

Newsletter 3rd October 2025

Dear Rumboldswhyke families

This Wednesday was our first ever Grub Club event and it was a huge success!



It was wonderful seeing our school community come together and make the most of this amazing opportunity.



Grub Club, run by UK Harvest, is an inspiring initiative that helps to reduce food waste, support sustainability, and promote healthy eating, whilst also encouraging healthy eating habits.



We are still looking for volunteers to come and help us every other Wednesday run this amazing event. If you are interested and able to offer any help (no matter how big or small), please speak to Mrs Townsend in the school office — many hands make light work. Plus, you have the opportunity to get first pick of the food.

Our next few events will run on the following dates at pick up, so don't forget your shopping bags:

- 15th October
- 5th November
- 19th November
- 3rd December
- 17th December

New kitchen for the children

We are so excited to announce that our brand new kitchen for the children has now been fitted and is ready to use!

This is an amazing opportunity for our children to develop practical life skills and deepen their understanding of healthy eating. Cooking together not only builds confidence but also encourages teamwork, creativity, and a greater awareness of nutrition.

We can't wait to see the children learning new recipes and discovering the joy of preparing food from scratch.



Harvest Celebration & donations

Just a reminder our annual harvest celebration is next Wednesday 8th October at 2pm in St George's Church. All our welcome to come along and join us.



Donations can be brought to school on the day. Please see below for items which are particularly welcomed:

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	

You are welcome to take your children with you once the service has finished.

Reminder - Flu Vaccine

The Immunisation Service are coming into school on Thursday 09/10/2025 to offer your child the nasal Flu spray vaccination. Don't forget to complete you online consent forms.



Please see your email for further details.

Children's Bookfest

As mentioned in our last newsletter, next week the children will be visited by two authors fantastic authors:

- 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/)

We can't wait to welcome them to Rumboldswhyke!

School lunch orders:

The new school lunch menu is now available to order through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

If you would like to order your child a hot meal for after the October half



term break, please ensure you have done so via the Arbor Parent Portal **by Sunday 12**th **October.**

Year 3 Swimming Lessons

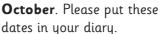
After the October half term our year 3 class will be taking part in swimming lessons. Please can parents check their emails for further details and ensure payments and consents are made before the required date.



Parents Evenings

Parents evening for all classes will be held on





More details will follow via email next week, including information on how to sign up via the Arbor Parent



Phonics Workshop

Portal / Arbor App.

On Wednesday 15th October, we will be holding a parent and carers Phonics workshop. This will be a chance for parents in Year 1 and Year 2 to learn more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can help your child at home. The workshop will commence at **3:15pm** after pick up.



Stay & Play for Reception Parents

We're excited to welcome all Reception parents to our Stay & Play session. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the classroom to see how your child learns through play. The session will take place on Monday 13th October from **8:45am-9:45am.**

This year, we're also including a short **Phonics and Early Reading Workshop** to give you practical tips on how to support your child's reading journey at home. We would love to see as many of you there as possible - come along for some fun, learning, and a chance to be part of your child's school day!



Secondary School Transfer & Applications:

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is Friday 31st October. Please click on the link below to access the online application form. https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/

Details regarding open evenings / open mornings can be found using the following links:

- Bishop Luffa School: https://www.bishopluffa.org.uk/home/about-us/admissions/
- Chichester Free School: https://www.chichesterfreeschool.org.uk/open-weeks/
- Chichester High School: https://www.chichesterhigh-tkat.org/news/announcements/item/36/open-mornings6

With warmest wishes, Lisa Harris





A reminder of our after school clubs running this term:

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



October 2025

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7 th Oct	Bookfest Author Visit (Yr 1&2)
8 th Oct	Bookfest Author Visit (Yrs 3-6)
	Harvest Assembly (2pm @ St
	George's Church)
9 th Oct	Flu Vaccinations
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)
15 th Oct	Phonics Workshop (Yrs 1&2)
22 nd Oct	Parents evening (more details to
	follow)
23 rd October	Parents Evening (more details to
	follow)
27 th – 31 st Oct	Half Term
	7 th Oct 8 th Oct 9 th Oct 13 th Oct 14 th Oct 15 th Oct 22 nd Oct 23 rd October

November 2025

6 th Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective
	Sept 2026 parents (9am)
21st Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective
	Sept 2026 parents (9am &
	1.30nm)

December 2025

19 th Dec	Last Day of Term
22^{nd} Dec -2^{nd}	Christmas Holidays
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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.