



Newsletter 5th December 2025

Dear Rumboldswyke families

I'm not sure who is more excited about next week, the children or me! On Monday, KS1 will be performing *Lights, Camel, Action!* to the whole school. The singing already sounds incredible, and I can't wait to see the magic of Mr Wilson's choreography and the sparkle in the children's eyes.

Also on Monday is the school disco! A huge thank-you to FORS for organising this. Please make sure the whole school is in bright-and-early on Tuesday, no soft start or lie-in for anyone! After a night of dancing, we'll all need to be ready for a full day of learning and another KS1 performance to our grown-up audience.

And don't forget, Wednesday is Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner Day for the whole school. We're looking forward to seeing everyone in their festive finest as we enjoy one of the most joyful days of the year.

House Point News

As promised, here is this week's update on the house points:

It is a close contest this week, with only four points separating Eagles and Lions! Today in worship, we proudly announced our new House Captains and Vice Captains. We look forward to seeing them lead their houses with pride as they strive to live out their mottos.



Bear House

Bible link: *David fought the lion and the bear* (1 Samuel 17:34–36)

Represents: Strength, protection, bravery

Motto: *Stand Strong, Stand Together*

Colour: Aqua



Deer House

Bible link: *As the deer pants for streams of water...* (Psalm 42:1)

Represents: Grace, gentleness, perseverance

Motto: *Run with Grace*

Colour: Black



Eagles House

Bible link: *They will soar on wings like eagles* (Isaiah 40:31)

Represents: Hope, vision, perseverance

Motto: *Rise Above*

Colour: Pink



Lions House

Bible link: *The Lion of Judah* (Genesis 49:9; Revelation 5:5)

Represents: Courage, strength, leadership

Motto: *Be Bold, Be Brave*

Colour: Purple

With a busy final 2 weeks ahead before Christmas, we thought we would remind you of some key dates for your diaries:

8 th Dec	- Yr 3 Swimming - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance to the rest of the school - FORS Christmas Discos after school
9 th Dec	- Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance (2pm)
10 th Dec	- Christmas Jumper Day - Christmas Lunch - Daily Mile Santa Dash - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance (5pm)
11 th Dec	- Green Class Victorian Christmas Day
12 th Dec	- Green Class singing at The Cross in Chichester (10:30am)
14 th Dec	- Deadline for ordering meals for the start of the Spring Term 2026
15 th -17 th Dec	- Bikeability (Yr 6 children who are taking part)
15 th Dec	- Yr 3 Swimming
17 th Dec	- Taskmaster House Challenge (in school – children only)
18 th Dec	- Nativity at St George's Church (10am)
19 th Dec	- Last day of Term
5 th Jan	- First day back for Spring Term

The Daily Mile Santa Dash

Just a reminder that next week on Wednesday 10th December pupils at Rumboldswyke will be taking part in the 'Daily Mile Santa Dash!'.

This is a fun, feel-good event that is all about getting children, teachers, and whole school communities moving together to celebrate the joy of being active. Whether pupils run, skip, or walk, the Santa Dash is the perfect way to spread festive cheer while keeping everyone healthy and happy in the run-up to the holidays.

Rather than asking parents to sponsor their children, we are asking for a voluntary contribution towards developing our Forest School area.

If you would like to make a donation, please do so via the 'School Shop' section of Arbor.

The Daily Mile Santa Dash is listed as £1 per product in Arbor. Therefore, should you wish to donate more than £1, please select the required quantity. For example, if you wish to donate £3, please ensure you select 3 in the quantity box.



FORS Christmas Disco

Last chance to buy tickets for our FORS Christmas Disco this Monday 8th December.

Please log onto the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App in the 'School Shop' section by 1pm Monday 8th December to buy your child / children a ticket.

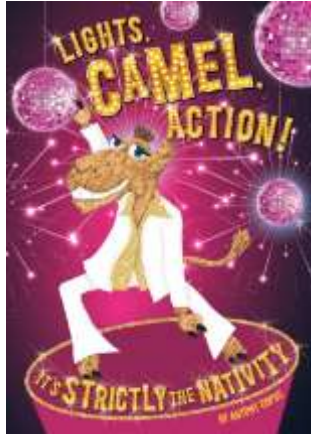


Tickets are £5 per child or £7.50 for siblings. Please ensure you purchase the correct item / product (e.g. KS1, KS2 or Siblings).

