achieve

Why choose High Ongar Primary School?

At High Ongar Primary School, we combine the warmth of a village school with high aspirations for every child. We are proud to offer an engaging curriculum, strong community relationships and a wide range of opportunities that help every child thrive.

Small School, Big Opportunities

Every child is known, valued and supported to thrive.



Excellent Teaching and Learning

Engaging lessons that develop knowledge, skills and confidence



Reading at the heart

Creating confident readers and a love of books.



Positive Relationships

Building belonging, respect and confidence



High Aspirations

Challenging every child to achieve their best.



Outdoor Learning

Learning beyond the classroom.



Our Vision

At High Ongar Primary School, we are committed to creating a nurturing environment where every child feels valued, respected and inspired to achieve their very best. Through strong relationships, high expectations and a rich range of opportunities, we help children grow in confidence, develop a love of learning and prepare for their future.



Our Mission

♥ Belonging

Creating a school where everyone feels valued and included.

☆ Aspiration

Encouraging children to aim high and embrace challenge.

🤝 Respect

Treating others, ourselves and our environment with care and kindness.

🏆 Achievement

Celebrating effort, progress and success in all aspects of school life.

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Teaching and Learning

Inspiring curiosity. Building confidence.



At High Ongar Primary School, we provide engaging and ambitious learning experiences that inspire curiosity and build confidence. Through high-quality teaching, strong relationships and high expectations, we support every child to develop the knowledge, skills and resilience needed to achieve their very best. Learning is enriched through outdoor learning, educational visits and a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom.

Class Organisation

Children learn in mixed-age classes, where learning is carefully planned to meet the needs of all year groups. This approach ensures that every child receives the appropriate level of challenge, while benefitting from opportunities to learn from one another. Our class structure is as follows:

 Ash Class
Reception

 Beech Class
Year 1 and Year 2

 Elm Class
Year 2 and Year 3

 Maple Class
Year 4 and Year 5

 Willow Class
Year 5 and Year 6

Assessment and Progress

Supporting every child to achieve their best



Teachers use ongoing assessment to identify strengths, address misconceptions and plan next steps in learning. Regular assessment helps us provide the right balance of support and challenge, ensuring that every child makes progress and achieves their full potential.

Keeping Parents Informed

Parents receive regular information about their child's progress through parent consultation evenings, reports and ongoing communication with teachers. We value working in partnership with families and believe that strong home-school relationships help children to thrive.

Statutory Assessments

Reception
Baseline
Assessment

Year 1
Phonics
Screening

Year 4
Multiplication
Test Check

Year 6
Key Stage 2
SATs

Reading at High Ongar

Opening doors to new worlds and possibilities



Reading lies at the heart of our curriculum and plays a central role in every child's journey. Through high-quality texts, rich language experiences and a love of stories, we help children become confident, enthusiastic readers.

Reading fuels imagination, builds knowledge and develops confidence.

Learning to Read

Children develop strong foundations in reading through our systematic phonics programme, Essential Letters and Sounds. Daily phonics lessons, reading practice and carefully matched books help children build fluency, confidence and a lifelong love of reading.

Reading for Pleasure

We believe that reading should be both enjoyable and inspiring. Through storytime, class novels, book recommendations and special reading events, children are encouraged to explore a wide range of authors, genres and texts.



Reading at Home

We work in partnership with families to develop positive reading habits beyond the classroom. Regular reading at home supports children's fluency, comprehension and confidence whilst helping to nurture a lifelong enjoyment of books.

Reading across the Curriculum

Reading underpins learning in every subject. Carefully chosen texts help children develop vocabulary, deepen understanding and make meaningful connections across the curriculum from history and geography to science and the arts.

Personal Development and Pupil Leadership

Developing confident, responsible and ambitious young people



At High Ongar Primary School, personal development is an important part of every child's journey. Through leadership opportunities, enrichment activities and participation in the wider life of the school, children develop confidence, responsibility and the skills they need for the future.

Every child should have opportunities to contribute, lead and make a positive difference.

Pupil Leadership



Head Pupils

House Captains

Playground Leaders

School Council

Sports Leaders

Clubs & Enrichment



Drama

Harmony

Multi Skills

Music

Netball

Developing confident, responsible and active members of our school community.

Community Links

At the heart of our village and connected to a wider community

As a village school, High Ongar Primary School is proud to be at the heart of its local community. Through strong partnerships with families, Friends of High Ongar, local organisations and Bridge Academy Trust, children enjoy a wide range of opportunities that enrich their learning and create lasting memories.



Bridge Academy Trust Public Speaking

Developing confidence, communication skills and the courage to share ideas.



Supporting the Shoebox Appeal

Working with our local church community to help others and make a difference beyond our school.



Friends of High Ongar Colour Run

Bringing our school community together through fun, fundraising and memorable experiences.



Celebrating Diversity

Learning about different faiths and traditions from members of our wider community.

Joining our School

Everything you need to know about daily life at High Ongar



School Day

Gates open: 8.35am
Learning starts: 8.45am
Break: 10.30am
Lunch: 12pm
School finishes: 3.15pm



School Uniform

Royal blue jumper, cardigan or fleece
Pale blue polo top
Grey skirt, trousers or shorts
Plain, dark shoes



School Meals

Children may choose a hot school meal or bring a packed lunch.
Universal Free School Meals are available to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.



Attendance

Good attendance supports learning, wellbeing and achievement.
We work closely with families to ensure every child attends regularly.

Admissions

Reception admissions are coordinated through Essex County Council. Our Published Admission Number (PAN) is **20 pupils per year group**. Mid-year application forms can be downloaded from our website. We operate a waiting list for all year groups where places are oversubscribed.

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We look forward to welcoming you to High Ongar Primary School!

A photograph of three children in a classroom. In the foreground, a girl is writing in a notebook with a yellow Staedtler pencil. Behind her, a boy in a blue school uniform looks off to the side. Another boy is visible in the background, also in uniform. The scene is brightly lit, likely from a window. The text 'High Ongar Primary School' is overlaid in white, bold font, with a horizontal line underneath it. Below the line, the text 'A school to which we are proud to belong' is written in a smaller, white font.

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