

Rangers Report

May 2026



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



Inspire, Challenge, Enjoy, Engage

Diary Dates



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| 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—3pm |
| 25th—29th
May | HALF-TERM |
| 26th June | **Sports Morning—Please note change of date** |
| 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

What a busy month we have had since the last Rangers Report!

Our OPAL lunchtimes are going really well and the children are enjoying all the different play opportunities. So far we have been really fortunate with the weather!

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Family Lunches this week, it was great to see so many of you and thankfully we were able to avoid the rain.

Earlier in the month a number of our Year 2 children played in a friendly football match with Fair Oak, our children played really well and showed excellent team spirit. Thank you to the staff who supported this match.

Our Year 1 children went on a Geography walk to see all the Bluebells in the woods, again their behaviour was exemplary! We were also so impressed with the observational drawings they did of the Bluebells.

Today our YR children are visiting Longdown Dairy Farm and I am sure they will have a fantastic trip too!

CHANGE OF DATE - SPORTS MORNING

Please note that due to the SPIA colour run taking place after school on Friday 19th June we have made the decision to change the Sport morning—it will now take place on Friday 26th June during the morning. Further details will be sent out after half-term.

Book Look— next Friday at 3.00pm— please to come to your child's class to see the children's books.

Holiday Requests – Please can we respectfully remind you that holidays in term time will not be approved as this are not classed as exceptional circumstances. We have seen an increase in these requests. Your child's education is extremely important, and missed school time can be difficult to make up.



Colour Run!

Early bird ticket sales end this Sunday, 17th May, so if you haven't already, now's the time to sign up!
Tickets are available at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-GB/ticketing/summer-fayre-2>.

'Fund-Raisin'

A big thank you again to everyone who returned their raisin boxes after Easter. We collected £251!

Pre-loved uniform

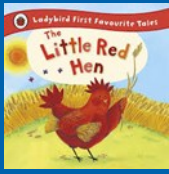
Our stock of preloved uniform is running low, if you have any outgrown logo jumpers, cardigans or PE kit, SPIA would be grateful for any donations. Pre-loved uniform can be dropped to the school office at anytime, there will also be drop off bags at the Year 1 & 2 entrance tunnels and Year R gates on Friday 22nd May.

Frozen Fridays

Weather permitting, we will be selling ice creams on the Year 1 playground every Friday after school.
Cash and card payments accepted.

We have had a wonderful start to Summer 1 in Year R and the children have been busy learning through stories, play and hands-on activities.

In Literacy, we have been focusing on The Gingerbread Man and The Little Red Hen. The children enjoyed listening to different versions of each story and discussing the similarities and differences between them. We explored what the characters might be thinking and saying and used our imagination to retell the stories through role play, acting and writing.

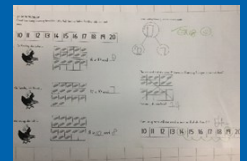
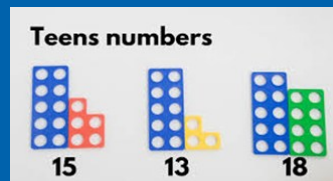
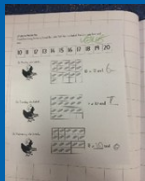


We were also surprised when the Little Red Hen left us some special instructions! The children worked hard to read and follow the steps carefully and learnt how to make their very own bread. Unlike the cat, dog and duck in the story, we decided it was much kinder to help the Little Red Hen and as a reward, we all got to enjoy eating the delicious bread!

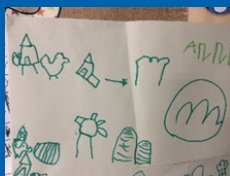


In Maths, we have been learning all about 'teen' numbers and exploring how they are made. We have been practising partitioning numbers, understanding for example that 13 is made of 10 and 3.

The children have also been working hard on counting confidently to 20 and beyond. Inspired by The Little Red Hen, we helped count her bread while exploring one more and one less. We have had lots of fun using Numicon to represent and build number bonds to 10, with many children challenging themselves to combine numbers to make 20 too!



In Geography, we explored the story Rosie's Walk and learnt how to draw maps. We discussed the important information maps need to include to make them as accurate as possible. The children enjoyed mapping out the story and then using their creativity and knowledge to design and create their very own maps.



In Science, we have been learning about heating and cooling. We explored what it means to freeze and melt and discussed why these changes happen. The children particularly enjoyed watching water freeze into ice and then observing carefully as the ice melted again.

What a fantastic half term we have had! We are so proud of all the children and cannot wait for even more fun and exciting learning in Summer 2.

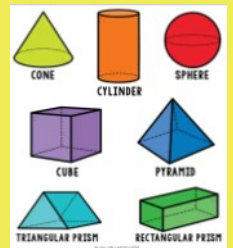
The Year R team

In Year 1, the children have been working incredibly hard and continue to make us very proud everyday.



In English, they have been enjoying writing their own versions of Jack and the Beanstalk, using their creativity to reimagine the story.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, as well as exploring position and direction.



In Computing, the children have begun coding using Scratch Jr, developing their early programming skills in a fun and engaging way.

In Geography, we recently enjoyed a local area walk, where the children identified and discussed physical and human-made features in their environment (a big thank you to the parent volunteers who supported us on the walk!).



We are also preparing for the Phonics Screening Check, which will take place in the w/c 8th June 2026. The children are working hard and making excellent progress. We will be sending home a little optional homework over half term for you to practise with your child if you wish—your support is greatly appreciated.

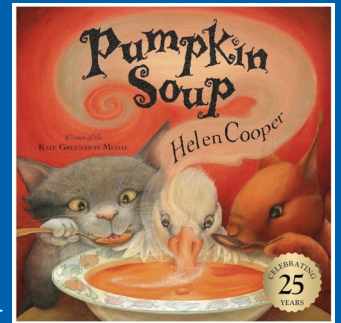
Please, let us know of any planned absences that week.

For more information go to [Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

Year 2

What a great half term we have had, with so much wonderful learning happening!

In writing, we are now focusing on the book Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper. You can listen to the story using this link: <https://youtu.be/ha9U6sr1GcI?feature=shared> We are learning to write a letter to Duck from either Squirrel or Cat. We have been thinking carefully about how these characters would be feeling and using 'branch' and 'trunk' vocabulary. For example instead of using the word 'sad' we have been encouraging the children to use words such as unhappy, gloomy or heartbroken. We have really noticed that our spelling is improving. Thank you to all of you who practise this at home, it really is making a difference. All the words the children need to spell correctly from memory are at the front and back of their reading diaries.



In maths, we have moved on to place value this week, and next week we will begin addition and subtraction. This week, we have been looking at how to partition two-digit numbers. For example, 45 could be partitioned into $40 + 5$, $30 + 15$, or $20 + 25$. To increase fluency, the White Rose 1-Minute Maths app is great for your children to play on. Just keep an eye on them challenging themselves rather than choosing the easier games!

We have also been busy in class making our water cart designs come to life. We have been sawing dowel to make axles for the wheels and working out how to attach them to our boxes.



Some of the beans that we planted are really growing. We have been looking carefully at the seed coat cracking and the embryo shoot appearing. Some of us even have well-developed stems and leaves.

We cannot wait to show you some of our learning at our showcases next week:

- Squirrels – Monday at 2:45pm
- Badgers – Wednesday at 2:45pm
- Woodpeckers – Thursday at 2:45pm

We hope to see you there!

