

Newsletter 12th July 2024

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

It has been a very busy (and rather unusual) week at Rumboldswhyke! On arrival at school on Monday, we found a fox cub caught in one of our football goals. It was obviously inspired by the England team and tried to run through the netting in celebration. Luckily, Mrs Light was on hand with a number to call. Simon, our local wildlife expert, came to the rescue and freed the cub.

On Thursday, we made an emergency call to the Fire Service. Whilst watching the Red Arrows passing overhead, Logan sat on a chair he constructed out of waffle blocks. Unfortunately, he fell through a hole in the Waffle block and was trapped. West Sussex Fire Service were here within minutes to rescue Logan. He is keen for me to share the photo of him in the Fire Engine. As he said, it's not every day you get rescued by the emergency services. He was extremely brave and the Fire Crew were fabulous at reassuring him and letting him know what they were going to do.



Thursday saw the arrival of a skip. Over the Summer holidays, we are having a complete redecoration of our Year 5/6 classroom. You may remember, this was due to happen over a year ago, but we have struggled with the leaking roof. Thankfully, this is all now fixed and dry so the redecoration plan can commence.

When I came to Rumboldswhyke back in 2021, there was a risk assessment that stated there should be no running or bikes / scooters ridden in the car park. As we had so few children, I relaxed this rule, however, in September our school will be full for the first time in many years. This could mean an additional 20 children, 20+ adults, possibly 20 younger siblings in 20 buggies. This will be a crowded drop off /collection area. We have also had a few injuries lately where children have tripped due to the uneven surface. Therefore, we appreciate your support in ensuring the children do not play chasing games in the car park area. I promise we are not being the 'fun police' and this is purely for your children's safety. Please be assured that your children get plenty of opportunity to run around and play with their friends during their time at school.

Today, the children have spent time in the class where they will be based from September. They have met the adults they will be working with and finding out about each other. I was met with a sea of positive smiley faces during worship and they told me they'd had a good day. I actually heard two girls in Blue class say 'It was actually really fun in that other class wasn't it'.

Today also marks the day when the End of Year reports come out. Your child should have brought home a large brown envelope containing their report. Please get in touch if they haven't.

Rumboldswhyke's Got Talent

Our annual Talent Show is back again this year on Monday 22nd July!

Any children wishing to take part will be able to sign up for the talent show next week.

Contestants are invited to bring in any costumes / own clothes that they may need for their act, in a named bag. The children will be given time to change into their outfits after lunch.





End of term Eucharist

On the last day of term, Tuesday 23rd July at

1.30pm, we will be holding an end of year eucharist service in St. George's Church. We encourage families to attend and join in.

Children are welcome to be collected by parents at the end of the service.

Hot Meal orders for September

We have extended the deadline for ordering meals for September to **9am Monday 15**th **September**.

If you have not completed your child's meal choices through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App by then we will be unable to add them to the orders after this and you will need to provide a packed lunch on return in September.

Any problems, please contact the school office.

End of term Picnic

Just a reminder we will be having an end of term picnic on the school field straight after school on **Thursday 18th July, 3:15-4:30**. Bring a blanket and a picnic. Music provided!

Sunday 21st July

Several children from the school are being baptised and receiving their first communion at St George's on Sunday 21st July at the 10am service. The Rumboldswhyke choir will also be singing. Everyone is welcome to support them and celebrate so please come along if you are able to.

Support for the Summer Holidays

We have been asked by West Sussex County Council to share the attached flyer with information on where parents can get support and advice during the summer holidays, such as UK Harvest, and parenting advice.

Have a lovely weekend. Enjoy the football!

Lisa Harris



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18th July End of Term Picnic

23rd July End of Term Service at St George's

Church @ 1.30pm Last Day of Term

24th July Summer Holidays start — no school

September 2024

2nd Sept INSET Day

3rd Sept First day back for children

Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Tuesday 23rd July

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd September – Friday 20th December Half Term - Monday 28th – Friday 1st November

INSET Day Monday 2nd September – children not in school Children's first day of school will be Tuesday 3rd September INSET Day Monday 21st October – children not in school

Spring Term 2025

Monday 6th January – Friday 4th April Half Term – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

INSET Day Monday 6th January – children not in school

Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Tuesday 22nd July Half Term – Monday 26th – Friday 30th May

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining 2 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.

'Love life, love learning, love God's world'