



Rumboldswhyke
Church of England Primary School

Newsletter 30th January 2026

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

This week, Green class joined Year 5 & 6 children from across our Trust schools for an inspiring morning of poetry.

The children were truly hooked into their learning by a group of dynamic performance poets, who captivated them with powerful words, rhythm and creativity.



Following this exciting experience, the children will now have the opportunity to write their own poems and perform them to their classmates. We can't wait to hear their voices, ideas and confidence shine through - watch this space!

On Thursday, a small group of Green Class children were also selected to take part in a Hockey Festival at Chichester High School. The event was designed to encourage and inspire children - particularly those who may not currently play hockey - by giving them the chance to experience the sport in a fun, inclusive and supportive environment.

Our children were amazing and represented the school with real passion, teamwork and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of them!



INSET Days:

We have now set our remaining INSET Days for this year. Please see the dates below and ensure these are noted in your diaries:

- Monday 23rd February
- Friday 22nd May
- Thursday 18th June
- Friday 19th June

Pancake Party – 17 February

Shrove Tuesday

St George's is holding a Pancake Party on Tuesday 17 February 10am-noon. Come and join us for a fun filled morning of crafts, time for a story and singing in

church, a pancake race and lots of pancakes! Suggested donation on the door: £5 per family. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please register for tickets beforehand at <https://www.stgeorgeschichester.org/event-info/pancake-party>



School Lunch ordering:

This week you should have received an email regarding the school lunch menu for after the half term break ('Spring Term 2'). The menu has now been updated on Arbor.



Please ensure all meals are ordered by this Sunday, 1st February.

Job Vacancy

Fishbourne Primary School are currently looking for a LSA to join their team.

If you are interested or know of anyone who might be, please find the details and application form on the link below.



<https://www.fishbourneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Vacancies&pid=77>

Application closing date: Thursday 5th February 2026

Chicken Pox

As you may be aware, we now have a number of cases of chicken pox throughout the school in various classes.

Chickenpox is a common childhood illness and is usually mild; however, it is highly infectious. We ask that you remain vigilant and monitor your child for symptoms, which may include a fever, feeling unwell, and an itchy rash that develops into fluid-filled blisters.

If your child develops symptoms of chickenpox, please keep them at home and inform the school office. Children should remain off school until all blisters have crusted over, which usually takes around five days.

For further information about chicken pox, please click on the following link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Please be assured that we continue to follow appropriate health and hygiene guidance in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris

Have a great Weekend!



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
Creation Station	Mondays	3:15 - 4:15pm	12 th Jan - 9 th Feb
Drama Club	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	13 th Jan - 24 th March
Dance Club	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4pm	14 th Jan - 25 th Feb
Taskmaster Club	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	14 th Jan - 25 th March
Goal Getters	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	8 th Jan - 12 th Feb

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		
Wednesday	Green Class		
Thursday	Blue Class Green Class		Yellow Class* (22 nd , 29 th Jan & 5 th Feb)
Friday	Red Class		

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



*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

February 2026

2 nd Feb	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
4 th Feb	Goodwood Art Foundation Trip (Red Class)
9 th Feb	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
12 th Feb	Future Flyers (selected children only)
16 th - 20 th Feb	Half Term Break
23 rd Feb	INSET Day (no children in school)

March 2026

2 nd March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
9 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
12 th March	Future Flyers (selected children only)
16 th March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
23 rd March	Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
25 th March	Amberely Museum (Blue Class)
30 th March - 10 th April	Easter Holidays

April 2026

13 th April	First day back of Summer Term
16 th April	Blue Class Trip to Fishbourne Primary School
23 rd April	Future Flyers (selected children only)

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

INSET Day – Friday 22nd May – children not in school

INSET Day Thursday 18th & Friday 19th June – children not in school