



Newsletter 14th November 2025

Dear Rumboldswyke families

What an incredibly busy and uplifting week it has been at Rumboldswyke! We have welcomed a number of visitors into school, who met our children, staff, and parents. Our children shone with positivity, enthusiasm, and an admirable attitude to learning throughout our SIAMS inspection on Wednesday and our Trust review on Thursday. A huge thank you to all our parents who spoke with the SIAMS inspector on Wednesday.

I had a particularly proud moment yesterday when other local headteachers commented that they were blown away by how warmly they were welcomed and how confidently and articulately your children spoke about their experiences at Rumboldswyke. It was wonderful to hear them describe what it feels like to be part of our school community with such maturity and pride.

Our visitors also remarked on the strong sense of belonging and enthusiasm that radiates from our pupils, as well as the calm, purposeful atmosphere in every classroom. These comments truly reflect the hard work and dedication of our whole school community, children, staff, and families working together to create a nurturing and inspiring environment.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making Rumboldswyke a wonderful place to learn and grow.

Exciting News: New School Houses & Taskmaster Club Launch!

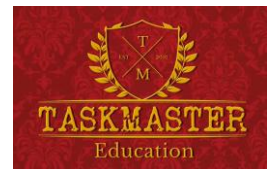
We are thrilled to announce two major developments at Rumboldswyke Primary School that will bring even more energy, engagement and community spirit into school life.

New School Houses

Our children have chosen four animals from the Bible to represent our new school houses: **the Bear, the Lion, the Eagle and the Deer**. Each house will have its own motto and a linked Bible verse (which we will share soon). On Monday the children will find out which house they belong to! Siblings will be in the same house, and parent governors will be aligned with the house of their child too. This means our whole school family, pupils, siblings, parents and governors, can come together under symbol, motto and shared values.

Launching Taskmaster Club

More exciting news: we are introducing a special initiative inspired by the Taskmaster format: the Taskmaster Club. This will serve as the first whole-school event for our new houses, and will eventually become a regular after-school club.



What is Taskmaster Club?

The organisation behind Taskmaster Education uses the format of the popular series to engage young people with fun, creative, and team-based tasks, while developing key skills like creativity, problem-solving, reasoning, teamwork and resilience. Find out more information here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y2EPshHc56Q>

Online Safety Update: Concerns Around Certain Roblox Games

We would like to make parents and carers aware of some concerns regarding specific games currently circulating on **Roblox**. Although Roblox has a general maturity rating of **5+**, it is important to note that individual games (known as “experiences”) on the platform can vary widely in content, and many are **not appropriate for young children** despite the overall platform rating.



Five Nights at Freddy's – Inspired Content

Several Roblox experiences are based on *Five Nights at Freddy's* (FNaF). While these versions are user-created and vary in style, the themes they draw from the original game are not suitable for primary-aged children.

The original *Five Nights at Freddy's* is a **survival horror** game known for being one of the most frightening video game series of its kind.

Even toned-down Roblox versions can still contain imagery, sounds and themes that can be **very distressing** for younger children. We have had reports of children becoming anxious or upset after playing these types of games at home.

"99 Nights in the Forest"

Another Roblox game we wish to highlight is *99 Nights in the Forest*, which is labelled as **Minimal Risk** under Roblox's maturity settings. However, this can be misleading.

Children build camps, gather resources, and survive encounters in a dark forest environment. While not as intense as FNaF-inspired games, it **may still be too frightening** for younger children or those sensitive to suspense and dark themes.

Why This Matters

These types of games can affect children in different ways. Some may brush them off, while others may become:

- anxious at bedtime
- fearful of the dark
- preoccupied with alarming images
- worried about being alone
- unsettled by loud or sudden noises

We therefore encourage all families to regularly review the games children are playing online.

Our priority is always the wellbeing and safety of our children, both in school and online. Please do reach out to us if you would like further guidance on online safety or if you have concerns about what your child may be accessing at home.

Green Class' trip to the Weald and Downland Museum

Green Class had a fantastic time on their trip to the Weald and Downland Museum last week! The children loved exploring the historic buildings, learning about life in the past, and taking part in hands-on activities that brought their history topic to life. Their curiosity and enthusiasm shone throughout the day, and they represented our school beautifully.



Bikeability (Year 6 only)

Just a reminder, as per our previous email, we are pleased to be able to offer our Year 6 children the opportunity to take part in a Bikeability training course at the end of this term.

