



Newsletter 20th March 2026

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

What a glorious week it has been! The sunshine has certainly lifted everyone's spirits, and it really feels like spring is just around the corner.

It's been another fun-filled and busy week for the children. We kicked things off with a fantastic whole-school assembly led by James from Rock Steady. He introduced us to everything they have to offer, and the children were completely captivated - singing along, trying out instruments like the guitar, keyboard and drums, and fully embracing the experience. It was truly inspiring to watch! James even managed to form a staff band, which caused great excitement (and a few smiles!). If your child is interested in Rock Steady lessons, please do check your emails for further information.

On Thursday, we had our class photos taken. Further details about how to order these will be sent out after the Easter holidays, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

Blue Class have continued their Paddington Bear adventures this week, "travelling" all the way to

Peru! As they flew over the Andes, they spotted alpacas - which led to a very special real-life experience. On Thursday, we were delighted to welcome two wonderful alpacas, Luke and Baron, to our Forest School area.



The children had a fantastic time meeting them and learning all about life as an alpaca in the Andes. They discovered that alpacas have pointed hooves to help them grip steep mountain sides, and thick, warm fur which can even be used to make clothes (including socks that can be worn for a whole week without washing!). They were also amazed to learn that alpacas can run as fast as a horse. It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



A message from Father Angus - Holy Week and Easter at St George's

All are welcome to celebrate Holy Week and Easter at St George's. This is the holiest time of the year in the Christian calendar, full of mystery and awe, where darkness and suffering are confronted and overcome by the light of God's love. Starting on Maundy Thursday (2 April) we celebrate the evening Eucharist at 7:30pm which includes the washing of the feet and the watch until Midnight for those who wish to stay to meditate in silence. Then on Good Friday on 3rd April at 10:00am there is a service, activities and refreshments for children of all ages as we follow Jesus on the way of love and build an Easter garden together. At 2:00pm on the same day, this followed by the solemn liturgy of the cross with a dramatic reading of the



Passion of St John and the veneration of the cross. On Holy Saturday 4th April at 6:30pm, we celebrate the Easter Vigil, the high point of Holy Week, lighting a new fire outside and journeying into church with handheld candles in preparation for the joyful Easter proclamation of love's victory and truth. Children and families are encouraged to take part in the service with roles and activities aimed at children while allowing them to experience the rich splendour of the liturgy. This is then followed by an Easter barbeque feast, fireworks, a film for children, and sleepover for older children. Finally, on Easter Day on Sunday 5th April we hold our 10am Eucharist where, with Christians throughout the world and across history, we celebrate the joy of Christ's resurrection. There will be an Easter Egg hunt too for children. Please see the St George's website for full details: www.stgeorgeschichester.org. On behalf of everyone at St George's, Fr Angus would like to wish you all a Happy Easter.

A quick reminder to please name your child's uniform. With the warmer weather, jumpers are often left behind - yesterday alone, **twelve** unnamed jumpers were found on the field after break! Please do check that your child's name is clearly written in their clothing. If your child has recently misplaced a jumper, our Lost Property box will be available in the Reception area until Friday 27th March. After this date, any unclaimed items will either be donated to charity or added to the FORS second-hand uniform stock.



Next week we will be sending out an email regarding Summer Term Clubs. Please keep an eye out for further details.



Reminders for Next Week:

We have a number of exciting trips and events coming up next week, so please ensure all permissions, payments and packed lunch arrangements (if needed) are completed in advance via your Parent Portal. You can view if your child has ordered a packed lunch from Caterlink by logging into your Parent Portal.

- **Monday 23rd March** – Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons (final session of the academic year)
- **Monday 23rd March, 2:00pm** – End of Term Eucharist (all parents and carers are warmly invited)
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Red Class trip to see *The BFG* at Chichester Festival Theatre (please arrange collection from the theatre unless otherwise agreed)
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Blue Class trip to Amberley Museum
- **Thursday 26th March (morning)** – Trip to Chichester Cinema at New Park (selected children only)
- **Thursday 26th March (afternoon)** – Green Class Poetry Performance at Chichester Baptist Church (finishes at 3:00pm; children return to school for collection at 3:45pm unless prior arrangements have been made)



This week we also say a fond farewell to Miss Pavitt, who has been supporting Yellow Class as a student teacher. She has been a wonderful addition to our school community, and we wish her every success in her final exams and her future teaching career.

Next week is our final week before the Easter holidays, and we have lots more exciting activities planned - so watch this space!

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 |

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

- 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 Trip to New Park Theatre (selected children only)
Green Class - Visit to Chichester Baptist Church
- 30th March - 10th April Easter Holidays

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