

Rangers Report

17th October 2025



'Growing and learning together, to be the best we can be'



Inspire, Challenge, Enjoy, Engage

Diary Dates



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| 24th Oct | STEM challenge day |
| 27th—31st Oct | HALF TERM |
| 6th Nov | Individual school photos |
| 10th Nov | Year 2 trip to Sea City Museum |
| 11th Nov | Year 1 trip to Milestones |
| 25th Nov | Year 2 Titanic day |
| 26th Nov | Praizin Hands Christmas Assembly—children only. |
| 1st Dec | Year R Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 2nd Dec | Year R Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 8th Dec | Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 9th Dec | Year 1 Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 15th Dec | Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 16th Dec | Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm |
| 17th Dec | Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch Day |
| 18th Dec | Christingle at St Marys (children only) |
| 19th Dec | Last Day of Term—Finish at 1.15pm |

INSET DAYS 2025 /2026

Monday 3rd November
Friday 13th February
Monday 15th June
Friday 3rd July

I sat on the Best Seat in the House



Mrs Charles is proud of me!

Best Seat in the House Awards

Year R

Rabbits

Deer

Foxes

Year 1

Robins
Mya-Rose

Owls

Oscar

Hedgehogs

Kyris

Year 2

Woodpeckers

Leo

Badgers

Olivia B

Squirrels

Finn

Headteacher

Welcome to our first monthly Rangers Report and what a busy month we have had! Firstly a BIG thank you to you all for your donations to our Harvest Festival. The Basics Bank were very grateful for all of your donations. I would also like to thank all of the parents who attended our Y1 phonic workshops and to those who attended the 'Welcome to Year R' meeting earlier in the month. Your support is always appreciated and a 'Thank You' to the staff for their preparations behind the scenes. It has also been really good to see so many of you attend our recent parent evenings and meet with your child's class teacher. If you have not been able to do so, then please contact the school to arrange a mutually convenient time to catch up either face to face or by phone.

I can hardly believe that we are racing towards the half term break – this first half term has flown by! We have an Inset Day on Monday 3rd November so school will begin for the children on Tuesday 4th November. We will all soon be preparing for Christmas!

Next Friday 24th October the children will be taking part in a STEM day in school with lots of fun and first hand experiences linked to science, technology and the environment – be sure to ask your child what they have enjoyed!

I hope you all have a great half term when we get there and that the sun shines for us all!



Half Term Poppy Project – This year we would like to encourage you and your child to create a poppy to display in school as part of the Remembrance Day reflections. There are lots of ideas you can use, including a paper plate poppy, a plastic bottle poppy or hand print poppies. Please bring your poppy into school for creating a display by Friday 7th November. We look forward to receiving your creative poppies!

New Entrants September 2026 – If you know of anyone in our community who has a child due to start school next September please encourage them to sign up for a presentation and quick tour. All the details can be found on our website or by contacting the school office



Inset Day Reminder – Just a reminder that our next Inset Day of the year is on Monday 3rd November so please do not send children to school this day!

Many thanks to Miss Humphrey who applied for a grant from The Jerusalem Trust. This has been awarded and we will spend the grant money on RE resources for the school. Many thanks to The Jerusalem Trust for this money which will be put to great use.

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Thursday Club runs after school on Thursdays in Bees room. We have had a good first few weeks, colouring, playing in the role-play cafe, and using playdough. It has been relaxing and creative!. If you think your child is eligible for Thursday Club and might like to join, please contact the office.

Mrs Wilson, Miss Humphrey and Miss Martin.

Stop and Stay Reads – After half term we will be discontinuing our Stop and Stay reads in all our year groups. We have made this decision due to operational needs of the school and also as parents are supporting children with their reading so well at home! We would like to thank all of you who have supported this and would encourage you to continue to read with your child at home. Thank you



Inconsiderate Parking – It always saddens us as a school when we receive communications from our neighbours around the school site complaining of inconsiderate parking, rudeness and blocking pavements. This does not reflect well on our school. Please could we respectfully ask that parents and carers are considerate of our school neighbours and park with consideration and treat our neighbours with courtesy. We have received a high volume of complaints and these have also been reported to the police and the council by those living in the adjoining roads.

SPIA news



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our first colour run before the summer holiday. Your generous donations and sponsorship raised over £900 for our school! We're already planning a bigger and better event for next year, so we would love to hear any feedback of how you think the event could be improved.

