



## Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Rumboldswyke families,

What a fantastic and action-packed end to the Spring Term!

It's been such a busy and exciting week here at Rumboldswyke, with lots of memorable moments, inspiring visits and plenty of opportunities for our children to shine. From creative classroom activities to enjoying time outdoors, there's been a real buzz around school all week. We finished it all off with our much-loved Easter Egg Hunt, which brought lots of smiles, laughter and a great sense of fun for everyone!

**Red Class** had a truly magical trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to watch *The BFG*, alongside other schools from the Trust. The excitement didn't stop there - they also took part in a special workshop where they asked questions and discovered how the production was brought to life.



The children represented our school beautifully and were a credit to us all. To make the day even sweeter, Mrs Jennings organised a lovely surprise treat- everyone enjoyed an ice cream during the interval! The joy on their faces as they shared their stories afterwards was simply magical.



On Wednesday, **Blue Class** headed off for an adventure at Amberley Museum. From hands-on learning to exploring the museum grounds, the children fully immersed themselves in the experience.

There were so many highlights throughout the day - including an exciting ride on an open-top bus, a journey on the mini train, and the chance to explore how transport has changed over time by looking at a fascinating collection of bicycles through the years.



As part of their visit, the children also took part in a special "*Journey*" workshop, where they stepped back in time and even had a go at creating part of a cartwheel at the wheelwrights!

Mrs Wilson was so proud of their excellent behaviour, curiosity, and enthusiasm throughout the day - although we imagine there were some very tired children by the time they got home!



Meanwhile, **Green Class** took part in a beautiful Poetry Performance afternoon at Chichester Baptist Church, alongside other schools from the Trust. It celebrated creativity and expression. Their poems were awesome!



To round off the week, a group of pupils visited the Oxmarket Contemporary for an art-focused experience. Working alongside a professional artist, they explored tapestry and floral painting techniques. It was a wonderful to nurture their creativity, build confidence, and develop new artistic skills.



Thursday brought yet more exciting opportunities. As part of the National Year of Reading, a special event was held at Chichester Cinema celebrating the new *Stitch Head* film. The author, Guy Bass, spoke with a group of children about how the story was created and adapted from book to screen. This was followed by a special screening of the film.





What an amazing group of children we have at Rumboldswyke! Giving opportunities like this truly celebrates our vision for children to experience 'life in all its fullness!' Throughout the week, they have been outstanding ambassadors for our school - embracing every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and impeccable behaviour. We couldn't be prouder.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers this week – Abbie, Sharon, Jen and Julian. Your support on these trips makes such a difference, helping everything run smoothly and ensuring the children have the very best experiences possible. We are incredibly grateful for your time, energy and enthusiasm - these opportunities simply wouldn't be the same without you!

To round off a wonderful term, the children had great fun taking part in an Easter egg hunt today! There was lots of excitement as they searched high and low, and it was a lovely way to celebrate together before the holidays.

We would also like to extend a huge thank you to Tesco for their kind generosity in donating a small chocolate Easter egg for every child. This thoughtful gesture brought many smiles and was a perfect treat to end the Spring Term.

---

## Green Class Residential 2026

Parents of our Year 5 and 6 children should have received an email yesterday about an exciting opportunity for a Residential Trip. We appreciate this is quite short notice, so we are planning to heavily subsidise the cost. Before we go ahead and make any bookings, we'd really value your feedback, so please do take a moment to complete the survey and share your thoughts.



Please check your inbox and complete the online Google Form to express your interest. We kindly ask that this is done **as soon as possible**, and no later than **Wednesday 1st April**, so that we can begin making the necessary arrangements.

We're really looking forward to being able to offer this fantastic experience, but please note that this opportunity is dependent on sufficient interest - more details will follow soon!

---

## Request for donations...

We are currently looking to refresh some of our outdoor play equipment, as a number of items have become well-loved, worn, and in need of replacing.

We would be incredibly grateful for any donations of:

- Dolls (with clothing)
- Prams
- Tennis balls
- Soft balls of any kind

If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them into the school office after the Easter holidays.

Thank you so much for your continued support - it really does make a difference to the children's play and enjoyment at lunchtime!

---

## Friends of Rumboldswyke School (FORS) Updates

The FORS team is excited to share that our **Post-Easter Bake Sale** will take place on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, with a





follow-up mini-sale on **Wednesday 15th** alongside Grub Club.

To make it a sweet success, we'd love donations of home-made or shop-bought bakes - perfect for using up any leftover Easter chocolate! Please ensure all treats are clearly labelled with ingredients so we can keep things safe for everyone, and we'd be hugely grateful for dairy-free, nut-free, gluten-free and vegan options to help all students enjoy a treat.



