

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### Safeguarding updates

All staff at Rangeworthy are trained in dealing with safeguarding matters. If you ever have any concerns about the safety of a child, please speak to a member of staff. Mrs Cain is our designated safeguarding lead, and she has additional safeguarding responsibilities. Mr Riches and Mrs Wilson are our deputy safeguarding leads.

#### Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation

The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at:

<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>

#### NSPCC resources

The NSPCC has a range of resources available to support parents and carers. This includes matters such as online safety and healthy relationships. Please take a look at their website for further information: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/>

### Attendance matters

Our whole school target for this year is 95%. Our current whole school attendance is **94.7%** - this is now in line with the national average. Robin class currently stands at **92.1%** and Kingfisher class stands at **96.5%**.

Thank you all for your support in ensuring your child is in school and on time every day. This is the best way to help them to succeed in school. Please be reminded that, for this reason, term time absence requests will only ever be agreed in exceptional circumstances. If you would like to request a term time absence please speak to the Headteacher in the first instance.

Please be reminded that the NHS has advice and support to help families determine whether or not their child can attend school: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### Website

Mrs Elliott has been working hard to get our school website up together. It's still a work in progress but we ask that you have a look and let us know if you think there's anything missing that would be helpful for you or prospective parents to know.

We'll be getting the calendar dates up together soon which we hope will help you to know what's going on each week.

### Bikeability

This week our Year 3 children took part in Bikeability training. For some this was their first opportunity to ride a bike. They all worked hard to stay upright and did a great job at developing their skills. Later in the year there will be further opportunities for some of our older children to get involved in this important aspect of road safety – we'll keep you updated.

### Children's mental health week

Children's Mental Health Week highlights the importance of caring for mental wellbeing as well as physical health. During the week, children will be encouraged to talk about their feelings, learn ways to manage worries, and understand that it's okay to ask for help, while also exploring a sense of belonging and their place in the world.

Children will take part in an art activity to create a "belonging map," showing the people, places, and things that are important to them. Parents are invited into school to view the children's work, on Friday 13th February at 2.30pm, before heading down to the church for the final celebration assembly.

### Mental health support

Mrs Edmonds is currently training to become our school ELSA (emotional literacy support assistant). Her role will be to work with children for an afternoon each week to help them to understand and manage their emotions, to develop social skills, to support with well-being and to develop self-esteem. Children will be referred to Mrs Edmonds by a member of staff following a discussion with Mrs Wilson, and this will be in consultation with parents. We are pleased to be able to offer this support for those children who need it most.

In addition, the school will receive support from a mental health practitioner (some of you may remember we had Gosia in the past) in the near future. Claire O'Mahoney is currently the practitioner at Iron Acton and Hawkesbury and she will be sharing her time across the 3 schools to provide additional capacity and support.

If you would like to discuss your child's mental health and wellbeing please speak to their teacher in the first instance.

### LGBT history month

An important piece of the work we do at Rangeworthy is to promote and celebrate diversity in all its forms. We are committed to ensuring that all members of our school community and beyond are able to let their lights shine. This is why we are recognising and celebrating LGBT history month this year.

Each class will spend time learning about the achievements of people from the LGBT community who have made a difference to the world around them.

In **Robins Class** we have chosen to learn about Jemma Redmond. She is a scientist who helped create 3D printers that can make living organs and tissue. Our class are going to be scientific inventors to help people and animals to live safely together. This links with our keeping safe lessons and our text for the rest of the term 'Meet the Oceans'.

During LGBT history month, **Kingfisher class** will be studying the life and work of Elke Mackenzie, a botanist who researched lichens in Antarctica. Linked to the study children will take part in a series of practical activities including observational drawings of Antarctic Lichen, focussing on shape, texture and detail, a colour study using and mixing paint to match the colours of Antarctic Lichen and some mixed media collage work, inspired by natural forms and layered textures. To support the collage work, I would be very grateful for any old newspapers, magazines, scrap paper, or other similar materials. Please send these into school with your children over the coming weeks.

### Welcome to a new family

We are delighted to have welcomed a new family to Rangeworthy this term. Welcome to Harper who has joined us in Reception. This takes our pupil numbers to the following:

Reception = 6

Year 1 = 3

Year 2 = 9

Year 3 = 11

Year 4 = 4

Year 5 = 4

Year 6 = 6

Total = 43

We have spaces in all year groups. If you know of anyone who would like to join our school please ask them to get in touch.

### Term 3 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
LGBT history month begins	01.02.26	
Children's mental health week	02.02.26	
Year 5 visit to Brimsham Green drama performance	05.02.26	Separate letter sent.
KS1 visit to The Big Sing	09.02.26	Separate letter sent.
Safer Internet day	10.02.26	
Celebration service at church	13.02.26, 2.45pm	
Final day of Term 3	13.02.26	
First day of Term 4	23.02.26	

### 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