



Newsletter 6th December 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

As the festive season draws near, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on all the wonderful things happening at school and share some important dates with you.

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner!

9 th Dec	- Blue Class' visit to St George's Toddler Group - Yr 3 Swimming
11 th Dec	- Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Lunch - Green Class singing at the Chichester Cross
12 th Dec	- Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance (2pm & 5pm)
16 th Dec	- Yr 3 Swimming - Blue Class Lantern Parade (3:15pm) - Deadline for ordering meals for the new term
17 th Dec	- Nativity at St George's Church (10am)
20 th Dec	- Last day of Term
6 th Jan	- INSET Day (no children in school)
7 th Jan	- First day back for Sprint Term

*Please note there will be no after school clubs running in the final week of term.

INSET Day – 6th January & 30th January 2025

Each year schools have to take 5 INSET days for staff development. We have notified you of three INSET days, two of which have already taken place.

Monday 6th January is an INSET day, so the children will return after the Christmas holidays on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Our Governors have also approved our fourth INSET day on **Thursday 30th January**. I am sure many of you

will wonder why we are taking an INSET day in the middle of the week. Our Teaching staff will be attending an educational conference in London on this day. This conference will provide valuable insights into best practices, innovative teaching methods, and developments in education that will benefit both our teaching staff and, ultimately, your child's learning experience. There will be **no school for students** on this day.

We have a further INSET day to confirm which will be in the Summer Term.

The DIGITAL DILEMMA: Keeping your kids safe online.

The Police South East Cyber Crime Unit, based in Thames Valley Police, are running a free webinar to help parents and carers understand some of the risks your people face online, and how they can best protect themselves and their family from falling victim to cyber criminal behaviours!

Covering social media, gaming and emails, this webinar will give you tips and tricks to help protect them in today's online world.

The webinar is running three times over the next few weeks, and tickets are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/police-south-east-cyber-77121396093>

Tickets are selling fast, so do book a space early!

Please see the attachments, which includes a poster for the above events with more details.

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



Christmas Concert at St George's Church – Saturday 14th December, 3:30pm

This year St George's are putting on a Christmas Concert with performers drawn from the local community. There will be performances by the Rumboldswyke Children's Choir, familiar carols for everyone to join in with, classical instrumental pieces and other music played by various adult and young soloists.

There will also be a short play by our Youth Group based on the Good King Wenceslas carol.

Everyone is welcome.

Refreshments provided. Suggested donation: £2 per adult.



After School club sign up

Just a reminder that as per previous emails, our after school clubs sign ups and payments are now available through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App for the following clubs:

- Multi-sports Club (Tuesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm) – Yrs 1-3
- Dance Club (Wednesday 3:15 – 4pm) – Yrs 1-6 (Please contact natalie@fitjoy.co.uk directly for sign up)
- Football Club (Wednesdays 3:15 – 4:15pm) – Yrs 4-6
- Football Club (Thursdays 3:15-4:15pm) – Yrs 1-3.



Year 1&2 Christmas Performance Tickets

It's finally time! Year 1 & 2 will be performing 'It's a Party!' next Thursday 12th December at 2pm & 5pm.

All tickets have been sold for the 5pm showing. However, additional tickets for the 2pm showing are still available via the School Shop section on the Arbor Parent Portal.



Bikeability (Year 6 only)

Just a reminder, as per our previous email, we are pleased to be able to offer our Year 6 children the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability training course next term.

This programme is designed to help children develop their cycling skills and confidence on the road, promoting safe and responsible cycling habits.

To assist in the planning of this event please could **all** Year 6 parents complete the google form below to let us know whether or not you would like your child to take part, **by Monday 9th December at the latest.**

<https://forms.gle/UhwwUkhqHtvqjwZiZ>



New PTA: Fresh Look, New Vision, Same Commitment to Our Kids!

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we're thrilled to announce the relaunch and rebranding of our Parent-Teacher Association. We hope to improve engagement in the current Association of Friends of Rumboldswyke School to enable more parents / carers / members of the community to be involved. Just a reminder to provide your details below including how you would like to be involved. Thank you to those who have already responded.

<https://forms.gle/Qd6hpZvRNXCgkePo8>

Have a lovely weekend!
With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris





Diary Dates

December 2024

9 th Dec	Blue Class visit to St George's Toddler Group
9 th Dec	Swimming (Year 3) Art Club (Yrs 1 – 6)
10 th Dec	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
11 th Dec	Dance Club (Last session) Football Club (Yr 3 – 6)
11 th Dec	Singing at the Cross (Yrs 5 & 6)
11 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
12 th Dec	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production (Performances at 2pm & 5pm)
16 th Dec	Swimming (Year 3) Blue Class Lantern Parade (3:15pm)
17 th Dec	Nativity at the Church (10am)
20 th Dec	Last day of Term
21 st Dec – 6 th Jan	Christmas Holidays

January 2025

6 th Jan	INSET Day – no children in school
7 th Jan	First day of the Spring term Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
8 th Jan	Dance Club Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
9 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
10 th Jan	Green Class – United Voices Rehearsals (9:15am – 11:30am at Chichester Free School)
13 th Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
14 th Jan	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
15 th Jan	Green Class United Voices Rehearsal (10:30 - 2:30 at Chichester Festival Theatre)

	Dance Club Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
16 th Jan	Visit to Lakeview Grange Care Home (Green Class – Group 3) Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
20 th Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
21 st Jan	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
22 nd Jan	Dance Club Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
23 rd Jan	Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
27 th Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
28 th Jan	Dance Club
29 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
30 th Jan	INSET Day – no children in school

February 2025

3 rd Feb	Yr 3 Swimming
4 th Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
5 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
6 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
10 th Feb	Yr 3 Swimming
11 th Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
12 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
13 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
17 th – 21 st Feb	Half Term Break
25 th Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
26 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
27 th Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)



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
INSET Day Thursday 30th 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 1 INSET day for the next academic year and will share this date with you as soon as we can.