

Newsletter 23rd July 2024

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

We have made it to the end of the Summer term, although it only feels like yesterday we were welcoming everybody back from the Easter holidays. The children (and some of the staff) certainly look like they could do with a break.

The last week has been packed with exciting activities.

On Wednesday, our new reception intake visited for the afternoon. What a gorgeous bunch of children/families they are! We are looking forward to welcoming them into the Rumboldswhyke family in September! Wouldn't a September social event be lovely?

Thank you to all who were able to attend the End of Term picnic on Thursday. It was so lovely to see and hear the excited chatter of children and parents on the field. I also appreciated the delicious crisps and brownies that were shared out. What a treat!

Pirate Day

On Friday the school was overrun by the pirates of Blue Class (I am assured they were friendly although they wanted me to walk the plank). They had an arrrrsome day. Thank you for providing their fantastic costumes.



On Monday, Yellow class were visited by Phil from Jaws and Claws. He brought along many creatures for the children to observe and hold. Some creatures had far too many (or not enough) legs for my liking. The children were incredibly brave and I certainly heard squeals of fascination and delight.





We also held our annual end of year talent show on Tuesday afternoon. The children were utterly amazing. They clapped and cheered everyone! I had the time of my life. What is not to love: a microphone, stage, music and colourful lights!







Can I take this opportunity to say a massive thank you for the cards, kind words and gifts? They are always unexpected and so incredibly generous. We all feel so lucky to be supported by the wonderful Rumboldswhyke community. Having worked in many

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schools, I can honestly say there is something special about the Rumboldswhyke families. You are fabulous!

Staffing News

Lastly, I have some staffing news! I am extremely pleased to let you know we have appointed Mrs Abi Gilbert as our new Deputy Headteacher. Many of you know Mrs Gilbert has been instrumental in the drive to improve phonics and a love of reading across the school. We are very lucky to have her as part of our lovely team.

Have a lovely summer and thank you for all your support this year.

Lisa Harris



September 2024

2nd Sept INSET Day
3rd Sept First day back for children

Term Dates

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.



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