

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Remaining dates and events for Term 1

#### Outdoor learning morning – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### Term 1 thanks

I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the school during the course of Term 1. It's been a successful term and we've achieved a lot!

The school continues to grow in number with enquiries coming in through the school office for children to join the school in various year groups. We are also pleased to let you know that a lot of families have come to look around ahead of next September's Reception intake. Please do signpost any prospective families to the school office as we'd love to show them round and share the great work the school is doing.

It was great to see so many of you with us at the harvest service recently. The children did a great job of sharing what they had learnt; their singing sounded fantastic too! A large number of items were sent off to the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank as a result of your generosity.

Thank you to all who came along to parent/teacher meetings this week. We hope you found it helpful to know a bit more about how your child is getting on in school. If you were unable to make your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be able to meet with you at a mutually convenient time.

I'd like to wish you all a restful half term break when it comes. Please note that we finish for the term on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. School begins once again on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**.

*Mr Mike Riches*

*Headteacher*

### Attendance

So far this year, our attendance percentages are hugely improved when compared to the previous two years. Thank you to all for your support with this important aspect of our school development work this year.

Our target for the year is **95%**. Our current attendance is **95.5%**.

We are also trying to reduce persistent absence which is when a child's attendance falls below 90%. This has halved from **22%** at the end of last academic year to **11%** so far this year.

This will impact positively on the education we are able to provide to the children across the school.

### **Safeguarding at Rangeworthy**

We take safeguarding very seriously and work hard to ensure every child is kept safe both within school and beyond it. If you ever have any concerns about the safeguarding of a child please report it to a member of staff.

Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs Cain.

Our deputy designated safeguarding leads are Mr Riches and Mrs Wilson.

All staff are fully trained in all safeguarding matters.

There is a range of advice for families on the NSPCC website. We encourage all families to take a look:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/>

We'd also like to signpost you towards the Child Accident Prevention Trust website which has some important information in the lead up to Halloween for those who will be celebrating:

[https://capt.org.uk/halloween/?utm\\_source=capt&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=parentsoc25&mc\\_cid=376a41f0ed&mc\\_eid=d72f37d350](https://capt.org.uk/halloween/?utm_source=capt&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=parentsoc25&mc_cid=376a41f0ed&mc_eid=d72f37d350)

### **Parking**

We ask that all families who drive to school enter and exit Church Lane with care. Often children can leave the school gate quite quickly and this means there is a higher risk of accidents. We ask that all drivers remain aware of this risk and keep speeds to a minimum. Thank you for helping to keep the children of Rangeworthy safe.

### **Play equipment**

You may have noticed that some of our equipment has been put out of action following our annual health and safety inspection. We know the children thrive on using this outdoor equipment and so we are keen to get it back in action as soon as possible.

We are now looking to replace some items using the generous donation provided by the PTA when it closed earlier this year. We look forward to getting the children involved in making any decisions about these changes.

### **Severn Federation Academy Trust (SFAT) news**

The trust which Rangeworthy is a part of is growing and this is great news for Rangeworthy. Over the coming months both Iron Acton and Hawkesbury will join the trust bringing the total number of schools to 9 (3 on this side of the River Severn). Later in the year Old Sodbury and Stone with Woodford will also join the trust and there are ongoing expressions of interest all the time.

We are pleased to be a part of a growing trust and this means Rangeworthy has the ongoing support of other schools in the area with whom it can work with and share resources so that the children at our school have the best possible education.

### Term 1/2 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
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 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> are INSET days.
First day of Term 2	03.11.25	
Earth day	07.11.25	We will look at how we can help protect the environment.
Celebration service	07.11.25, 2.50pm	Come and join us in the hall.
Anti-bullying week	w/c 10.11.25	Odd socks day will take place on the Monday.
Children in Need	14.11.25	We will hold a non-uniform day to raise funds for this charity.
Christmas lunch	11.12.25	
Robin Class Christmas performance	11.12.25 2pm	We invite all families to join us in the school hall.
Kingfisher Class Christmas performance	17.12.25 2pm	We invite all families to join us in the school hall.
Christingle service	19.12.25 2.30pm	This will take place in the church. All families are invited.
Last day of Term 2	19.12.25	
First day of Term 3	05.01.26	

### 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