

Rangers Report

February 2026



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



Inspire, Challenge, Enjoy, Engage

Diary Dates



16th-21st Feb	HALF-TERM
5th March	World Book Day
6th March	Whole School Book Look
9th March	Year 2 Parents Meetings—1.30pm-4.30pm
10th March	Year 1 Parents Meetings—1.30pm-4.30pm
11th March	Year R Parents Meetings—1.30pm-4.30pm
19th March	Parents Meetings—3.30pm-6pm
27th March	Decorate an egg for Easter
30th March— 10th April	EASTER HOLIDAY
4th May	BANK HOLIDAY
12th May	Year R ~ Family lunch
13th May	Year 1 ~ Family lunch
14th May	Year 2 ~ Family lunch
15th May	Year R trip to Longdown Activity Farm
18th May	Squirrels ~ Great Fire of London showcase—2.45pm
20th May	Badgers ~ Great Fire of London showcase—2.45pm
21st May	Woodpeckers ~ Great Fire of London Showcase— 2.45pm
22nd May	Whole School Book Look
25th—29th May	HALF-TERM

INSET DAYS 2025 /2026

Monday 15th June

Friday 3rd July

Headteacher

We have now come to the end of the first half of the Spring term and what a busy half term it has been. There have been lots of fantastic highlights and the children have really enjoyed and engaged in all the opportunities. Yesterday our Year 2 children went on a 'Hike' into the woods, it was so good to see the enjoyment and fun that they had and to see so many parents enjoying it too! A big thank you goes to all the team who supported this, but a special mention must go to Miss Perkins who worked so hard to ensure its success. Last week everyone across the school enjoyed the NSPCC numbers day, again all the children had a great time exploring maths including finding lots of ducks! It was also great to see so many parents attending our maths workshops in Year 1 and Year 2 – we hope you found this informative and helpful. A BIG thank you to Mrs Kniola for organising all the maths activities last week! Our Early Years children had a great Superhero's day and we saw lots of real life and fantasy heroes in the school. A big thank you to all the Early Years team for ensuring this was so successful! !

I hope that you all have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all on **Monday 23rd February**. Fingers crossed for good weather so we can all get out and about.



Water Bottles – We have noticed an increase in the number of children who have squash in their water bottles. School policy is that children have water only unless there is a medical reason and this would require a letter from a medic to show this need. Water is the healthiest option for children and there are many studies to show this and also that squash in a bottle can damage children's teeth. We would ask for your support with this. **Please could we remind parents that all children should have a clear water bottle – thank you.**

Water Proof Coats – As a school we aim to get children out to play in all weathers as play is such an important part of the school day. We are very excited to be working in partnership with OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) to improve our lunchtime play offer to children. As part of this we are asking that **all** children have a fully waterproof coat that they can wear outdoors so that they can fully embrace playtimes. Whilst many children have coats they are not always waterproof and this can inhibit play. Companies like Regatta, Mountain Warehouse, Trespass have great waterproof coats for children at a reasonable price. Thank you for supporting this.



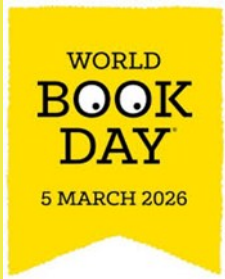
Parents/Carers Meetings – This term we will be offering an opportunity for parents/carers to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss progress and reports. We will be offering afternoon appointments as well as evening appointments to widen our offer, the appointments will be 10 minutes. There will be one afternoon per year group for appointments or one evening for all year groups. The afternoon appointments will run from 1.30pm to 4.30pm and the evening appointments will run from 3.30pm to 6.30pm Parents/carers can choose **one** appointment that works and will be able to book on via Arbor. Please look out for the message nearer the time to book your chosen time. The dates are as follows:

Monday 9th March – Afternoon appointments for Year 2 classes

Tuesday 10th March – Afternoon appointments for Year 1 classes

Wednesday 11th March – Afternoon appointments for YR classes

Thursday 19th March – Evening appointments for all year groups



World Book Day – Thursday 5th March is World Book Day and to celebrate this we are asking that all children 'dress as a word' on that day. You could dress as a vet, an apple, a cat...etc, the possibilities are endless! We look forward to seeing how many 'words' we get. Look out for a scholastic link nearer the time for £1 voucher to put towards a book. The children will take part in many book themed activities on the day.

