

Newsletter 21st November 2025

Dear Rumboldswhyke families

A heartfelt thank you to Jay Banham for kindly donating several wooden pallets.

The children have already put them to wonderful use, beginning to create their very own bug hotel in our Forest School area. This has been an amazing opportunity for the children to explore, build, and connect with nature. We are truly grateful for this generous contribution.



Cycling to School

A quick note on cycling and scooting to school: we love seeing so many children choosing active travel, but we have noticed an increasing number without helmets. For safety, all children should wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet when cycling or scooting to and from school.

Roblox

Following on from last week's newsletter regarding Roblox, we wanted to share an important update. On Monday, a spokesperson for the NSPCC stated that children should *not* be using Roblox. Although mandatory photo age verification is expected to be introduced from January, the site still does not adequately keep

children safe. In school, we will continue to intervene in any conversations or activities related to Roblox to ensure children remain protected

Singing with Mr Servant

We are very fortunate to have Mr Servant, a music teacher, joining us each week to lead singing and music sessions with Red Class. This week he also began working with Blue Class. According to Mrs Wilson, the session was filled with "much hilarity" and the children experienced "pure joy"! It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm.







Car Park

Our school gates and car park are now very old and worn, and both will need replacing and resurfacing. This will be a significant expense, likely tens of thousands of pounds, so it is something we will need to save for over time. In the meantime, we have an updated risk assessment in place to help keep everyone safe.

- Bikes and scooters must be walked through the gates rather than ridden.
- There should be no running within the car park area.
- Children must remain in front of parked cars and should never walk behind them.

We are actively looking out for grants to support the cost of these improvements, so if anyone becomes aware of a suitable funding opportunity, please let us know.

To strengthen any bid that we make, can you please inform the office of any accidents/injuries sustained as a result of opening the gate or tripping on the car park surface.

Cold Weather



The cold weather has certainly arrived, bringing with it hats, gloves, scarves and the return of the 'big' coats. A few children are still arriving without warm

clothing, so this is a gentle reminder to please send them in with everything they need to stay comfortable throughout the day.

Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

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

The deadline has now been extended to Tuesday, 25th Nov.

If you do not order a meal by this date, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child / children on 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

Children's Christmas Disco Tickets Available

any alternatives as needed. The

vegetarian option (option 2) will be

A reminder that tickets for the Children's Christmas Disco are now on sale. These can be purchased via the 'School Shop' section of Arbor. We look forward to a festive and fun-filled event!

With warmest wishes, Lisa Harris

a vegan roll.







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	9 th Dec
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

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.



November 2025

24th Nov Swimming Lessons (Yr3)

December 2025

1st DecSwimming Lessons (Yr3)8th DecSwimming Lessons (Yr3)8th DecFORS Christmas Disco

Blue & Yellow — 4pm — 5.15pm Red & Green — 5.30pm — 6.45pm

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 Christmas Holidays

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January 2026

5th Jan First day back after Christmas Holidays