

Rangers Report

March 2026



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



Inspire, Challenge, Enjoy, Engage

Diary Dates



- 19th March Parents Meetings—3.30pm-6pm
- 27th March Decorate an egg for Easter
- 30th Mar—10th Apr 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
- 19th June Sports Morning
- 22nd June Arts Week ~ Nature Theme
- 26th June Exhibition of Art Work
- 30th June Transition Day
- 21st July Year 2 Leavers treat
- 22nd July Year 2 leavers picnic and parent celebration
Finish at 1.15pm for the summer

INSET DAYS 2025 /2026

Monday 15th June

Friday 3rd July

Headteacher

This half term is flying by and we now only have two weeks until the end of the term- it is a short half term, but we have packed a lot in!

All the children really enjoyed World Book Day and it was great to see so many amazing 'words' that the children dressed as and to share the books the 'words' were in! The children enjoyed all the activities they took part in on the day. A BIG thank you to Mrs Clarke for leading this day. Hopefully you have all spent your book voucher!

This week our choir took part in the Wyvern Vocal Festival, singing with other local schools and performing at Thornden School. The children were absolutely amazing and such a credit to the school. The songs they had a range of songs and they sung on the evening with such enthusiasm and enjoyment; we are all so proud of them. A BIG thank you must go to Miss Bettridge and Mr Gordon-Smith who had led the choir this year and to Miss Bettridge and Mrs Wilson who supported them in the workshops and the evening of the performance. Thank you to all the parents/carers who have supported the children and were able to come and watch the performance.



OPAL - We are really excited about launching OPAL next term and transforming our lunchtime offer. We are grateful for the donations we have received so far! Please continue to bring in any 'loose part' donations and drop them in the car park in the marked OPAL drop-off area.

Parents Evenings – Just a reminder that we will be having our Parent Evening meetings later this term on Tuesday 19th March. If you have not signed up then please go onto Arbor to book an appointment.



Thank you to Mr Henriët, and Utilita for organising and donating equipment and furniture to the school. It is very much appreciated.



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!

SPIA news



Raisins for a Reason: Support Our School

We want to tell you about something yummy and fun!

We are having a raisin fundraiser.

Starting on 23rd March, you will get a packet of raisins to take home.



Please enjoy the yummy raisins and then fill the boxes with any Pennies or Pounds.

Boxes will then be collected back in School on the 13th April.

The class that returns the most boxes will get an extra treat.

27th March, SPIA Craft Event

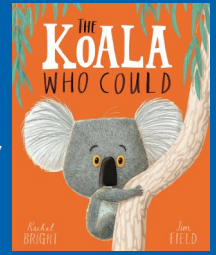
SPIA will be in the Playground with a small Spring craft to enjoy.





This half term, we have started our new topic; 'All creatures great and small'.

The children have enjoyed exploring the text drivers, 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr and 'The Koala Who Could'. By Rachel Bright.



Our Geography has linked closely to the text drivers, learning about tigers and their habitats and we are now learning about Australian animals.



This half term, we have continued using our senses in outdoor learning! We looked for birds nests around the school and then collected a range of natural materials to make our own!



We had a great time taking part in World Book Day! The children shared their books with each other, designed a bookmark and found their 'word' in their chosen book and had a go at writing it.

We were lucky to have Year 2 to come and read with us during the afternoon. We listened to stories and enjoyed a biscuit and hot chocolate!

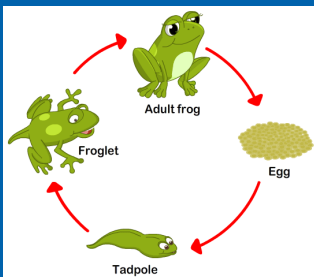


This was a fantastic way to celebrate the power of reading.

Please remember to give your child the opportunity to show off their reading skills at home too.

As part of our Science learning, we are focussing on 'lifecycles'.

We are very excited that we have frog spawn in our classroom! When we had returned back to school after the weekend, we noticed that we have some tadpoles! We have been fascinated at the changes that we have seen in such a short amount of time.

