

3rd October 2025

Remaining dates and events for Term 1

Harvest service – Friday 3rd October, 2.30pm

Come and join us **TODAY** for our Harvest service. The children will be sharing what they have learnt about this important time of year.

Thank you for helping us by donating to Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank – a list was sent out earlier this week from the school office. Please do not worry if you are not in a position to be able to do this. All children will have an item to contribute during the service.

Photographs – Thursday 9th October

All children will have their photographs taken both individually and in sibling groups. If you have any children who are younger than school age they may also get involved – please bring them into the school hall at 8.30am.

Parent / teacher meetings – 14th and 15 October

This is the first of two sets of parent / teacher meetings which are due to take place this year. You should now have received a communication from your child's class teacher through Class Dojo to set up a meeting time directly. We aim to speak with every family over the course of these two evenings so please do make every effort to attend and find out how your child is getting on in school. If you cannot attend in person please let the school know so that a phone call can be arranged instead.

Outdoor learning morning – Wednesday 22nd October

We aim to spend the whole morning learning whilst outside. We believe this is an extremely important way for children to learn and has a positive impact on mental health. Please ensure your child has a warm coat and wellies in school that day.

Staffing news

Miss Bishton

As you will be aware, Miss Bishton is expecting her first baby on 3rd November. She has made the decision to commence her maternity leave slightly earlier than expected. Her final day at Rangeworthy will now be on **Friday 10th October**. We wish Miss Bishton all the best and look forward to meeting the baby when she arrives!

Office update

Following interviews earlier this week, Mrs Emma Elliott was successfully appointed to the role of administrator at Rangeworthy. She will begin as soon as all paperwork is complete; we look forward to introducing her to the wider school community. We'd like to thank Mrs Nutting for her fantastic work in the office and wish her well as she takes on more hours for Severn Federation Academy Trust as it continues to increase the number of schools it is working with.

Attendance – every day counts

Attendance targets

Our current attendance target for all children at Rangeworthy is **95%**. I am pleased to let you know that we are currently meeting that target as our whole school attendance stands at **95%**. Thank you all for your commitment to helping your child shine by ensuring they are in school and on time every day.

Illness

We recognise that children do sometimes become unwell, that this is normal and sometimes they cannot attend school as a result. The NHS has developed a useful guide to help determine whether or not your child should attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> If you are unsure, we would always encourage you to send your child to school and we will send them home if anything changes during the school day.

Term time holidays

Schools are unable to authorise any term time holiday. Please find information about penalty notices linked to absence on the link to the website:

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=CwcSEdfvh0g>

Medical appointments

We encourage families to attend medical appointments outside of school hours. Where this is not possible, **we now ask that an email is sent to the school office which shows the appointment text, email or letter received.** This will help us to keep track of the sorts of appointments children are attending during school hours.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we strive for the highest possible standards for all children at Rangeworthy.

Pupil premium

Your child may qualify for pupil premium funding if your household income meets certain criteria. This funding can then be used to support the school with its work to raise standards for all. If you think you might be eligible, take a look at the South Gloucestershire Council website or speak to the school office:

<https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw>

December dates

Children in Robin Class (Reception – Year 2) will take part in a Christmas Nativity on **Thursday 11th December, 2pm**. You are invited to join us in the school hall for this short performance.

Children in Kingfishers (Y3 – 6) will be preparing a Christmas pantomime for you to join us for, too. This will take place on **Wednesday 17th December, 2pm** in the school hall.

Our Christingle service will be open to all families on **Friday 19th December, 2.30pm** at the church.

Monitoring school progress

The school continues to strive to do its best to ensure all children make excellent progress in their learning. To check on our progress as a school, various monitoring activities take place to keep us moving in the right direction. Sometimes this is carried out by members of staff within school and at other times visitors are welcomed into school to carry out monitoring, too.

This week Mrs Wilson met with an adviser from English hub and this was a huge success. There was a focus on the teaching of phonics and early reading. We were able to celebrate the strong phonics outcomes at the end of the last academic year.

Mrs Cain will continue to work alongside the Maths Hub, as well. We will look to embed the maths curriculum that was implemented last year, ensuring it works well for mixed age classes.

Later in the term, our school improvement partner from Severn Federation Academy Trust, will work with us for a full day to check on our priorities for improvement and how we are working towards these.

It is always a pleasure to welcome people into the school to see the great work that is being done by our fantastic team at Rangeworthy.

Reception 2026

As our new Reception children continue to settle into school life, we look ahead to next year. Visits are currently taking place and several more are booked into our school calendar – there has been a good level of interest so far. This is great news as we are keen to continue to grow the school over the coming years.

If you know of anyone who is looking for a Reception place for 2026 please do ask them to contact the school office so that we can book in a visit.

If you have a child who is due to start, please head to South Gloucestershire Primary Admissions where you will be able to make a start on your application.

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2

Term 1/2 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
Individual & sibling photographs	09.10.25	
Miss Bishton's last day	10.10.25	
Parent / teacher meetings	14.10.25 15.10.25	Appointments will be sorted nearer the time.
Flu immunisations for all children	20.10.25	Consent letters have been sent from the school office.
Last day of Term 1	22.10.25	23 rd and 24 th are INSET days.
First day of Term 2	03.11.25	
Earth day	07.11.25	
Anti-bullying week	w/c 10.11.25	
Robin Class Christmas performance	11.12.25 2pm	We invite all families to join us in the school hall.
Kingfisher Class Christmas performance	17.11.25 2pm	We invite all families to join us in the school hall.
Christingle service	19.11.25 2.30pm	This will take place in the church. All families are invited.

2025-2026 term dates

Term	Starts	Ends
Term 1	Monday 1 September 2025	Friday 24 October 2025
Term 2	Monday 3 November 2025	Friday 19 December 2025
Term 3	Monday 5 January 2026	Friday 13 February 2026
Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026	Thursday 02 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026	Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 1 June 2026	Tuesday 21 July 2026