



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

We do not often get the opportunity to celebrate Holy Week in school during Holy Week itself. What a wonderfully busy week we have had.



Thank you to all who came along to our Easter Eucharist at St. George's Church on Monday afternoon. It was wonderful to join in an act of worship as a community.

On Tuesday, we held our Easter Garden competition. Wow! The standard of entries was so high: I needed to dash out and purchase more Easter eggs for winning prizes. I was unable to choose just one winner from each class, so every entry was declared a winner. The thought, effort and knowledge of the Easter story that had gone in to creating them was incredible!



All the children were thrilled to take part in our annual Easter Egg hunt and we even managed to avoid the rain!

### **Attendance**

As you know, one of our Ofsted targets is to improve the attendance of some children. Driving to work this week, I heard a radio advert about updated guidance on illnesses and sending our children to school. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. After the strange few Covid years, some of us are unsure about whether we can send our children in with a cough, cold, sore throat or slight temperature. Hopefully this guidance will help.

On Wednesday, Blue Class went on a coach to Amberley Chalk Pits Museum. They had a wonderful time learning about the history of transport. It was their first trip out on a coach and they even went on a bus and train too!

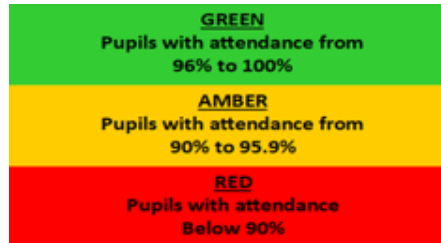


The slogan accompanying the advert is Moments Matter, Attendance Counts. As part of my monitoring, I track the attendance and the impact persistent absence has on children within the school.





Last year, of the children whose attendance had fallen below 90% (classed as a persistent absentee), only 42% were on track in reading, 8% were on track in writing and 33% were on track in maths. Whilst the picture has improved, Reading - 50%, Writing -19% and Maths – 56%, I think you'll agree, this still has a long way to improve.



After the Easter holidays, we will be sending out attendance letters. In the meantime, you can find your child's current attendance % on the Arbor App.

If you are concerned about the impact of your child's attendance on their attainment, please do pop in and see us.

### Red Class performance at Chichester Cathedral

On Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> April Red Class will be participating in a concert at Chichester Cathedral along with other schools in the area.

Just a reminder for those that have not yet signed their child up to this trip and consented on the Arbor Parent Portal, please ensure you do this as soon as possible.

Tickets for this event are free, but will need to be ordered through Eventbrite. As soon as we receive the information / weblink for this, we will let parents know. So please keep an eye on your emails later today.



### After School Clubs:

There are still a few spaces available in some of our after school clubs:

- Football Club (Yrs 1 – 5)
- Choir Club (Yr 2-5)
- Dance Club (all year groups)

If your child would like to attend any of the above after school clubs, please check your emails for further information sent about sign up and payments.

### PE / Forest School next half term:

Please find below the PE, Forest School and Swimming timetable for this half term. On the days when your child has PE, they can come to school in their PE uniform.

On Tuesdays, Red Class will be continuing with their swimming lessons and may come to school in their PE kits on this day and bring their swimming costume etc with them in a named bag.

Blue Class will be taking part in Forest School next half term. Please can all children come to school in their normal school uniform and bring with them suitable clothing to change into for their Forest School session in the afternoon.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
<b>Monday</b>	Reception Yr 1 Yr2		
<b>Tuesday</b>		Red Class (no swimming 16 <sup>th</sup> April)	
<b>Wednesday</b>	Red Class (Yr3&4) Green Class (Yr5)		Blue Class
<b>Thursday</b>	Reception Yr 1 Yr 2		
<b>Friday</b>	Green Class (Yr5)		

**Just a reminder that Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April is an INSET Day, so no children in school. Therefore, we look forward to seeing you all back on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

Have a lovely Easter break.

With very best wishes,  
Lisa Harris





**Diary Dates**

**March 2024**

29<sup>th</sup> March Good Friday (School closed)

**April 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holidays

15<sup>th</sup> April **INSET Day (no children in school)**

17<sup>th</sup> April Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)

18<sup>th</sup> April Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)  
Chichester Cathedral Concert (Red Class)

22<sup>nd</sup> April Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)

23<sup>rd</sup> April Swimming (Red Class)

Choir Club

24<sup>th</sup> April Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)

25<sup>th</sup> April Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

29<sup>th</sup> April Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)

30<sup>th</sup> April Swimming (Red Class)

Choir Club

**May 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> May Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)

2<sup>nd</sup> May Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

6<sup>th</sup> May Bank holiday (School closed)

7<sup>th</sup> May Swimming (Red Class)

7<sup>th</sup> May Choir Club

8<sup>th</sup> May Dance Club (3:15 – 4pm)

9<sup>th</sup> May Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

**Term Dates**  
**2023 - 2024**

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

**INSET Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – children not in school**  
**INSET Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children not in school**