

6th March 2026

Dear families,

I want to say a huge thank you for your kind words and wishes following my recent letter explaining that I will be moving on from being the Headteacher at Rangeworthy at the end of this term. As I mentioned, it has been a great pleasure to be a part of the team over the last year and a bit.

Over the coming days, I will continue to meet with Mrs Webber – the new Headteacher – to ensure she has as much information as possible as she begins at Rangeworthy. Mrs Webber will continue to work closely with trust leaders at Severn Federation Academy Trust to ensure the school provides the best possible education to the children.

In other news...

School will be closed to all children this coming Monday. Staff will be working together to understand and begin to implement the Government's newly published writing framework so that we can continue to raise standards in writing. During the INSET day, the new play equipment will be installed – thank you once again to those who were part of raising such a substantial pot of money through the PTA which has gone towards this. We will also have a number of other premises works carried out including a new fire door into the library and some new steps to access the KS2 building.

Please do come along to the WI jumble sale tomorrow if you can. The following message was shared in the last newsletter:

Rangeworthy WI have kindly offered to raise some money for Rangeworthy School. They usually provide refreshments at Vintage Jumble events at the village hall several times a year and proceeds go towards charities or local organisations. Last year they raised money for the village hall and the church. The next event will take place on **Saturday 7th March** and will raise vital funds for the school. It will run from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

All families are invited to come along and get involved. **If anyone would like to bake a cake for the event, this would be very welcome.**

Thank you all for your support of the school.

Mike Riches, Headteacher

Attendance matters

Our current whole school attendance is **94.7%** - this is in line with the national average. Robin class currently stands at **92.5%** and Kingfisher class stands at **96.1%**.

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/>

Wrap around care

Plans to begin a new After School Club are well under way. This will take place Monday – Thursday, 3.15pm – 5.30pm.

Further information will be shared with you once staffing arrangements are in place – this should be agreed next week at which bookings will soon be available.

Safeguarding update

Mobile phones

You may have recently heard media coverage about mobile phones being banned in schools. As you will be aware, we don't currently allow children to bring phones into our school anyway. We do now have a mobile phone policy which sets out expectations regarding this – if you would like to see a copy, please contact the school office or check the school website policy page.

The NSPCC has published some useful guidance for families which focuses on children, phones and online safety: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Online safety

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently.

The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices.

It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Immunisations

The School Immunisation team can offer the MMR vaccine to any school aged child who has not yet had 2 doses. The MMR vaccine helps to protect your child against Measles, Mumps and Rubella and 2 doses are required for full protection [A guide to the MMR vaccination for all](#) If you are unsure whether your child has had 2 doses please contact your GP or the School Immunisation team at sirona.mmr@nhs.net

Mental health support

The mental health support team has asked for the following message to be shared along with a flyer which is attached with this newsletter:

In January we launched a new offer specifically for parents and carers – online webinars in small groups together with EMHPs and senior staff from the MHST. We had an incredible response to this offer which far exceeded our capacity to deliver. **I am writing to let you know that we have now decided to make this a rolling offer to all our schools.** Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunchtime (12-1pm) we will be running online webinars for parents and carers on a variety of topics.

As there was such a response to our last topic of **'An introduction to anxiety'**, we will once again be offering these in March and April. Please see attached a leaflet, which includes a link to register interest. Once submitted, we will contact parents / carers directly with instructions on how to book a suitable date and time.

Term 4 calendar

Event	Date and time	Information
WI village jumble sale	07.03.26, 10am – 1pm	Please see above.
INSET day	09.03.26	School closed to all.
Parent/teacher meetings	10.03.26 11.03.26	See class Dojo for appointments.
Celebration service	13.03.26, 2.50pm	Families are invited to join us at 2.50pm.
Neurodiversity week	16.03.26	
Year 6 visit to new homes development	19.03.26	Children will visit the new Cotswold Homes site.
Earth day	27.03.26	
Easter service	30.03.26, 2.30pm	Come and join us at the church.
Final day of Term 4	02.04.26	
First day of Term 5	20.04.26	

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

Remaining INSET days

9th March

26th June