



Dear Rumboldswyke families,

It has been another exciting and enriching week across the school, with lots of fantastic learning experiences taking place in every class!

♥ Red Class

Red Class started their week with a wonderful trip to Fishbourne Primary School, where they met up with children from other primary schools within our Trust. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to spend time together, work collaboratively, and make new friends.



The highlight of the day was watching *The BFG*, which has really built excitement ahead of their theatre trip in a couple of weeks' time. The children were completely captivated by the story and had a brilliant time taking part in a range of BFG-themed activities throughout the day. They created beautiful dream catchers, tried their hand at writing some imaginative "Goblefunk", and even invented their own giant names! It was so lovely to see the children mixing so confidently with pupils from other schools, working together, sharing ideas, and showing such enthusiasm in all the activities.



♥ Blue Class

Linked to their learning experience around Paddington, Blue Class have been on a journey of discovery this week!

They began by learning about our capital city, London, before venturing further afield to explore the United Kingdom. The children looked at the differences between cities, towns and villages, as well as identifying human and physical features found in each.

To finish their learning in a very memorable way, the children even ate their way around the UK!

They sampled a selection of traditional treats including shortbread, scones and potato bread.



While some flavours were a big hit, others were met with a few unsure faces!



Next week there will be some mystery visitors arriving in Blue Class, so watch this space for more exciting news..... 👁👁

♥ Yellow Class

Yellow Class have been fully immersed in the beautiful book *Dear Earth*.

The children have spent time exploring the wonders of our planet and writing some fantastic descriptive pieces, celebrating the beauty of the Earth while also thinking carefully about how we can help protect and care for it.

To bring this learning to life, the children will soon be taking part in a special trip to Bishop's Palace Gardens, where they will join other primary schools from within the Trust. This experience will help deepen their understanding and appreciation of the natural world as part of their *Dear Earth* learning experience.

♥ Green Class

This week Green Class have been exploring the important theme of prejudice.

As part of their learning, they have been looking at life for Jewish people before World War II, reflecting on how, although their religion and traditions may have been different, their lives were actually very similar to ours in so many ways.

The children then considered what life might have been like for a child living in a ghetto during World War II.

Using this understanding, the children wrote powerful diary entries from the perspective of a child living during this time, thinking deeply about what life might have been like and how it may have felt.

In a couple of weeks, on Thursday 26th March, Green Class will also be visiting the Baptist Church with other schools from within the Trust. During this visit, some of the children will have the opportunity to read aloud the poems they have written as the end goal to their Poetry learning experience.

More details about this trip will follow soon.

We are incredibly excited about the growing opportunities for collaboration across our Trust schools. Being able to learn alongside children from other schools is already proving to be a wonderful way to broaden experiences, share ideas and build new friendships. We are thrilled to see this partnership continuing to develop, as it allows the children to take part in even richer learning experiences, shared events and exciting trips that enhance what we offer in school.

Over the past year, we have been working hard to increase the number of exciting learning opportunities and trips that enrich our curriculum. These experiences take a great deal of time to plan and coordinate, so I would like to extend a huge and heartfelt thank you to our staff team who give up time during the school week to carry



out recent visits and complete the necessary risk assessments.

Where possible, we try to keep costs down by walking to local providers or using BLLP transport. We are also very grateful to parents who have juggled different drop-off and pick-up locations to help us maximise these learning opportunities for the children.

As a full-time working parent myself, I know how challenging it can be when the school needs to make adjustments to morning or afternoon routines. Being a parent can sometimes feel like being a commander, planning the day with military precision!

However, with an increase in trips also comes increased expenditure. When voluntary contributions are not received, the cost has to be absorbed by the school budget. Unfortunately, if we do not receive enough funds to cover the cost of trips, we may have to consider cancelling future outings.

Our school budget is already very tightly stretched, and we currently have a shortfall of approximately £1,200 due to unpaid trip contributions. We completely understand that finances can sometimes be difficult, so if helpful, we are very happy to set up small weekly payment plans. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in helping us provide these valuable experiences for our pupils.

In other news, FORS have agreed on a new fundraising target for the school. Currently, we only have five or six iPads that can connect to the internet, so we would love to focus our fundraising efforts on purchasing a full class set of iPads.

Each iPad costs around £250, which makes this feel like a really tangible goal, every fundraising activity can help us get one step closer to adding another device for the children to use in their learning.

Having a class set would make a huge difference, allowing teachers to plan more interactive lessons and giving pupils more opportunities to develop their digital skills.

If you have any fundraising ideas or would like to get involved, please do get in touch with the FORS team. They would love to hear from you!

Meet Our Play Therapist: Kerry

We are delighted to have Kerry, our skilled Play Therapist, from 'Leave Her Wild', working with children here at school. Kerry offers Play Therapy sessions commissioned by parents at £45 per session, held conveniently in our nurture room. Currently, she has 1 or 2 spaces available for new children.



A child's natural and preferred way of communicating is through play, and Play and Creative Arts Therapy provides a safe, confidential space for children to express themselves, process emotions, and make sense of their experiences. It is particularly beneficial for children who find it difficult to articulate their thoughts and feelings verbally.

Kerry's therapy sessions help children:

- Acknowledge and process their emotions constructively
- Develop coping strategies for life's challenges
- Build resilience and confidence

While the therapy is mainly non-directive and child-centred, specific techniques may be used when beneficial to the child's journey.

If you are interested in booking a space for your child, please contact the school office to discuss availability.

Further information regarding the Play Therapy Kerry provides has also been sent along with this newsletter.



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Forest School Donations:

We are continually developing our Forest School area and would really appreciate your help.



We are currently looking for:

Large tree stumps – these will be used as seating around the Forest School circle.

Wooden planks – for balancing and building activities.

If you, or someone you know, might be able to donate any of these items, please let us know.

The children absolutely love their time in Forest School and these additions would really enhance their outdoor learning.

Reminders for Next Week:

School Photos – Thursday 19th March

Next Thursday will be our Class Photo Day.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their normal school uniform.



There will be no PE lessons on this day.

If your child normally has Forest School on a Thursday, please still send their Forest School clothes in a named bag so they can change for their afternoon session.

Save the Date:

Before the Easter break, we will be holding our **End of Term Eucharist** on **Monday 23rd March at 2:00pm.**

All parents and carers are very welcome to join us.

With warmest wishes,
Lisa Harris





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

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.

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





March 2026

- 16th March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
- 19th March School Photos
- 23rd March Swimming Lessons (Red Class)
End of Term Eucharist (2pm at St George's Church)
- 24th March Red Class Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre
- 25th March Blue Class - Amberly Museum
- 26th March Green Class - Visit to Chichester Baptist Church

Trip to New Park Theatre (selected children only)
- 30th March - Easter Holidays
- 10th April

April 2026

- 13th April First day back of Summer Term
- 14th April Yellow Class - Visit to Bishop Palace Gardens
- 16th April Blue Class Trip to Fishbourne Primary School
- 23rd April Future Flyers (selected children only)

May 2026

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

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



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