Decorate an Egg – Every year at the end of the Spring term we encourage parents/carers and children to celebrate Easter with different themes. This year it is 'Decorate an Egg!' We are asking children (and families) to decorate an egg in any way that you would like! Please bring the decorated eggs in on the final day of term – Friday 27th March. We look forward to seeing your eggcellent creations!





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.

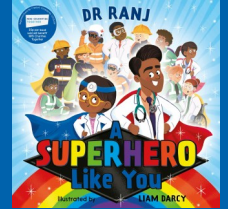
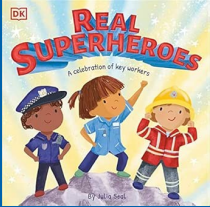
Please follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with events and message us.

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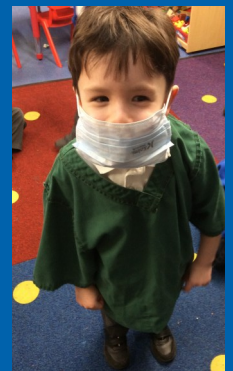
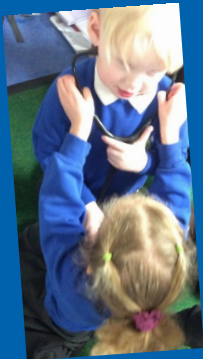
Email us to offer your support: SPIA@stokepark-inf.hants.sch.uk

This month, we have continued exploring our topic; 'Who is your superhero?'

It has been a February full of facts! The children have enjoyed learning about the different jobs that our 'real life' superheroes do to help others. They then used this information in their writing job. They have been writing sentences - They can help us. They help us get better. They help the pets.



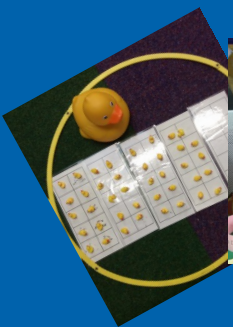
The children have been so lucky to have a veterinarian and doctor visit them. They loved trying out all of the gadgets and trying on the uniform. They prepared some questions to ask and they were very respectful and listened carefully to the answers they were given. The most popular questions were; Why did you want to become a vet? What animals do you help?



Have you always wanted to be a doctor?

They then continued the role of a doctor and vet in our role-play area.

We had a great time taking part in the NSPCC Number Day! The children took part in a range of number focused activities,, such as; collaging a numeral, estimating how many sweets they think are in the jar and we finished the day by taking part in the domino challenge with the whole school!



The children have worked so hard this half term and have now learnt all Phase 2 and 3 sounds! Please remember to give your child the opportunity to show off their reading skills at home too.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year R Team



Year 2

What a busy but fun half term we have had in Year 2!

The children have really enjoyed this half term, learning about first aid, healthy eating, good dental hygiene, mountain ranges, creating collage pictures, and compass and orienteering skills.

We have finished our second English journey of the half term, learning the skills needed to write a set of instructions about how to wash an animal, based around the text *How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth*. We learnt that we had to use time words such as first, next, and after that to begin an instruction. We then had to be really bossy using imperative verbs such as scrub, brush, and lift. Some of us were able to use an adverb to add more detail, such as carefully scrub or slowly brush, and even add a warning too, for example, be careful that the animal doesn't shake and get you soaking wet!

In maths, we have been learning about fractions, shading in $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$, and $\frac{2}{4}$ of a shape. We learnt that $\frac{2}{4}$ is the same as $\frac{1}{2}$. We are now experts at telling the time too! Most of us can tell the time to o'clock, half past, quarter to, and quarter past. Some of us were even able to tell the time to 5-minute intervals such as 10 past 5 or 25 to 8. Please keep practising this over half term if you get time. We would also really love it if you continued practising your 2, 5, and 10 times tables. Some of you may even challenge yourselves to learn your 3 times table too, this knowledge will really help after half term when we begin dividing amounts in maths.

After five weeks, we have finally finished our art pictures. We were really proud of how much effort everyone put into them, carefully showing depth by placing tall trees in the foreground and much smaller trees in the background.

In computing, we have been focusing on how to stay safe online. We learnt what a digital footprint is and why we should never share our personal information online.

A huge thank you to everyone who managed to come on our class hike! It was lovely to use the woods right on our doorstep to finish our topic, *Healthy You, Healthy Me*.

Time for a rest now, have a lovely half term!