This programme is designed to help children develop their cycling skills and confidence on the road, promoting safe and responsible cycling habits.



To assist in the planning of this event please could **all** Year 6 parents complete the google form below and the required consent form **by Monday 17th November.**

<https://forms.gle/3gyX45mWdhsRT18w8>



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Important notice regarding PE kits

Just a reminder to all parents, if your child has their ears pierced they are allowed to wear simple studs to school. However, these studs should be removed for PE and swimming. This is in accordance with the association for Physical Education (AfPE). Earrings should be removed and left at home on PE days. **If parents are thinking of getting their child's ears pierced, they are encouraged to do so over holiday periods so they do not miss P.E.**

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

This year our Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day will be on **Wednesday 10th December**.

If you would like to order a Christmas Lunch for your child/children, please ensure you have ordered and selected the 'Roast Dinner' option for this day through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App. If your child is Gluten or Dairy Free, please continue to select this option and they will be given a Christmas Dinner also, with any alternatives as needed. The vegetarian option (option 2) will be a vegan roll.



The deadline for ordering a Christmas Lunch is next Wednesday 19th November by 11am.

FORS Christmas Disco

Our FORS Team have been working in the background to bring to you our first Christmas Disco for the children on **Monday 8th December**. There will be lots of dancing, games, Christmas cheer and even a few special guest appearances!

FORS have requested that all parents complete the online form for your child's choice on who they would like to make an appearance: [Guest Appearance Form](#) (Those with the highest votes will be attending)

Please see the poster in our attachments for further details and timings.

Tickets are on sale in the 'School Shop' section of the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

Please note that by purchasing a ticket, you are consenting to your child attending the Christmas Party and being provided with a drink of squash and a biscuit during the event. Tickets are £5 per child or £7.50 for siblings. Please ensure you purchase the correct item / product (e.g. KS1, KS2 or Siblings).

All tickets must be purchased by 1pm Monday 8th December.

If you have any difficulties or queries, please pop into the school office.

Donate your Christmas Jumpers!

This year FORS will be holding another second-hand Christmas Jumper sale on and they are looking for donations!



If you have any festive jumpers, sweaters, knitwear, or t-shirts that you no longer wear, we'd love to give them a new home while raising funds for our school.

Please drop your clean, unwanted jumpers into the school office.

Christmas Tree

Can any of you help us? We would love to have a real tree up in school if possible. If anyone has any contact with someone who may be willing to donate one, please do get in touch – thank you!



Easy Fundraising:

With Christmas round the corner and for all those already starting their shopping we just wanted to send a reminder that we are 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!





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All you need to do is sign up and remember to use Easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! With Christmas round the corner these donations will 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

A message from St George's Church: Christmas Services and Events at St George's

All are very welcome to attend the Christmas events and services at St George's Church:

- On 28th November, 5-6pm, there will be a **Family Christmas Craft Workshop** to make Christmas swag for your door and an angel topper for your tree. (Please book tickets here: tinyurl.com/stgeorgeschurchevents).
- On 30th November at 3pm, we will hold a reflective **Advent Liturgy** service to wait and watch for the coming of Christ with passages from scripture, hymns, and Advent carols sung by our choir.
- Our **Christmas Fair** will run this year on 6th December, 10am-2pm, and includes fun, games, activities, crafts, face painting, tombola, a raffle, toy and book stalls, a Father Christmas Grotto, and more.
- On 13th December at 3pm, we will hold a **Christmas Concert** with performers including talented adult and youth soloists playing music (several from Rumboldswyke School!), our children's choir, youth group, and others.
- If you fancy **Carolling Singing** in the city centre, then do please join us on 18th December at 4:30pm at Eastgate Square (by the Keats statue) to serenade the shoppers and passersby.
- On 20th December at 6pm, **our Parish Carol Service** will take place with well-known carols, beautiful choral music, and the

readings from scripture telling the story of Christmas.

- On 24th December at 3pm there will be our interactive **Carols at the Crib** for children and families.
- Then later, on 24th December, starting at 11pm, we will celebrate **Midnight Mass** with a blessing of the crib and the first Eucharist of Christmas to rejoice at the mystery and joy of the birth of Christ.
- On 25th December at 10am, we have our **Christmas Day Choral Mass** to give thanks for God being born as one of us to shine as the light of the world. 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.

Finally, from everyone at St George's, we wish you all a blessed Advent and happy Christmas!

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris





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 - 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

PE / Forest School Timetable:

	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.

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

Monday 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.