Year 1&2 Christmas Performance Tickets

'Lights, Camel Action!'

The time has come!
Next week Year 1 & 2 will be performing their Christmas production to the rest of the school on Monday afternoon and then to friends and family on Tuesday and Wednesday. We can't wait to see what they have in store for us!



There are still a few remaining tickets available if parents would like to purchase any further tickets.

Christmas Taskmaster:

Following on from our email earlier in the week, just a reminder that on Wednesday 17th December during school hours, we will be running a special Christmas Taskmaster session for the children.

To help us run this exciting event we would very much welcome either a voluntary contribution towards resources (available in the Arbor shop) or donations of materials the children can use for their challenges.

Useful items include:

- Unused toilet roll (I mean the whole toilet roll not just the tube)
- Wrapping paper
- Empty boxes (e.g. cereal boxes, shoe boxes)
- Newspaper
- Kitchen roll tubes

Thank you for your support, we are looking forward to a fun and festive Taskmaster session!

A message from Quarry Lane Childcare:

We are delighted to see the rapid increase in enrolment at Rumboldswyke School. This growth is wonderful news for the school community.

After careful consideration of our staffing, facilities, and the growing demand from Rumboldswyke families, we have made the decision to dedicate our childcare services exclusively to children attending Rumboldswyke School as from December.

This change will allow us to:

- Ensure Capacity: Guarantee that we can offer a space to all Rumboldswyke families who need our care.
- Maintain Quality: Keep our staff-to-child ratios at the highest possible standards for a positive experience for your children.
- Align with School Events: More closely coordinate with the school's schedule and activities.

Jennie and Kim at Quarry Lane Childcare are incredibly excited about this change, as it allows them to better serve the Rumboldswyke School community with greater capacity and quality. Families with questions regarding current or future enrollment are encouraged to contact them directly.

Phone:

Kim: 07922305925

Jennie: 07394556695

Email: qlcc@quarrylanechildcare.co.uk

Facebook: Quarry Lane Childcare Chichester

Thank you for your continued support.

Jennie and Kim xx

A message from Father Angus

Do remember that St George's church are holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 6 December 10am - 2pm. Free entry as usual and the Father Christmas Grotto is £4. There will be children's activities and stalls,



craft items for sale and to make, festive decorations and candles to buy, books, toys, puzzles, cakes, raffle, tombola, festive music, refreshments and much more! All are welcome!



Green Class enjoying forest school this week





Chichester Foodbank:

We understand that this time of year can place extra financial strain on families. Chichester Foodbank is available to support anyone who may be struggling, offering food provisions and other essential items to help during difficult periods.

If you feel you may benefit from this support, or know someone who might, please remember you can access help confidentially through the foodbank. Please see the poster below for contact.

Chichester District Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Supporting Chichester, Midhurst, Petworth & Selsey

Struggling to afford food and essentials? We're here to help

Chichester District Foodbank works with partners such as Chichester District Council. You can register with them to receive three days of emergency food for each family member from our food bank. We can also provide hygiene items, laundry products, nappies, and pet food.

Our friendly team can signpost you to **support services** to help with issues such as debt, health, caring, housing, employment and more.

You don't need to be claiming any benefits to get a voucher or support.

For more info, please visit our website:
chichesterdistrict.foodbank.org.uk/get-help

Do you need food urgently? Please call
Chichester District Council on: **01243 785166**

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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 - 15 th Dec
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
Goal Getters	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	11 th Sept - 27 th Nov

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.



Diary Dates

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.

December 2025

1 st Dec	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
8 th Dec	Swimming Lessons (Yr3) FORS Christmas Disco Blue & Yellow – 4pm – 5.15pm Red & Green – 5.30pm – 6.45pm
9 th Dec	Yr1&2 Christmas Production (2pm)
10 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinners Daily Mile Santa Dash Yr1&2 Christmas Production (5pm)
11 th Dec	Green Class Victorian Christmas Day
15 th -17 th Dec	Bikeability - Year 6 only
15 th Nov	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
18 th Dec	Nativity at St George's Church (10am)
19 th Dec	Last Day of Term
22 nd Dec - 2 nd Jan	Christmas Holidays

January 2026

5 th Jan	First day back after Christmas Holidays
12 th Jan	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
19 th Jan	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
26 th Jan	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)