



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

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'Together in Faith and Learning'



Date: Friday 6th February 2026

✨ This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Millie



Oak: Fiadh, Henry, Charlotte W

Ash: Thomas W, Hallie and Blake

Maple: Ruby, Luna and Billy

Elm: Jamie, Jeffrey and Arabella



Rowan: Cohen, Joseph, Dylan and Jack

WWJD



What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: Harry – for compassion. Harry has been very kind and helpful to both children and staff!

Ash: Thomas Atkinson for perseverance – trying extremely hard with his reading and making super progress!

Maple: Laura for showing the value of compassion and sharing lovely ideas on how to spread small acts of love and kindness in our RE lesson.

Elm: Alyssia for compassion when helping her friends with their learning.

Rowan: Ella for trust she is trusted by everyone to do the right thing! Helpful, reliable, wonderful role model around school!

🎤 Our Voice This Week



Little Squirrels: My heart is beating fast!
Grace

Oak: "I've made a 3D bridge!" – Eric in Art

Ash: "This is fun!" Connie enjoyed firing her catapult over and over!

Maple: I love History, I am so excited for it each week! – Theo

Elm: We are enjoying our daily Fluent in Five as it gets us ready for Maths and practises our arithmetic skills and tables – **Jeffrey & Jesse**

Rowan: We enjoyed our last hockey lesson and showed we had all improved over the weeks. **Nate**

Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)



New Month New Calendar!



Friendly February

Oak: Give a compliment to someone you talk to today.

Ash: We have tried to ask our friends how they have been feeling.

Maple: Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

Elm: Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone.

Rowan: Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself.

'Let your light shine in the world' (Matthew 5:16)

Faith in the Forest

We had a special guest at Faith in the Forest this week as Ash class were led by Hattie and Father Callum! Ash class explored our Christian value of courage. We looked at the story of David and Goliath and made mini catapults!



School Nurse Drop in



**Wednesday 11th February
9.30am - 10.30am**

The school nurse team have offered us a further confidential drop in from 9.30am - 10.30am. To promote trust and confidentiality in our small village setting, **this will take place in the church hall, across from church.** The school nurse can deal with a variety of issues from sleep, to head lice to emotions. No booking needed.

Courage Challenge!



Last week, in worship, I set the classes a courage challenge! Each class had to take on something new for the week and share it with us in worship. Ash Class showed us some great yoga poses, Maple Class shared an amazing bar graph they made to show their 10,000 steps each day! Oak Class performed their daily 25 star jumps and Rowan shared proud notes they had written to themselves! Elm Class finished the challenges counting to 10 in the Japanese that they had learnt!



SUMO!



Stop, Understand, Move On

Mrs Murphy returned with our SUMO worship this week. The theme was changing our t-shirt. Bad things will happen to us in our lives but it is up to us to take off our feeling sad t-shirts, think positively and go for it!

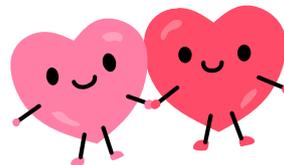
Star of the Half Term

Friday 13th February 3pm



Star of the half term returns again next Friday. Teachers will send out individual invites to this on Monday via Seesaw. Father Mark and Father Callum are also with us presenting our What Would Jesus Do Awards.

FRIENDSHIP FRIDAY!



This year we are remembering 100 years of Blackburn Diocese and the theme is All for Jesus! On Friday 13th February, we will be celebrating kindness and friendship, thinking about ways we can spread joy and love to others. Look out for our kindness kites flying high ready for Valentine weekend!



Spring Term at Rufford



Key Term Dates:



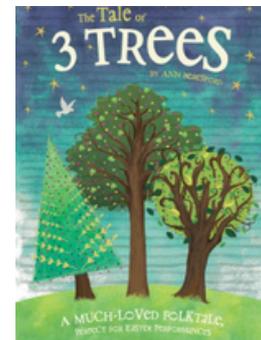
- **Wednesday 4th February** - Faith in the Forest -Ash Class
- **Tuesday 10th February** - Safer Internet Day
- **Wednesday 11th February** - Primary School health drop in from 9.30am - 10.30am
- **Friday 13th February** - Friendship Friday - celebrating who loves us in our lives.
- **Friday 13th February** - school closes for half term.
- **Monday 23rd February** - INSET Day
- **Tuesday 24th February** - School reopens.
- **Monday 2nd March** - Year 6 residential to Winmarleigh Hall
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Year 5 Rowan Faith in the Forest and Oak Year 1
- **Thursday 5th March** - World Book Day
- **Friday 13th March** - Shining Stars for Little Squirrels, Oak and Ash class mums.
- **Monday 16th March** - Multi Faith Week in school - Exploring Islam through design.
- **Thursday 19th March** - School Council fitness games.
- **W/C 23rd March** - Holy Week in school.
- **Thursday 26th March** - Elm Class Easter performance Three Trees.

Easter at Rufford

Holy Week

Each day in school, we will be focusing on a different part of the story of Holy Week, exploring how Jesus and the story is of Easter is portrayed in art from around the world. We will be sharing this with parents too, offering a chance for quiet prayer and reflection here in school.

The Three Trees



Elm Class will lead our Easter worship this year with a performance of The Three Trees! Choir will be helping along with the songs too! Elm class and choir parents, please join us for an afternoon of hot cross buns, music and an interesting take on the Easter story.

This Weekend! **Families@4**

Families are warmly invited to Families@4 at Tarleton Holy Trinity church on Saturday 7th February at 4pm. Families@4 is a short, relaxed service designed especially for families with simple worship, interactive activities and a Bible message shared in a creative way. After the service we share food together and everyone is very welcome to stay. Whether it's your first visit or you come regularly, you'll be warmly welcomed, just come as you are!

Our Week in Pictures!



Somewhere Over The Rainbow!
Marvellous Music!



Little Squirrels set up their own bowling alley this morning.



Brilliant Bowling!



Amazing Athletics Competition

Learning about Anglo Saxon
Wergild for body parts.



Hooray for History!



Learning games



Working out in our finger gym!

Fire and Marshmallows!



Turning on the drama - making our own trial in history!