Everything will be priced at 50p or £1, and it will be a cash-only sale, so please bring your change.



Thank you for your support - let's make this a truly *egg-stra* special event!

## **Save the Date – Summer Fair 2026!**

Get your sunglasses ready! We are thrilled to announce that our Annual Summer Fair will be held on **Saturday, 27th June, from 1 pm to 5 pm**. This is a date you won't want to miss -we've been working behind the scenes to make this year truly unforgettable. "Watch this space," because our raffle prizes are officially bigger and better than ever before! Plus, we have some very exciting surprise guests joining us for special meet-and-greets throughout the afternoon.

## **We Need Your Help!**

To make the magic happen, we're looking for a little community spirit:

- Prizes: Do you have any items or services you'd like to donate to our legendary raffle?
- Volunteers: Could you spare some time to help with setup or run a stall for an hour?

If you can help in any way, please get in touch via [FORS@rumboldswyke.org.uk](mailto:FORS@rumboldswyke.org.uk). We'd love to have you on board!

## **A message from Father Angus - Quiz Night Saturday at St George's on 18th April 5pm – 7pm.**

Please tell your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues. There will be questions for all ages. Just an evening of fun. Hot dogs, ice creams and other foods will be served at the beginning of the evening. Come as a team of 6 or join a team on the night. Please bring your own alcohol. EVERYONE WELCOME. Adults £10, children under 16 free if accompanied by a full paying adult. Book

here: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stgeorgeschurchwhyke>

## **School Lunch Ordering Update**

We are pleased to share that we will soon be moving to a new online system for ordering school meals. After careful consideration, we will be transitioning away from Arbor to a more streamlined system using ParentPay, with orders going directly to Caterlink.

We are aiming for a go-live date after May half term, with orders being placed in advance. More details will be shared next half term, but we wanted to give you early notice.

Once the system is live:

- Parents will be responsible for ordering meals before the deadline
- The school office will not be able to place orders on your behalf
- If a deadline is missed, a packed lunch will need to be provided

Our office team will, of course, be available to support you with any questions during the transition.



---

## Staffing News

Last week, we were delighted to welcome Mrs Farrelly and baby Jasper back for a visit. It was so lovely to see them both! During her visit, we were able to talk through plans for Mrs Farrelly's return from maternity leave.

We want this transition to be as smooth as possible for the children, staff and families. With that in mind, when Mrs Farrelly returns in the week beginning 27th April, Mrs Jennings will continue teaching Red Class on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with Mrs Farrelly teaching on Thursday and Friday.

---

## RSHE Curriculum

This week, our staff meeting focused on our new RSHE policy and sparked some really thoughtful discussion, particularly around how we teach children about consent and the importance of understanding that "no means no."

This is such an important message for children – not only that they have the right to say "no", but also the responsibility to respect it when others do. It's a key part of helping them build healthy, respectful relationships as they grow.

It's also something we can all reinforce at home. When we say "no", it's important that it really does mean no, rather than becoming a "yes" after a bit of negotiation! And, of course, this can be especially useful when you're asked for the 513th snack of the morning at 10:30 during the school holidays... 😊

---

## Looking Ahead

As we reach the end of term, we wish you all a restful and enjoyable **Easter break**.

 **Return to school:** Monday 13th April

Please also check the end of this newsletter for important information about **after-school clubs, Forest School, and PE days for Summer Term 2026**.

---

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting term!

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	13 <sup>th</sup> April - 18 <sup>th</sup> May
Taskmaster Club	Mondays	3:15 - 4:15pm	13 <sup>th</sup> April - 13 <sup>th</sup> July
Drama Club	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	14 <sup>th</sup> April - 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Dance Club	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4pm	15 <sup>th</sup> April - 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Goal Getters	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	16 <sup>th</sup> April - 16 <sup>th</sup> July

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	Forest School
Monday	Blue Class Yellow Class	
Tuesday	Red Class	
Wednesday	Green Class	Red Class
Thursday	Blue Class	Yellow Class (16 <sup>th</sup> April - 7 <sup>th</sup> May) Blue Class (14 <sup>th</sup> May - 11 <sup>th</sup> June)
Friday		Green Class

**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



\*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.



# Rumboldswyke

Church of England Primary School

## Diary Dates

### April 2026

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

### May 2026

- 22<sup>nd</sup> May INSET Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> Half Term
- May

## Term Dates

### Summer Term 2026

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

INSET Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – children not in school

INSET Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> & Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – children not  
in school