



## Newsletter 10th October 2025

Dear Rumboldswhyke families

What a wonderful week it has been here at school!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for this week's Harvest Festival and for the incredible generosity shown through your donations for the Chichester Foodbank. The kindness of our school community never fails to shine through, and your contributions will make such a meaningful difference to many local families in need - well done, everyone!



### Children's Bookfest

It's been an inspiring week for our budding readers and writers! Both KS1 and KS2 were lucky enough to meet two amazing authors - Ramzee, author of *The Cheat Book*, and Abiola Bello, author of *Wild Magic*. The children loved hearing about their writing journeys, asking questions, and discovering the magic of storytelling. Each child received their very own signed copy to bring home - what a special keepsake!



### A Joyful Buzz of Learning Across Our School

It has been such a privilege to walk through our classrooms this week and hear the excited hum of learning in every corner. The children are producing such inspiring work, and we are proud to share just a few highlights: Reception have been exploring *Junk DNA* through creative self-portraits,



While Year 1 have shown remarkable progress in their writing. In Year 2, pupils have been nurturing a beautiful *gratitude tree*, created after sharing the book: *Apple Cake - A Gratitude* by Dawn Casey. It linked beautifully to our learning in RE about being thankful, not just at Harvest time but all year round.

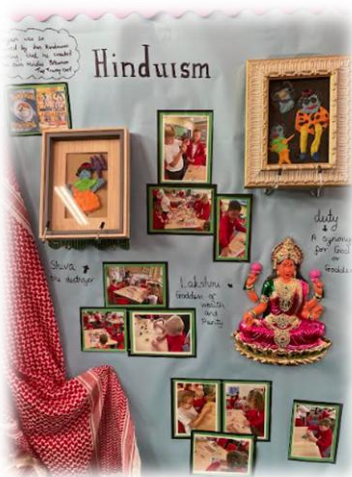




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Year 3/4 have impressed us with their inspiring studies of both the *Stone Age* and *Hinduism*. Meanwhile, our Year 5/6 pupils have been combining creativity and technology through the design of *moon buggies* and *Scratch space coding*.



The enthusiasm, imagination and dedication of our pupils shine through in all they do, a real celebration of learning at its best.

## Phonics

### Phonics Workshop

On **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**, we will be holding a parent and carers Phonics workshop. This will be a chance for parents in Year 1 and Year 2 to learn more about how we teach phonics in school and how you can help your child at home. The workshop will commence at **3:15pm** after pick up.

### Stay & Play for Reception Parents

We're excited to welcome all Reception parents to our Stay & Play session. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in the classroom to see how your child learns through play.



The session will take place on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October** from **8:45am-9:45am**.

This year, we're also including a short **Phonics and Early Reading Workshop** to give you practical tips on how to support your child's reading journey at home. We would love to see as many of you there as possible - come along for some fun, learning, and a chance to be part of your child's school day!

### Red Class – Rotary Crocus Planting (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October)

Next Friday, Red Class will be heading down to The Oval to meet with the Rotary Novum Beacon group and help plant crocus corms. The crocus flower is a symbol of Rotary's incredible work towards the worldwide eradication of polio, an effort that has been ongoing for over 20 years. We're so proud that our pupils can take part in such a meaningful community project.







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### Parents Evenings

Parents evening for all classes will be held on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**



**October.** Please put these dates in your diary. More details will follow via email next week, including information on how to sign up via the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

### After School Club Notices for 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct

Due to Parents' Evenings on the dates mentioned above, there will be a few adjustments to our after-school activities as the hall will be unavailable for use:

- 'Dance Club' will be cancelled on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.
- 'Goal Getters' will be weather dependent - if the weather is dry, the session will go ahead as usual. If it's wet, we will need to cancel as the hall will be unavailable. Please keep an eye on your emails next Thursday for updates.

### Hair Reminder

Please can we remind parents that long hair should be tied back for safety and hygiene reasons. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Donations of plants / bulbs needed

Our Green Class Gardening Club are in the process of preparing their new planters outside their classroom and are looking for any donations of plants or bulbs. If you do have any going spare or would like to donate any please do bring them to the school office.



### Green Class Trip

Just a reminder to please provide consent and payment for the trip on 7th November **by Wednesday 16th October.** If your child requires a school packed lunch, please ensure it is also ordered by this date.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. Wishing you all a restful weekend!

### **FINAL REMINDER: School lunch orders:**

The new school lunch menu is now available to order through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor App.

If you would like to order your child a hot meal for after the October half term break, please ensure you have done so via the Arbor Parent Portal **by Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October.**

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AVAILABLE**

### Secondary School Transfer & Applications:

Just a reminder that the deadline for secondary school applications is **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.** Please click on the link below to access the online application form.

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-places/apply/secondary-school-places/>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in school life. Wishing you all a restful weekend!

With warmest wishes,  
Lisa Harris



### Year 3 Swimming

A reminder to Year 3 parents to give consent and make payment for swimming **sessions by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.** Lessons will be starting after half term on 10th November.





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A reminder of our after school clubs running this term:

After School Club	Day	Time	Dates
Creation Station	Mondays	3:15 - 4:15pm	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct
Drama Club	Tuesdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	9 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 9 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Dance Club	Wednesdays	3:15 - 4pm	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept - 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec (no session 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Goal Getters	Thursdays	3:15 - 4:15pm	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec

## Diary Dates

### October 2025

13 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Stay & Play Session for Reception Parents (8:45am – 9:45am)
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am & 1:30pm)
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Phonics Workshop (Yrs 1&2)
22 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parents evening (more details to follow)
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parents Evening (more details to follow)
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Half Term

### November 2025

6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am)
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Green Class Trip to Weald & Downland Museum
10 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Open Day sessions for prospective Sept 2026 parents (9am & 1:30pm)
24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)

### December 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Swimming Lessons (Yr3)
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Nativity at St George's Church (10am)
19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of Term
22 <sup>nd</sup> Dec – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holidays

## Term Dates

### Autumn Term 2025

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Half Term - Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October

INSET Day Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – children not in school  
Children's first day of school will be Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September

### Spring Term 2026

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – children not in school

### Summer Term 2026

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

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining 3 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.