



Newsletter 13th February 2026

Dear Rumboldswhyke families,

Thank you to everyone who attended our recent Parents' Evening. We truly value these opportunities to talk together about your children's progress, celebrate their successes and answer any questions you may have. Working in partnership with you makes a real difference to the children's confidence and achievement, and we appreciate the time you take to support this.

We have a few important **key dates & reminders** to share with you....

- **Class photos – Date Change**

Class photos will now take place on **Thursday 19th March**. All students should attend school in their **full school uniform** on this day.

- **INSET Day – Monday 23rd February**

Children back in school on Tuesday 24th February.

- **Blue Class Art Gallery – Friday 27th**

February at 3:15pm



Blue Class will be showcasing some of their artwork from this term. There will also be an opportunity for parents to purchase one piece to help raise funds for the classroom.

- **World Book Day – Thursday 5th**

March

This year we would like to celebrate the day by encouraging pupils to dress up as a character from a book or a costume inspired by a book. Throughout the day pupils will get the chance to link up with other pupils in their house and take part in a range of fun book related activities.



Singing at the Cross:

We were incredibly proud of our Green Class children who took part in *Singing at the Cross* just before Christmas. Despite the wet and windy conditions, they performed with enthusiasm and helped create a wonderful festive atmosphere in Chichester. Chichester Rotary Club have informed us that the event raised **over £11,000** for local charities - a fantastic achievement and a testament to the all the children's and volunteer's efforts.

Just a reminder that St George's Church 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>

After School Clubs:

All parents will have received an email yesterday regarding after school clubs running for the Spring Term 2.

Please do check your emails for full details, dates and how to sign your child / children up to an afterschool club.

A couple of messages from West Sussex County Council.....

Protecting Young People from Radicalisation:

West Sussex County Council have started a new project aimed at educating parents and carers on the dangers of online radicalisation.

They are working with a specialist training company, Small Steps, to deliver a training project directly to parents and carers to support them in identifying and challenging online extremist ideologies and narratives.

These one hour online webinars will explore:



- What factors can make young people susceptible to extremist ideas
- How to support others and where to get help
- Understand the dangers of certain platforms used by extremists
- What disinformation and misinformation are and the dangers of both
- Signs of radicalisation, how to have difficult conversations and what to do if approached by an extremist online
- Interactive gaming activities that showcase strategies used by extremists on virtual platforms

Have a great half term and we look forward to seeing you all back at school on 24th February.

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris



Sessions will take place on:

- Tuesday 24th February 2026, 19:00 - 20:00
- Thursday 26th February 2026, 19:00 - 20:00

Please click [here](#) to register your interest. For more information, please click the article title to view the attached flyer, or email ask@smallsteps.ltd, or prevent.training@westsussex.gov.uk.

Wraparound childcare survey:

West Sussex County Council's Early Years and Childcare team has launched a new survey to understand families' experiences of wraparound childcare. Wraparound childcare provides families with care for school aged children before and after the school day.

The survey is open to all families with primary school-aged children, whether they currently use wraparound childcare in West Sussex or not. It asks about what is working well, what could be improved, and how childcare outside of the school day can better meet the needs of local families.

The survey is anonymous, and your feedback will contribute to countywide planning and development. The deadline to complete the survey is **23:59 on Sunday 22nd February**.

[Wraparound Childcare Survey](#)



After School 

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 2 2026

| After School Club | Day | Time | Dates |
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| Creation Station | Mondays | 3:15 - 4:15pm | 2 nd - 23 rd March |
| Drama Club | Tuesdays | 3:15 - 4:15pm | 24 th Feb - 24 th March |
| Dance Club | Wednesdays | 3:15 - 4pm | 25 th Feb - 25 th March |
| Taskmaster Club | Wednesdays | 3:15 - 4:15pm | 25 th Jan - 25 th March |
| Goal Getters | Thursdays | 3:15 - 4:15pm | 26 th Feb - 26 th Mar |



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 2 2026

| | PE | Swimming | Forest School |
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| Monday | Blue Class Yellow Class | Red Class | |
| Tuesday | Yellow Class | | Blue Class (3 rd , 10 th & 17 th March) |
| Wednesday | Green Class | | |
| Thursday | Blue Class Green Class | | Red Class |
| Friday | Red Class | | 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.

PE / Forest School Timetable (Spring Term 2 2026):

Please see the timetable below for PE lessons, Swimming Lessons and Forest School sessions for the first half of the Spring Term 2 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.





Diary Dates

February 2026

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| 16 th - 20 th Feb | Half Term Break |
| 23 rd Feb | INSET Day (no children in school) |

March 2026

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| 2 nd March | Swimming Lessons (Red Class) |
| 9 th March | Swimming Lessons (Red Class) |
| | Red Class Trip to Fishbourne School |
| 12 th March | Future Flyers (selected children only) |
| 16 th March | Swimming Lessons (Red Class) |
| 19 th March | School Photos |
| 23 rd March | Swimming Lessons (Red Class) |
| 24 th March | Red Class Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre |
| 25 th March | Amberley Museum (Blue Class) |
| 30 th March - 10 th April | Easter Holidays |

April 2026

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| 13th 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