



**Newsletter 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Dear Rumboldswyke families,



Happy New Year! We hope you all had a restful and joyful holiday season. It is wonderful to see everyone back, refreshed, and ready to embark on another exciting term.

The energy in school this week has been uplifting as students reconnect with friends and settle back into routine.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to thank you for the many wonderful cards and gifts we received at the end of last term. Thank you, they were very much appreciated.

We have lots of exciting things happening this term, so please keep an eye out for emails and our weekly newsletters for updates and reminders. As always, we value your partnership and support in ensuring a successful term ahead.

Let's make 2025 a fantastic year together!

**Just a reminder that our next INSET Day is on Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> January.**

**PE / Forest School / Swimming Timetable**

Please see the timetable below for a reminder regarding PE lessons, Forest School sessions and Swimming Lessons for this 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 this 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.

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

**Parent helper needed for Year 3 swimming lessons:**

We are looking for another parent helper to assist with transport for our year 3 swimming lessons on a Monday morning.

Due to pupil numbers, the children unfortunately do not quite fit into one minibus. As a result, we are looking for another parent helper to share the job of helping to take 4 children in their car to and from their swimming lessons at the Westgate Leisure Centre on a Monday morning. This would require leaving school at 9am and returning with the children back at school by 11am. We already have one parent who has been kindly helping, but they are unable to do this every week this term due to work commitments.

In order to assist us, the parent will need to be DBS checked and have a suitable car with up to date MOT, insurance and driver's licence.

If anyone is able to help, we would be very grateful and would ask that you contact the school office as soon as possible.

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



## **A Friendly Reminder: Park & Stride for Safer School Mornings!**

We'd like to kindly remind everyone about the importance of parking responsibly around Rumbolds Close, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times.

Rumbolds Close can get very congested, making it challenging for pedestrians and cyclists to safely navigate. To ensure the safety and well-being of all, we strongly encourage you to consider using the *Park & Stride* method.



Here's how it works:

- **Park a little further away** from the school – in nearby streets or designated parking areas.
- **Stride the rest of the way** – enjoy a short walk with your child, making the school run a fun and active part of your day!

Not only will this reduce traffic congestion around Rumbolds Close, but it will also help improve air quality, reduce the risk of accidents, and encourage healthy habits for both parents and children.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Together, we can make school mornings and afternoons safer and more pleasant for everyone!

## **Last call to have your say on the new PTA!**

Thanks to all the parents who completed the PTA survey before Christmas.

If you haven't taken part yet, this is your final call to have your say before we close the survey at the end of Monday next week and share results in next week's newsletter. We had a great response from year 1 and year 3 parents, it would be great to hear from parents with children in other years as well!

If anyone has an idea for a new name for our PTA please let us know.

<https://forms.gle/T93pcoX4R8Z9vqGg9>

## **After School club sign up**

Just a reminder that as per previous emails, our after school club sign ups and payments are 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](mailto: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@rumboldswhyke.org.uk](mailto:office@rumboldswhyke.org.uk))



## **St George's Choir Club**

St George's Choir Club is continuing on Tuesdays after school over at the Church.

Rumboldswhyke 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](mailto:musice@whyke.info) for more information and a registration form.



With warmest wishes,  
Lisa Harris





### Diary Dates

#### January 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
14 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Green Class United Voices Rehearsal (10:30 - 2:30 at Chichester Festival Theatre)
	Dance Club
	Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
	United Voiced Performance at Chichester Festival Theatre @ 7pm
16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Visit to Lakeview Grange Care Home (Green Class – Group 3)
	Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
21 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Multi-Sports Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Dance Club
	Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan	Football Club (Yrs 1 – 3)
27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 3 Swimming
28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Dance Club
29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Football Club (Yrs 4 – 6)
30 <sup>th</sup> Jan	INSET Day

#### February 2025

3 <sup>rd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Bikeability (Yr 6 only)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Yr 3 Swimming
4 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 3 Swimming
11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
13 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Half Term Break
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yr 1-3)

#### March 2025

3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Yr 3 Swimming
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yellow Class Trip (more details to follow)
	Yr 3 Swimming
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3 Swimming
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 3 Swimming
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
26 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5&6 Residential @ Cobnor Activity Centre
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Blue Class Trip (more details to follow)
	Yr 3 Swimming

#### April 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Multisports Club (Yrs 1-3)
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Football Club (Yr 4-6)
	Dance Club
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Football Club (Yr 1-3)
7 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Monday (School closed)
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> Day back for Summer Term



## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2024

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

INSET Day Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – children not in school

Children's first day of school will be Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

INSET Day Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – children not in school

### Spring Term 2025

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – children not in school  
INSET Day Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – children not in school

### Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining INSET day for the next academic year and will share this date with you as soon as we can.