



Newsletter 26th September 2025

Dear Rumboldswyke families

Harvest celebration & donations

This year our annual harvest assembly will be on Wednesday 8th October at 2pm in St George's Church. All are welcome to come along and join us.



This year we will be collecting donations for both the Chichester Foodbank and the UK Harvest charity. The children can bring in their Harvest gifts into school on the day. Items which are particularly welcomed are:

Tins of food: meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, cooking sauces, custard, puddings, etc	
Long life fruit juice	Long life UHT milk
Squash	Instant mash potato
Tea / Coffee	Rice / Pasta
Cleaning products	Toiletries
Dog / cat food	Nappies
Baby food	Toilet paper

Any other long life food products are also warmly welcomed. Please don't send in any perishable items.

Bookfest

We are very excited to again be part of the Chichester's Children's Bookfest this year.

On the 7th & 8th October we will be welcoming two fantastic authors to inspire our children:

- Tuesday 7th October -Years 1&2 (KS1) will meet Abiola Bello who wrote 'Wild Magic'
- Wednesday 8th October – Years 3-6 (KS2) will meet Ramzee who wrote 'The Cheat Book'



(<https://www.childrensbookfest.com/>)

Reminder – Flu Vaccine

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on Thursday 09/10/2025 to offer your child the nasal Flu spray vaccination. Please see your email for further details.



Attendance Update

Well done! Our attendance is currently **above our target of 96%**, that's fantastic news! Good attendance supports better learning, wellbeing, and mental health. Being in school helps children develop **academically, socially, and emotionally**, with the support of teachers and friends.

Taking Children on Holiday During Term Time

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a **full-time education**. Parents and carers are legally responsible for ensuring children attend school regularly.

The Department for Education states that **holidays during term time are not allowed**, and other absences may also be unacceptable, such as:

- A birthday
- Shopping trips or day trips
- Keeping children off school because a sibling is ill
- Not having uniform or suitable shoes/coats

If a child **accrues 10 unauthorised sessions within a 10-week period** (equivalent to five full days absent), the school is **duty-bound to refer the case to the Pupil Entitlement Team** for a possible **Fixed Term Penalty Notice**.



Keeping Children Safe Online: Understanding AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is technology that helps computers solve problems and make decisions. You'll already see it in everyday life e.g. in social media suggestions (the reason you are alerted to multiple funny videos about pets), shopping sites, and route-planning apps.

Generative AI can create new content from a written prompt. Examples include:



- Chatbots like ChatGPT or Google Gemini (text generation)
- DALL-E or Midjourney (image creation)
- Text-to-video programs

While these tools can be fun and useful, they also come with risks.

Safeguarding risks to children include:

- **Scams and hacking:** AI can help criminals write convincing messages to trick people, children in particular are vulnerable and can't distinguish between fact and fiction.
- **Inappropriate images:** AI tools can be misused to create fake images of children (including 'deepfakes') which can be used to manipulate children.
- **Catfishing and sextortion:** criminals use AI-generated photos to pose as young people and groom children
- **Fake news:** realistic AI-generated images can spread misinformation
- **Unhealthy AI relationships:** some chatbots encourage children to build intense, unsafe online attachments

Signs your child may be at risk:

- Spending more or less time online than usual
- Staying up very late online

- Receiving lots of messages and notifications
- Emotional outbursts after using devices
- Being secretive about online activity

How parents/carers can help at home:

- Talk about AI, its benefits and its risks
- Keep an eye on what your child is doing online (most apps have parental controls)
- Listen and support them if they share concerns, without blame

Together, we can help children enjoy the benefits of the internet while staying safe online.

Bishop Luffa School – Admissions Guide (Year 7, Sept 2026)



A number of parents have been to see me to enquire about the Bishop Luffa Admission Policy and whether this depends on **children's attendance** or whether **parental attendance at church** is considered.

Here is the full policy: [Bishop Luffa Admissions Arrangements 2026 \(PDF\)](#)

One of the aims of the admissions arrangements is to **support family life**, and the school hopes that families will attend services together.

- If a child attends church regularly, this meets the conditions for Categories A and B.
- If the child cannot attend, **a parent or guardian's attendance counts**, as long as they are a full member of the church and hold *parental responsibility*.
- Parents do not have to live in the same household as the child for this to apply.

There are also details about Bishop Luffa's open evening / morning on their website



<https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/about-us/admissions/>

Other local schools open evenings are on the following days

Chichester Free School: Wednesday 1st

October <https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/open-weeks/>

Chichester High School : Open morning on the 15th and 15th October - <https://www.chichesterhigh-tkat.org/news/announcements/item/36/open-mornings>

Transfer to Secondary School – September 2026

The application process for applying to secondary school for a place in September 2026 is now open.

If you are a Year 6 parent, please refer to your email for full details and a letter from West Sussex County Council regarding the application process.

Please note the closing date for secondary school applications is Friday 31st October.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Wonderful Teaching Assistants on National Teaching Assistants Day

We want to take a moment to say a huge thank you to our amazing teaching assistants and support staff here at Rumboldswyke. You bring so much warmth, care and joy into our classrooms, and you make our school such a happy place to be. The difference you make every single day is immeasurable, and we truly couldn't do it without you.

With love and gratitude,

All of us at
Rumboldswyke



With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2026?

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 8 September 2025**.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: 03330 142 903.

Deadline: Friday 31 October 2025

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.





Have a lovely weekend and thank you as always for all your support.





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After School Clubs

A reminder of our after school clubs running this term:

After School Club	Day	Time	Dates
Creation Station	Mondays	3:15 - 4:15pm	8 th Sept – 20 th Oct
Drama Club	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	9 th Sept – 21 st Sept
Dance Club	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4pm	10 th Sept - 10 th Dec (no session 25 th Sept)
Goal Getters	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	11 th Sept – 11 th Dec

Diary Dates

September 2025

October 2025

7 th Oct	Bookfest Author Visit (Yr 1&2)
8 th Oct	Bookfest Author Visit (Yrs 3-6)
	Harvest Assembly (more details to follow)
13 th Oct	Stay & Play Session for Reception Parents (8:45am – 9:45am)
14 th Oct	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am & 1:30pm)
27 th – 31 st Oct	Half Term

November 2025

6 th Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am)
21 st Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am & 1:30pm)

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 19th December
Half Term - Monday 27th – Friday 31st October

INSET Day Wednesday 3rd September – children not in school
Children's first day of school will be Thursday 4th September

Spring Term 2026

Monday 5th January – Friday 27th March
Half Term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February

INSET Day Monday 23rd February – children not in school

Summer Term 2026

Tuesday 13th April – Wednesday 22nd July
Half Term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining 3 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.