

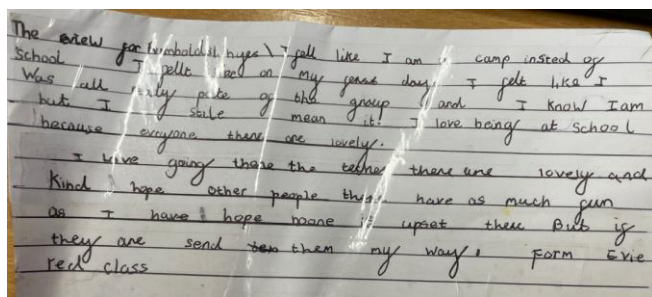


Dear Rumboldswyke families,

You may have noticed a couple of new faces at drop off over the past couple of weeks. I know you are all such a lovely group of parents and will make our new families feel very welcome.

Rumboldswyke's popularity is growing and we are almost full. After half term, our numbers will rise again to 105 children on roll. I love watching our children welcome new arrivals to the school. They are quite rightly proud of the welcoming, nurturing place they create.

This week, I heard a knock on my door and I was greeted by two beaming children with a review of Rumboldswyke school. It made my heart sing! (The author of the review had only been at Rumboldswyke for a week)



**Value of the Month: Cooperation**

Our January value of the month was Pride. Over the past couple of weeks, adults have been nominating children for tokens after they have taken pride in their work in looking after the environment. I am pleased to say that Green Class earned the most points over the month so have been rewarded with extra playtime this afternoon.



This month we are focusing on cooperation. One of our children drew this lovely picture to show her understanding of cooperation: working together.

**Tesco Stronger Starts Grant**

Right at the beginning of the year our lovely Mrs Gilbert, submitted an application to the Tesco Stronger Starts Grant. What a surprise when one of our students sent us a picture of her at the local Tesco Extra in Chichester, next to our voting box!!



The funding aims to make a difference by giving three organisations the opportunity to be voted by the local community to win a **£1,500 grant**.

Our goal, if we win, is to develop our forest school areas to meet the needs of our ever growing school community, giving the children more opportunities to connect with nature and the world around them. Mrs Gilbert has got some big and exciting plans for our Forest School, but we need your help to make it a reality. **So, get down to Tesco Extra and pop some blue tokens in our box!! Voting is open until 31st March 2024.**



**Reading Army**

Last term we mentioned we were very keen to set up a 'Reading Army' here at Rumboldswyke School. Daily reading practise is one of the most effective ways of boosting reading and we would love our team of Reading Army volunteers to regularly come into school and listen to readers, providing them with essential practise. Volunteers would receive reading and safeguarding training and be DBS checked before starting the role.



Since our last notice regarding volunteers we have had a couple of volunteers come forward, to whom we are very grateful. However, if anyone else is interested in being a part of this, please pop into the office and speak to Mrs Light, or email her at [office@rumboldswyke.org.uk](mailto:office@rumboldswyke.org.uk).

### Parking in Rumbolds Close

It has been brought to our attention that parking in Rumbolds Close has become inconsiderate to our neighbours and dangerous for the children.

**Parking in the close is Permit ONLY** and may result in your receiving a fine (even in a marked parking space).

**No one should park over anyone's driveway and the hatched area in front of the school gate must be kept clear at ALL times. This is to allow emergency vehicles to enter the school if necessary.**

Parking is available in St George's church for those who wish to drive, however please be mindful to cross Whyke Road by the traffic lights as the road can be busy at drop off and pick up times.



### Yellow Class' trip to the Novium Museum

This week yellow class had an exciting opportunity as part of their current learning experience to visit the Novium Museum in Chichester to look around their 'Toys' exhibition. They had a wonderful time, where they participated in workshops, had a chance to meet the museum's toymakers and find out all about old and new toys, including the materials they are made from, how they are used and how toys have changed over the years. The children were amazing and represented our school beautifully.



### Parents Evening

Just a reminder that parents evening is next week. Thank you to those that have already booked an appointment with their child's / children's class teacher(s).

If you have not yet booked a slot to see your child's teacher please can we ask that you do this through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor app **by 9am monday 5th February**.

If you are having difficulties booking an appointment, please pop into the school office and speak to Mrs Light or Mrs Birchall, or give them a ring on 01243 782368.

Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

### Homework Questionnaire for parents:

As part of our ongoing school improvement work, we are in the process of writing a Homework policy.

It is essential as part of the review, we gather the thoughts and opinions of parents.



As you will no doubt be aware, the most complex issue with homework is the range of differing views around what it should look like. Just reading posts on social media

<https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/homework-debate-disadvantages-benefits/> highlights the very differing views across society. The current government have removed the specifications around how much should be given in primary schools, therefore it is up to us to evolve a policy which meets the needs of our pupils.

We would be grateful if you could find a few minutes to answer the following questions.

Thanks in anticipation of your support.

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## Choir Clubs for Years 2 - 5

You recently received an email regarding Choir Club, which is due to run on a Tuesday afternoon 3:15 - 4:15pm from the 27th February. These sessions will be run by Mrs Mandy Robert and Mrs Sue Howell (both from St George's Church) and Mrs Wilson (Blue class teacher).



If your child is interested in joining our Choir Club, please ensure you sign up through the Arbor Parent Portal / Arbor app. Spaces are limited and will be offered on a first come, first serve basis.

## Advice for parents regarding Measles from West Sussex County Council

Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children and young people. The symptoms of measles, along with more information about the virus, can be found on [the NHS website](#).

The Department for Education has published new advice for managing measles outbreaks, including advice for parents on what to do when they suspect their child may have measles.

Parents are advised that children with diagnosed measles should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears. More information on how to respond to rising cases of measles can be found on the [DfE Education Hub website](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

With very best wishes,  
Lisa Harris



## Diary Dates

### February 2024

5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swimming – Red Class Blue Class Gallery (3:15 – 3:45pm)
7 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Parents Evening
8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2) Parents Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
19 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET Day (no children in school)
20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Back to school
22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Green Class trip to see Alice in Wonderland at Bishop Luffa School Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
29 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)

### March 2024

4 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Eucharist at St George's Church Football Club (Yrs 3, 4 & 5)
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Choir Club (Yr 2 - 5)
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Football Club (Yrs 1 & 2)
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Good Friday (School closed)

### April 2024

1 <sup>st</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
15 <sup>th</sup> April	INSET Day (no children in school)



***Term Dates***  
***2023 - 2024***

**Spring Term 2024**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Half Term – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February

INSET Day Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – children not in school

**Summer Term 2024**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Half Term – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May

INSET Day Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – children not in school  
INSET Day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – children not in school

Please note we are still in the process of organising the remaining 2 INSET days for the next academic year and will share these dates with you as soon as we can.