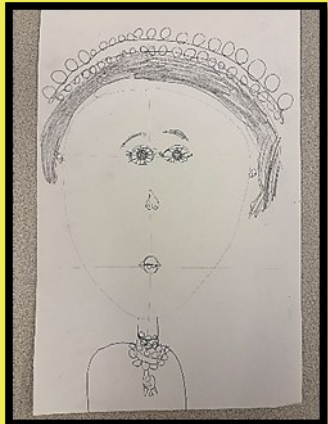
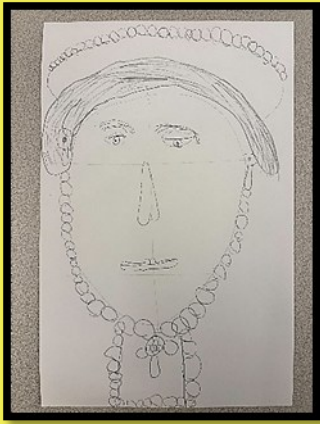
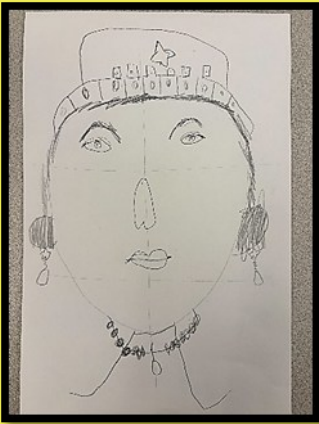
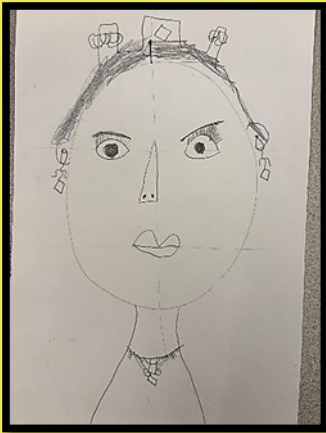


Thank you for your ongoing support,

The Year R Team

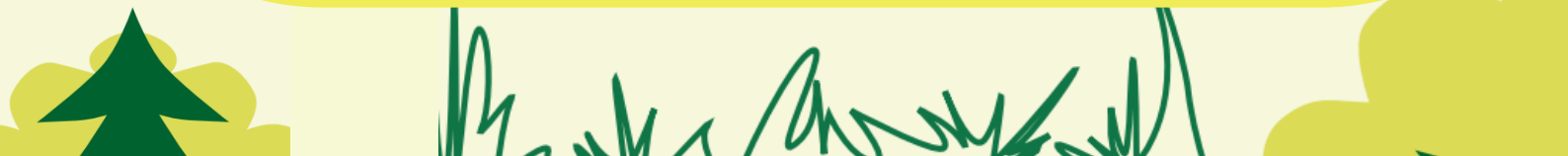
Year 1 have been working incredibly hard in our portraits unit in Art this half term. The children have been learning all about drawing faces, focusing on proportions, shapes, and the placement of key features. They have shown wonderful concentration and care as they practised sketching eyes, noses, mouths, and the outlines of their faces.

Over the next two weeks, we will be moving on to the painting stage of our portraits. Children will be learning how to mix colours, match skin tones, and add details to make their royal portraits truly stand out. We can't wait to see how regal their queens will look once each masterpiece is complete!



Royal Day – Wednesday, 25th March

To celebrate the end of our history unit, we will be holding a Royal Day on Wednesday 25th March. Children are warmly invited to come dressed as royalty—kings, queens, princes, or princesses—and enjoy a day filled with themed activities. This special day will bring our learning to life and give the children a fun and memorable conclusion to our topic.



Year 2

Welcome back to a busy and exciting second half of the spring term! The children have come back feeling refreshed and ready to learn more exciting and wonderful things. By now, we hope you have all received your child's school report, which was emailed to you. We are so proud of how hard every single child is working.

Thank you also to the many families who made such an effort to dress as a word last Thursday for World Book Day. We had some amazing costumes and books come into school!

This half term we are continuing our Healthy You, Healthy Me theme by focusing on Florence Nightingale, a famous nurse who changed nursing for the better. We have been learning about her life and plotting significant events on a timeline. The classes were shocked and disgusted to learn what conditions were like in Scutari Hospital during the Crimean War. Thankfully, we no longer have rats running around our hospitals and we have proper beds to lie on!

We also looked at the life of Mary Seacole, another famous nurse who went to help soldiers on the battlefield in Crimea. This week in history we have been discussing who was the most significant — Mary or Florence. Many of us decided it was Florence because she was remembered by more people and became very well known when she returned to Britain. Her work also led to important changes in hospitals.

We have continued thinking about Florence Nightingale in English too. We have been practising using so, because and and to make our sentences longer — although some of us needed reminding to only include one of these in a sentence, otherwise it becomes too long! We have also been using plenty of un- words such as unclean, unhygienic and unpleasant, as well as -er words such as cleaner, sicker and kinder.

In maths we have been using bar models to help us divide and to find the missing number in a number sentence, for example:

$$_ + 13 = 18 \text{ or } 24 - _ = 16.$$

In science we are learning all about animals. We have been categorising them and learning about their life cycles and life spans. We discovered that the larger the animal, the longer it often lives. We were then able to predict the life spans of a range of animals.

In computing we are using our typing skills to send emails to fictional characters through Purple Mash. We have talked about how Purple Mash is a safe space to email because it is monitored. Children are able to log in to Purple Mash from home too if they would like to practise.

In RE we have been learning about the Easter story and why it is important to Christians. Next week we have a puppet theatre show coming into school, which will also focus on Easter.

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for parents' appointments. It was lovely to chat with many of you on Monday and we look forward to speaking with more of you on Thursday.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

