



Newsletter 20th December 2024

Dear Rumboldswyke families,



What a lovely end to the term.

Well done to Blue Class for their beautiful lantern creations and an enchanting parade at the beginning of the week. What a truly magical experience. Thank you to everyone who came to support them.



Our Nativity service was a beautiful celebration of the Christmas season and we are so proud of all the students for their performance. From heartfelt readings to angelic singing, it was a lovely way to come together as a school community to end the term. Thank you to all those who were able to join us.



As we approach the holiday season, we are reminded of the warmth and support that makes our school so special. Thank you for being a part of it.

Just a reminder that our first day back, Monday 6th January is an INSET day. **Therefore, the children's first day back after Christmas will be Tuesday 7th January.**

We also have another INSET day later in the month on **Thursday 30th January** (no children in school).

PE / Forest School / Swimming Timetable

Please find below the timetable for PE lessons, Forest School sessions and Swimming Lessons for next half term.

On the days where your child / children have PE or swimming lessons, children can come into school in their PE kits.

For those children participating in Forest School next half term, this will happen whatever the weather, so it is important that children come prepared. Children will need to bring in a change of clothes that they don't mind getting dirty in a named bag ready for their Forest School session in the afternoon. They will also need a sturdy pair of old shoes or wellies depending on the weather forecast, along with warm, waterproof jackets and trousers.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
Monday	Reception Yr 1 Yr 2 Yr 4	Yr 3	
Tuesday	Year 1		
Wednesday	Green Class		Yellow Class (Weds 22 nd , 29 th Jan, 5 th & 12 th Feb)
Thursday	Yellow Class		Red Class
Friday	Green Class Red Class		



St George Church Car Park

Please note that on the afternoon of Thursday 9th January and all day Friday 10th January, St George's Church car park will be closed for maintenance. Please could we ask all parent to find alternative and considerate car parking arrangements on these days.

A reminder about parking:

We would kindly like to remind all parents and guardians to park safely and considerately outside school. There have been a number of complaints recently of dangerous parking, with some areas becoming hazardous during drop-off and pick-up times, and we ask that everyone avoids blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines, or stopping in unsafe locations.

I know parking in the area is not easy as many of the roads are 'permit parking only'. I have previously been in touch with the Parking Services Manager and Chichester District Council who has informed me that there is free unrestricted parking in York Road and along Whyke Road (on the Quarry Lane side of the train gates). Free unrestricted parking is marked grey on the map below. There is no need for parents to park in contravention / illegally on yellow line restrictions (red and blue on the map) or the school zig zag lines (yellow section on the map).



The Parking Manager also advised me that:

'Some years ago, it was agreed that due to the location of the school being considerable distance

from CDCs car parks, parents were permitted to park in the F permit holders only resident bays in the surrounding roads to the school at drop off and pick up times for a maximum of 20 minutes.' (marked green on the map).

To assist with this and for those parents who wish to park in the F permit holder resident bays on the roads surrounding the school, we will provide letter headed parking slips to display in your cars at drop off and pick up. If you would like a parking slip, please pop into the school office from January to request one. Please be aware, these parking slips will only be relevant to the F permit holders only resident parking bays during drop off and pick up times.

I have also previously been in touch with Sarah Sharp, Green Party Councillor, who has put me in contact with 'Active Streets', West Sussex. I have asked what the consultation process is to have electronic bollards erected at the entrance to the close to stop parents coming in at key times. This would also need to be approved by the residents of the Close.

Please let's work together to ensure the safety of all our children and the wider community.

Message from Fr Angus re: Christmas Services at St George's

All are most welcome to attend the Christmas services at St George's Church.

On 21st December at 3:30pm, we will hold the Parish Carol Service with well-known carols, beautiful choral music, and the readings from scripture telling the story of Christmas. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

On Sunday, we will celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent with our usual Sunday Eucharist.

Then on 24th December at 3pm there will be 'Carols at the Crib' for children and families. The service will have a reflective feel as the children are engaged in song, story, discovery, candlelight, and activities as we build the crib together with our crib figures.

Later, on 24th December, we will celebrate Midnight Mass with a blessing of the crib to rejoice at the





mystery and joy of the birth of Christ, the light of the world that shines in the darkness.

On 25th December, we have our Christmas Day Choral Mass to give thanks for God's son being born as one of us, to reveal the full dignity and wonder of what it means to be human. During this service, there will be special activities in the church centre for any children who come, including singing songs and a time to watch a short film ('The Snowman' based on Raymond Briggs' storybook).

And, finally, a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from everyone at St George's!

As we close out the term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new Year! May your holiday season be filled with joy, love and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris

After School club sign up

Just a reminder that as per previous emails, our after school club 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 (This club is currently full, but if you would like to be added to the waiting list please email office@rumboldswyke.org.uk)



December 2024

21st Dec – 6th Jan Christmas Holidays

January 2025

6 th Jan	INSET Day
7 th Jan	First day of the Spring term
8 th Jan	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
9 th Jan	Dance Club
10 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
13 th Jan	Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
14 th Jan	Green Class – United Voices Rehearsals (9:15am – 11:30am at Chichester Free School)
	Yr 3 Swimming
	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)

St George's Choir Club

Choir Club will continue on Tuesdays after school at St George's Church.

Rumboldswyke school children will be taken by choir leaders, along with a member of school staff directly from school to the church. Parents / carers are asked to collect their child from St George's Church at 4:30pm.

All children from Year 1 upwards are welcome. Please email Mandy Roberts (Choir Leader) at musice@whyke.info for more information and a registration form.





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

February 2025

3 rd - 7 th Feb	Bikeability (Yr 6 only)
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 2 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.



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Church of England Primary School

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