We will be running a bake sale next Monday, 20th October. Please can donations be dropped off to the SPIA team at the library, (year 1 playground) on Monday morning. We will also be selling a selection of pre-loved uniform. Both cash and card payments will be accepted (please note there is a minimum £1 charge for card payments).

If you have any pre-loved uniform, this can be donated at any time to the school office.

Over the half term break, we will be running a pumpkin decorating competition. Templates and instructions will be sent home next week. Entries will need to be returned to school by Friday 7th November with a 50p entry fee. A winner from each year group will be selected to win a small prize, plus all entries will be entered in to a draw to win a £15 Entertainer voucher.

Christmas card proofs were sent out last week, please contact the school office before the deadline if you have any difficulties accessing your child's art. The deadline for orders is Wednesday 22nd October.

We are always looking for volunteers to join the SPIA team, to be able to continue to deliver events for the children to enjoy. If you would like to find out how to get involved please contact SPIA or the school office.

We have had a busy time in year R learning all about bears. The children have enjoyed learning how to mix colours to make brown and pink and have worked so hard to paint a picture of Mrs Clarke's teddy bear.

In their writing they have been practising listening to the sounds that they hear in words and writing the letter that goes with them. They enjoyed learning how to write a list for a teddy bear's picnic using their taught sounds. In phonics we have now learnt 13 letter sounds and the children have been allocated their first reading book on Bug Club. In their maths work they have been looking at size and looking at practical problems that involve using the vocabulary biggest and smallest and heaviest and lightest.

We have also been talking about healthy food and how to make a sandwich in preparation for our teddy bear's picnic next week. They have absolutely loved making pretend sandwiches and after reading 'Bears don't eat egg sandwiches' and 'The disgusting sandwich' they have made some interesting combinations.

With the good weather the children have also spent lots of time outside on the balance bikes and in the shop.

We can't believe the children have almost completed their first half term at school! Thank you for such a fantastic attendance at parents evening and for all those ticks in the reading diaries. We are all really pleased with the progress the children have made over this half term.



This month in Year 1 has been a delight! We have done and learned so much!



We have had two outdoor learning sessions, setting up two longitudinal studies on rainfall and how trees change, as well as learning about how animals move and hunt and how to create our own maps.

In DT, we have made our cous-cous salads by cutting apples, peeling cucumbers and grating carrots, they were so tasty!



In English we have been writing rhyming sentences using the books Shark in The Park and Oi Frog! as well as learning more about the alphabet with Animalphabet.



In Maths, we have been exploring UK money, including setting up our own shops in our classrooms and how to partition single-digit numbers.

We are having so much fun and we are really looking forward to seeing what Autumn 2 brings!

Thank you for keeping up with reading 4x a week, it is such an important way to bolster your children's reading ability and allows them to access so much more of the curriculum, we appreciate you working with us on this!

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you when we return on 4th November.

The Year 1 Team.



Year 2

We are so proud of how quickly the children have settled into the routines and expectations of Year 2. They have shown such enthusiasm and maturity in their learning already!

A big thank you to everyone who came along to our Book Look on Monday. We hope you were as proud as we are of the fantastic effort the children are putting into their work. Thank you also to those who attended Parents' Evening this week. We really appreciate your continued support — working together makes such a difference to your children's success and happiness at school.

Here's a roundup of what we've been up to recently:

- ✎ Writing character descriptions of Little Red Reading Hood and the wolf.
 - 📄 Creating our own versions of the poem What is Pink? by Christina Rossetti.
 - 💰 Adding and subtracting money — we can now add 10p, 20p, and some of us even 50p to an amount! We've also been practising adding a single digit to a two-digit amount.
 - 💻 Editing our typing by changing font, size, and colour.
 - 🎨 Painting the River in Bishopstoke in a beautiful pointillism style.
 - 🎵 Learning musical terms such as ostinato and composing our own music, which we then recorded using pictures.
 - 🗺️ Exploring key places in the United Kingdom and creating our very own maps.
 - 📖 Learning how Hindus remember Krishna, one of their gods.
 - 🔍 Investigating porous and non-porous materials, and thinking about how this affects the materials used for building, like in the story of The Three Little Pigs!
 - 🌳 In outdoor learning we have been making birds nests linked to our science learning and making a-frame shelters to drink our hot chocolate in.
- It's been a busy and exciting few weeks in Year 2, and we can't wait to see what the children achieve next. Thank you, as always, for your continued support

