

Rangers Report

December 2025



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



Inspire, Challenge, Enjoy, Engage

Diary Dates



12th Dec	SPIA—Christmas Trail 3.30pm—5pm
15th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm (Woodpeckers and Squirrels FIRST NAMES A-I)
16th Dec	Year 2 Christmas Performance 2.30pm (Badgers and Squirrels FIRST NAMES J-Z)
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
5th January 2026	Return to school for the SPRING term
4th Feb	Y1 maths workshop for parents—9am-10.15am
5th Feb	Y1 maths workshop for parents—9am-10.15am
6th Feb	NSPCC maths day
12th Feb	Y2 hike with parents—1pm
16th-21st Feb	HALF-TERM
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Whole School Book Look
17th March	Parents Evening—3.30pm –6pm
19th March	Parents Evening—3.30pm-6pm

INSET DAYS 2025 /2026

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
Dylan
Deer
Arthur
Foxes
Elodie

Year 1

Robins
Jack
Owls
Chloe
Hedgehogs
Elza

Year 2

Woodpeckers
Phoebe
Badgers
Safia
Squirrels
Fenn

The last few weeks in school have seen Christmas arrive, with all the fun and excitement that this brings! Our Year 2 children had a fantastic Titanic Day, fully immersed in first hand experiences. We have also had our Year R and Year 1 children's Christmas performances, they really brought the spirit of Christmas into school. The children were fantastic and we all enjoyed the singing and dancing to all the parents and carers who attended this. We are looking forward to our Y2 performances next week. We also really enjoyed our children performing in their end of term Rock Steady concert – the talent from the children was brilliant! Our choir performed at the Anchor Retirement Village for their Christmas light switch on, we are very proud of them.



Christmas Trail – I would like to say a BIG thank you to SPIA and our staff team for supporting the Christmas Trail this year. They have worked really hard to make this an enjoyable, festive occasion!

Christmas Jumper Day – This year our Christmas Jumper day will be on Wednesday 17th December which is the same day as our Christmas Lunch! Your child can wear any festive jumper over their school uniform. We look forward to seeing lots of lovely jumpers!



Christingles – We will once again be making Christingles with our children this year and celebrating this. Please could we ask that you provide your child with an orange for this and the school will be providing the rest of the resources to make them. Please send your child in with an orange on Thursday 18th December. The children will then bring them home after this service.

End of Term - We break up on Friday 19th December and we are inviting you to collect your child at 1.15 from your child's classroom in the usual way. Term will begin on Monday 5th January 2026!



Volunteers WE NEED YOU!

Stoke Park Infant Parent Association (SPIA), need parent volunteers to help us run, plan and enjoy events. This might be ten minutes of your time or an hour, whatever you can spare.

We need you to help us with events that help support our school and fund projects that government funding cannot stretch to.

Any time you can offer any services you can volunteer will be gratefully received.

Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events and message us.

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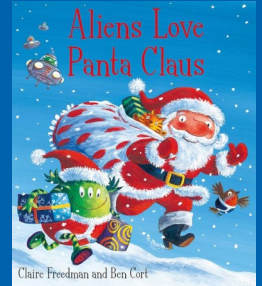
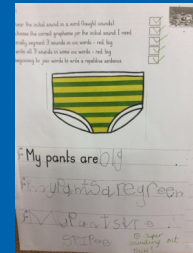
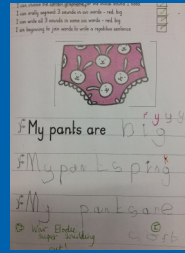
Email us to offer your support: SPIA@stokepark-inf.hants.sch.uk

What a busy few weeks we have had in December! The children have loved their Christmas party role play and have enjoyed pulling pretend crackers, dressing up and writing cards.



They rehearsed and performed their Christmas Concert with fantastic energy, beautiful singing and amazing dancing. They have enjoyed learning about Jesus' birth and re enacting the Christmas story with the figures of the Tuff tray.

In their writing they have enjoyed the story Aliens love Panta Claus by Claire Freedman and Ben Cort and have written about their own pants!



written about

In their maths work they have been exploring the composition of 5 and finding all the possible combinations. We like them to have automatic recall of their number bonds to 5 by the end of the year so please use any opportunity at home over the holidays to practise this. You can start by using concrete objects such as 3 potatoes and 2 carrots, 4 potatoes and 1 carrot etc and then move recalling them by saying the first number and then asking what goes with it to make 5 so they can say 5 and 0, 4 and 1, 3 and 2, 2 and 3, 1 and 4 and 0 and 5.

Thankyou for all your support with their reading and phonics this term. I'm sure you'll agree that they children have made exceptional progress and we have so many readers already.

If you are stuck for ideas for gifts from Father Christmas then think about getting some magnetic numbers and letters and a small magnetic board so they can practise ordering numbers or making bonds to 5 or word building with the letters as we do at school. Our theme after Christmas is Who is your superhero? and we read lots of Supertato books by Sue Hendra and Paul Linnet and of course Superworm by Julia Donaldson. Simple colouring books also help develop their fine motor skills as do Lego sets.

We wish you and Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.





As we come to the end of our Autumn term, we want to take a moment to reflect on what an incredible journey this first term has been. It's been a time of getting to know each other, building friendships, and adapting to new routines together. The children have shown such enthusiasm and resilience as they explored new subjects and embraced the exciting opportunities that Year 1 brings.

We've enjoyed joining clubs, discovering new interests, and even stepping back in time during our history trip to Milestones. One of the highlights of the term was our magical Christmas performance—what a joy it was to see the children shine on stage!



This term has been filled with laughter, learning, and countless wonderful memories. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and the positive, caring community we've built together.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We wish you and your families a joyful Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to all the adventures the Spring term will bring!

Warmest wishes,
The Year 1 Team

Year 2

We started the half term visiting Sea City – which was a great day out! This trip was incredibly useful in supporting our History topic on Titanic. We have had a fantastic half term learning about the Titanic; where it was built, the journey from Southampton and the disaster that followed. We have thought a great deal about who was to blame and why did the unsinkable ship inevitably sink. We even had a great day dressing up; taking part in a drama workshop, looking at an artefacts trunk and Morse Code!

In DT, we have learnt different types of stitching, then designed and made our own Christmas tree decorations, using either a running or over-stitch.

We have been using Scratch Junior to code algorithms to create stories or pathways for a character or object against a background.

Throughout our RE learning, we have looked at the traditional Christmas Nativity and different types of angels. We have also spent a lot of time learning our Nativity songs and been practising our actions and words. We hope you enjoy our Nativity next week!

In Outdoor Learning, we have been practising basic orienteering skills and made sketch maps around the grounds, which will prepare us for next term's hike!

We have learnt a Christmas dance during PE, as well as focussing on balance and how we use sports equipment balancing on one leg.

Our Maths learning has been a consolidated our understanding our number place value; knowing the sequence of numbers and using jottings, number lines, unstructured number lines, bar models and cherry models to partition numbers and solve mathematical word problems.

We have recapped all our lower case and capital letters throughout our Kinetic Letter Handwriting sessions and continue to apply this during our English and Phonic sessions. We have revised all of our Phase 5 Phonic Sounds, remembering to segment and blend unknown words but also applying our phonic understanding to spelling words. We have written newspaper articles and a diary entry, using various texts to support and inspire our writing.

We are incredibly proud of how hard the children have worked this half-term and what they have achieved. There will be new topics for us to look at in the new year, alongside spellings to revisit and reading to continue with at home.

We thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

The Year 2 Team

