



Newsletter 24th October 2025

Dear Rumboldswyke families

This half term Green Class have been exploring the wonders of our solar system through an exciting and hands-on learning journey.



The children have been fascinated by the planets, their movements, and the vastness of space beyond our world.

They demonstrated their curiosity and creativity by designing and crafting their own models of the solar system, using a range of materials and imaginative ideas.

The results were truly out of this world - each craft showcasing the children's understanding and artistic flair. It's been a fantastic topic that has inspired awe and enthusiasm for science across the class!



To celebrate the end of their current learning experience, Red Class stepped back in time for a fantastic **Stone Age dress-up day!**

The children arrived in brilliant costumes inspired by early humans, complete with furs, animal prints, and handmade accessories.

They enjoyed a day filled with hands-on activities, from crafting bone necklaces out of popcorn to rock carving, making paint with berries and even having a go at creating their own cave art and sharing what they've learned about life thousands of years ago. It was a wonderful way to bring their topic to life and celebrate all the knowledge and creativity they've shown this term.



I would also like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who attended parents' evening this week. The partnership between home and school plays such an important role in supporting every child's learning and development, and we truly value the time spent sharing progress and celebrating achievements together.

Thank you too, to those who completed and returned the parental questionnaires - your feedback is incredibly valuable in helping us to reflect, improve, and continue growing as a school that meets the needs of our children and families. I will be reviewing all the responses carefully over the coming weeks and will share feedback with you next half term once we've had a chance to go through them all.

Parent Workshop: Supporting My Child to Emotionally Regulate

Do you ever wonder how to best support your child when they are experiencing strong emotions?

We are pleased to invite all parents and carers to a workshop entitled "Supporting My Child to Emotionally Regulate".

This session will take place on **Monday, 10th November at 2:30 p.m.**, and will be led by **Jo Rawlinson, our Designated School Teacher.**

The workshop will provide practical guidance and strategies to help you understand your child's emotional development and support them in managing their feelings effectively.



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We hope you will join us for what promises to be an informative and supportive session.

If you would like to sign up for this workshop, please login to your Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App. You will then be able to register for this workshop in the 'Clubs' section of Arbor.

If you have any difficulties signing up, please speak to a member of the office staff.

We look forward to seeing you there!

It may seem a little early to be mentioning Christmas, but we know how quickly this busy term flies - and we want to make sure everyone has the key dates in their calendars! So here are some save the dates:

- **Nativity service in St George's Church –** Thursday 18th Dec at 10am. During this service, the children in Reception perform the story of the nativity whilst the rest of the school narrate through readings and carols.
- **Year 1 & 2 Christmas Production –** Tuesday 9th Dec (2pm) and Wednesday 10th Dec (5pm). A special, festive musical delight where all children in year 1 & 2 don fabulous costumes and sing their hearts out. We can't wait to see them shine on stage!. More details for follow.

As we come to the end of a busy and inspiring half term, I'd like to wish all the children and their families a restful and enjoyable break. The children have worked incredibly hard and shown great enthusiasm in all their learning, and we hope they take this time to relax, recharge, and have fun.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for more exciting learning adventures – a reminder that our first day back after half term is **Monday 3rd November**.

In the meantime, a few notices and reminders for next half term.....

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/>



Year 3 Swimming

A reminder to Year 3 parents to make sure they have given consent and make payment for swimming **sessions by Monday 3rd November**. Lessons will be starting after half term on 10th November.



Green Class Trip

Just a reminder to please provide consent and payment for the trip as soon as possible. The trip will take place on Friday 7th November.



PE / Forest School Timetable:

Please see the timetable below regarding PE lessons, Swimming Lessons and Forest School sessions for the second half of the Autumn Term 2025.

On days where your child / children have PE or swimming lessons, all children (except Reception aged children) will be able to come into school wearing their PE Kit (with their swimming costume / shorts underneath where applicable).





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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, waterproof jackets and trousers as needed.

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
Monday	Blue Class Yellow Class Red Class	Yr 3	
Tuesday	Yellow Class Red Class		Blue Class* (11 th , 18 th , 25 th Nov & 2 nd Dec)
Wednesday	Green Class		
Thursday	Blue Class Green Class		Red Class
Friday			Green Class

*Please note the dates on which Blue Class have their Forest School Sessions.

After School Clubs

Please check your emails for correspondence regarding after school clubs next half term. You should have received an email yesterday.

If you have any queries, please speak to the school office.

A few notices from our Friends of Rumboldswhyke School (FORS) Team:

Easy Fundraising:

We're now registered with Easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=383603&invite=2l9r0g&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral



STIKINS:

Looking for a simple way to keep track of your child's belongings and support FORS? We've partnered with Stikins® to offer easy-to-use name labels - just stick them onto clothing, shoes, lunch boxes, and more! Each order quoting our school code **17221** earns us 30% commission to help fund valuable resources. [resources. https://www.stikins.co.uk](https://www.stikins.co.uk)

Christmas Jumpers

Got any unwanted or outgrown Christmas jumpers? From **Monday 3rd November**, FORS and Rumboldswhyke School will be collecting festive jumpers to resell on Mondays after school from **Monday 24th November** - just in time for the season!



Help us spread cheer, reduce waste, and raise funds by donating your preloved knits. Drop them off at the school office and give your old jumper a new home!

St George's Church – Halloween Party

On Saturday 1st November 2pm-3:30pm, there will be a Halloween Party for families at St George's Church.

The event will be inspired by the Christian roots of Halloween in the feasts of All Souls and All Saints.





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It will include activities and crafts in the centre and a time of prayer in the church to remember loved ones who have died. Please bring pictures or items of loved ones to be remembered, if you wish. And do come dressed up in your best Halloween costume. There will be prizes for best fancy dress. Refreshments are provided. Suggested donation of £4 per family (see the poster in our attachments for further details).

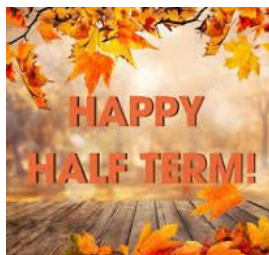
If you want to read more about Halloween from a Christian perspective, read Fr Angus' reflection [here](#) or go to the Church of England [website](#).

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our parental questionnaire. We're delighted that the results were overwhelmingly positive, as you can see from the wonderful word cloud created from your comments! The full results are attached to this newsletter, and I'll be reflecting carefully on your feedback to help us continue improving Rumboldswyke. Some of your suggestions are already being put into action, such as the redevelopment of our outdoor spaces this year, and I'll be exploring other ideas in the months ahead.



Wishing you all a fantastic half term, and hopefully the nasty sickness bug going around gives your families a miss (or is over quickly for those of you with poorly ones at home).

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris



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 – 9 th Dec
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



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.

Diary Dates

October 2025

27th – 31st Oct Half Term

November 2025

3rd Nov First day back after half term
6th Nov Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am)
Red Class visit from Fire service
7th Nov Green Class Trip to Weald & Downland Museum
10th Nov Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
17th Nov Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
21st Nov Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am & 1:30pm)
24th Nov Swimming Lessons (Yr3)

December 2025

1st Dec Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
8th Dec Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
9th Dec Yr1&2 Christmas Production (2pm)
10th Dec Yr1&2 Christmas Production (5pm)
15th Nov Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
18th Dec Nativity at St George's Church (10am)
19th Dec Last Day of Term
22nd Dec – 2nd Jan Christmas Holidays

January 2026

5th Jan First day back after Christmas Holidays