



## Newsletter 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,



What a beautifully festive finish to the Autumn Term!

Yesterday's Nativity Service at St George's was truly fantastic. It had such a strong sense of community, with ripples of joy felt not only among the children but by all the adults too. The children were absolutely wonderful, with some incredible talent coming through our school - from angelic voices to impressive guitar playing. It was a truly beautiful occasion, filled with warmth and a wonderful community spirit. Our youngest children were equally amazing, confidently telling the Nativity story and singing their hearts out.



We'd also like to say a huge thank you to one of our parents, Hannah Gaskin, who very kindly donated the angel wings for the Nativity this year. We are so grateful for her kind generosity.

Wednesday, saw us host our Festive Taskmaster Event and what fun it was!!

The children (and adults!) threw themselves into the challenges with huge enthusiasm, resulting in lots of laughter, teamwork and a healthy dose of silliness. From puzzling tasks to speedy challenges, the room was filled with giggles and festive cheer, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting involved and enjoying themselves together. What a truly great afternoon!

We've added some photos from our exciting afternoon to the end of this newsletter for you to enjoy — we hope they give you a lovely glimpse of what your children got up to and bring a smile to your face.

### Parent workshop

Building on the fantastic turnout and positive feedback from our recent workshop on supporting your child with regulation, we are delighted to invite you to our next parent workshop.

This session will focus on **healthy eating, sleep routines, and dental hygiene**, offering practical tips to support your child's wellbeing at home.

The workshop will take place on **28th January at 2pm**, and we would love for you to join us.

#### Aimed at:

Reception class and primary, but it does include information on adolescent sleeping.

#### Content:

This session highlights the importance of good nutrition, consistent sleep routines, and dental hygiene. Using a highly visual approach, the workshop introduces each of these three key areas, and provides time for parents to ask questions and share their experiences. Screen time is also discussed.



"These workshops are tailored for co-delivery with your school, allowing you to facilitate them independently within your school community. Each session is approximately 30 to 45 minutes long and is designed to be presented to a group of about 10 to 15 parents, selected collaboratively with the school and your Dedicated Schools Team (DST) link worker. The school will coordinate and host these workshops.

The series is intended to empower parents with practical knowledge and strategies to support their children's emotional, social, and physical development. Each session focuses on a specific topic to support parents, offering insights, tools, and opportunities for discussion."



**A message from Father Angus**

The Christmas holidays begin today! Here is a reminder of the services at St George's. On 20 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 24 December at 3pm there will be our interactive Carols at the Crib for children and families. Then later, on 24 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 25 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, on behalf of everyone at St George's, I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

As we close out the term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful new Year! May your holiday season be filled with joy, love and cherished moments with your loved ones.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year!

With warmest wishes,  
Lisa Harris



After School **Clubs**

A reminder of our after-school clubs running next term. Please see the previous email sent to parents for full details regarding clubs and how to sign up.

**Spring Term 2026**

After School Club	Day	Time	Dates
<b>Creation Station</b>	Mondays	3:15 - 4:15pm	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Drama Club</b>	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	13 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 24 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Dance Club</b>	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb
<b>Taskmaster Club</b>	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Goal Getters</b>	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan - 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb

**PE / Forest School Timetable (Spring Term 2026):**

Please see the timetable below for PE lessons, Swimming Lessons and Forest School sessions for the first half of the Spring Term 2026.

On days where your child / children have PE or swimming lessons, all children (except Reception) may come to school wearing their PE Kit. Swimming costumes or shorts should be worn underneath



For children attending Forest School, sessions will happen whatever the weather, so it is



important they come prepared. Please provide a change of clothes that can get dirty in a named bag, as well as sturdy shoes or wellies, and waterproof jackets and trousers as needed.

## Spring Term 1 2026

	PE	Swimming	Forest School
Monday	Blue Class Yellow Class	Red Class	
Tuesday	Yellow Class		Yellow Class* (22 <sup>nd</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan & 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb)
Wednesday	Red Class		
Thursday	Blue Class Green Class		
Friday	Green Class		

\*Please note the dates on which Yellow Class have their Forest School Sessions. Blue, red and green Class will have Forest School sessions in the second half of the Spring term.

## Diary Dates

### December 2025

22<sup>nd</sup> Dec - Christmas Holidays  
2<sup>nd</sup> Jan

### January 2026

5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First day back after Christmas Holidays
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Open morning for prospective Sept 2026 parents
12 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
19 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

INSET Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – children not in school  
Children's first day of school will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Spring Term 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – children not in school

### Summer Term 2026

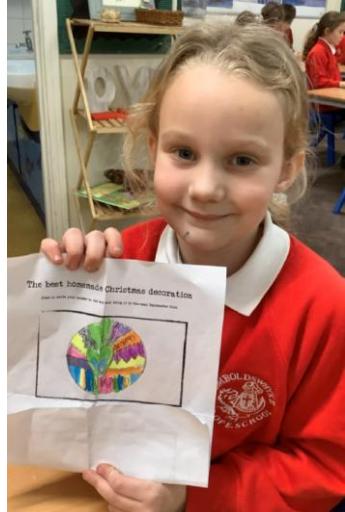
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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.



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