



Newsletter 27th February 2026

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. Although this is a slightly shorter half term, it's certainly a busy one, with lots of exciting activities and events planned for the children.

Blue Class returned to school this week to discover something very unusual.... mysterious clues had been scattered around their classroom!

Left behind were a pair of bright red wellies, a small duffle coat, a suitcase with the letters *PB* on it and - most puzzling of all - a jar of marmalade! The children immediately put on their detective hats and began excitedly discussing this intriguing discovery. Who could these belongings possibly belong to?

It didn't take long for the mystery to be solved.... the clues pointed to none other than Paddington Bear!



Full of excitement, Blue Class set off around the school in search of their favourite marmalade-loving bear. They searched high and low, peeking around corners, checking every possible hiding place and carefully following each clue they could find.



After lots of thoughtful discussion, the children decided there was only one sure way to encourage Paddington's return - they would make his favourite snack! The classroom was soon buzzing with activity as they carefully prepared delicious marmalade sandwiches, hoping the sweet, citrusy smell would tempt him back.



But the question remains... will Paddington return to Blue Class?

Meanwhile, four of our older children were given the fantastic opportunity to attend a local Sports Ambassador Event this week. This special event was designed for pupils who have demonstrated strong leadership, confidence and organisational skills.

During the day, they worked alongside other young leaders to develop their understanding of what it means to be a Sports Ambassador, building their teamwork and project management skills so they can help support and lead a range of sporting events back in school.

They represented our school beautifully - brimming with enthusiasm, thoughtful ideas and maturity. They were outstanding ambassadors,



and we are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves throughout the event.



We are excited to see how they will use their newly developed skills to take on a sports-based project here at school... so watch this space!

And finally... we just had to share this fantastic photo of our wonderful Play Leaders bringing smiles to everyone's faces as they led our younger children in a joyful conga line at lunchtime today!



What a brilliant example of teamwork, positivity and fun — and the perfect way to end the week on such a high!

Next week we have two exciting activities. On **Tuesday, 3rd March, Green Class**, have been invited by the Bishop Luffa Arts Faculty to attend a special primary matinee performance of *The*

Little Shop of Horrors. Children will walk to Bishop Luffa School, leaving after lunch.

We ask that parents make arrangements for their child to be collected from Bishop Luffa School at 3:45pm.

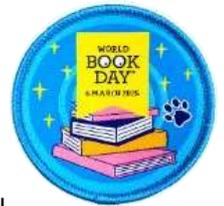
If parents are still having difficulties making arrangements, please contact the school office.



On **Thursday 5th March**, it is **World Book Day**. As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we would love all children to come dressed as a favourite book character or in a costume inspired by a book.

Throughout the day, pupils will have the opportunity to join others in their house teams and take part in a range of fun, book-themed activities.

We can't wait to see the fantastic costumes and discover which stories have inspired them!



Mobile Phones in School

Following guidance from the Department for Education, schools are expected to provide a mobile-phone-free environment throughout the school day in order to support learning, wellbeing and safeguarding. At Rumboldswyke School, our policy reflects this approach.

Children are not permitted to bring smartphones or smart devices into school. Devices with cameras, internet access or the ability to record audio or video present safeguarding risks, including the potential for photographs or recordings to be taken without consent. Removing these devices from the school day helps us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils.

We recognise that some older pupils travel to and from school independently. Therefore, children in Years 5 and 6 who walk home alone may bring a basic “brick-style” mobile phone (for example, an older Nokia-type device) that can only make calls or send texts. These phones must be handed into the school office on arrival and collected at the end of the day. Phones must not have internet access, cameras or smart functionality.

If parents need to contact their child during the school day, please do so via the school office as usual.

We appreciate your continued support in helping us keep our school community safe and focused on learning.

Just a reminder that **Class Photos** will be on **Thursday 19th March**. All children should attend school in their **full school uniform** on this day



If you do not wish for your child to have their photo taken with the rest of their class, please let the office staff know by 9am Wednesday 18th March.



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
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



Summer Fair - Saturday 27th June - Further details will follow, however, in the meantime if anyone is interested or able to help with organisation and / or

volunteering on the day, please contact our amazing Friends of Rumboldswyke School Team on FORS@rumboldswyke.co.uk.

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris

Have a great Weekend!

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





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
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.



March 2026

- 2nd March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
- 3rd March Green Class trip to see 'The Little Shop of Horrors' at Bishop Luffa School
- 5th March World Book Day
- 9th March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
Red Class Trip to Fishbourne School
- 12th March Future Flyers (selected children only)
- 16th March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
- 19th March School Photos
- 23rd March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
- 24th March Red Class Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre
- 25th March Amberly Museum (Blue Class)
- 30th March - 10th April Easter Holidays

April 2026

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

May 2026

- 22nd May INSET Day
- 25th - 29th Half Term
- May



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