



# NEWSLETTER

## Rufford C.of E. Primary School

Flash Lane, Rufford, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 1SN  
'Together in Faith and Learning'



Date: Friday 6th March 2026

### This week's Shining Stars



Little Squirrels: Finley

Oak: William, Oscar and Charlotte W

Ash: April, Thomas A and Francesca

Maple: Aoife, Holly and Milly

Elm: Thomas, Sam and Riley

Rowan: Emily, Charlie and Cohen

### WWJD

#### What Would Jesus Do?



**Oak: Bea C and Beatrix H** – for showing the value of **wisdom** and displaying an excellent understanding of the Easter story and explaining why Jesus died on the cross

**Ash: Fox** – for amazing teamwork and **friendship** in PE, supporting his team mates.

**Maple: Louis** – for being a trustworthy friend and successfully leading his blindfolded friend through the classroom maze! **Rupert** – for being so thoughtful in treehouse club and always offering to help the adults with jobs. Nominated by Miss Bell.

**Elm: Cole** – for being **trusted** to be an efficient Art & Craft monitor

**Rowan: Jack R:** for being kind, polite and **trusting** to all his friends and teachers alike.

### Our Voice This Week

#### Lent -Counting our Blessings!



**Little Squirrels:** We loved being out in the sunshine!

**Oak:** We counted our blessings for all our family and friends

**Ash:** 'I feel very lucky to have such an amazingly kind class who constantly offer to help me with all sorts of things, without being asked!' **Mrs Murphy**

**Maple:** We are blessed because as a class, we have visited 361 places! We'll add this to our total to reach 10,000 blessing!

**Elm:** We did a great job of organising the class to count and collect our blessings this week – **Flora and Alexa**

**Rowan:** " We are thankful for being safe with our families and not living in a country where there is fighting."

### Mindful March



**Oak:** Notice 3 things you find beautiful in the outdoor world

**Ash:** if you find yourself rushing, take a minute to slow down! We did some belly breathing.

**Maple:** Get really absorbed with an interesting activity!

**Elm:** Notice three things you find beautiful in the outside world

**Rowan:** Look around and find things that are unusual or pleasant.

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

# Count your Blessings!

Lent here at Rufford



Last week's blessing count was..... **978!**

This week, we have been focusing on countries of the world, where Christian Aid work and thanking God for all the blessings our country and our world. Our new total for the first two weeks is...

## Year 6 at Winmarleigh! Residential 2026!

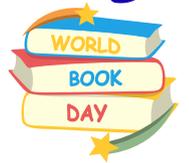


Year 6 have had an amazing time on their residential trip to Winmarleigh Hall! They tested their courage, perseverance and resilience on all the outdoor activities and certainly put staff through their paces too! Winmarleigh staff said you were the best group ever! We are so proud of you for representing our school brilliantly!

# World Book Day



2026



Thank you to Mrs Murphy for organising a fantastic World Book Day! There was amazing costumes, fun activities, fabulous artwork, great games in our outdoor space and a huge buzz about reading around school. We certainly celebrated the creative way!



## Faith in the Forest



Hattie has been working her magic again this week in the forest with a session about our Christian Value of forgiveness. This was linked to Easter with lots of fun things to find, hidden in eggs around the space. Children also made crosses, the Christian symbol of forgiveness.

## Shining Stars for Mums!

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm



Calling all mums from Little Squirrels, Oak and Ash Class. It is your time to shine! Join us for a special Shining Star Worship for mums, led by our infant children. Our Friends of Rufford will also be serving some tasty treats too!

## Easter Bunny Bounce

MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL



This year our Easter Bunny Bounce will take place on the first day back after Easter - the 13<sup>th</sup> of April. Sponser forms will come out just before the holidays. We are aiming to raise money for a seating circle and shelter in our Forest School area. A shelter would mean we can use the forest rain or shine!

## Spring Parent's Evening



Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March: 3.30pm – 6pm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March:  
3.30pm – 6pm

Appointment letters came home Tuesday this week.

## New P.E. Hoody!



### Available Now!

We have launched a brand new hoodie for PE that is available to buy now in Whittakers! From September, it will be our hoodie or school jumper for PE.

## Lent and Holy Week for Parents

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
10.30 - 11.30

As a school, we will be having our own Holy Week on the last week of term. Children will explore Holy Week through international artwork and outdoor experiences. If you too, would like to step off the life train for an hour during this time, the hall will be open from 10.30 - 11.30 for you to have some time of quiet reflection during this special time.

## RUFFORD SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

### PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS 2026

Do you enjoy getting your teeth into managing resources? Have you got a passion for education? If the answer is yes, being a school governor could be for you! Election forms will be out next week! If you have any questions about the role, please come and chat.

## Spring Term at Rufford



### Key Term Dates:



- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Shining Stars for Little Squirrels, Oak and Ash class mums.
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening 1 - 3.30pm - 6pm
- **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - School Council fitness games.
- **W/C 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Holy Week in school.
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents Evening 2 - 3.30pm-6pm
- **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Elm Class Easter performance Three Trees. for parents at **2.15pm**.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - 10.30am - 11.30am Holy Week for parents. Our hall will be open for quiet prayer and reflection.
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Star of the Half Term at 1.30pm - invite to be sent the Monday before. School closes for Easter at 2pm. No Treehouse Club
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - School opens for Summer Term
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Bunny Bounce - Friends of Rufford
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Archery morning club
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April** - MP Patrick Hurley visiting school
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April** - Rocksteady rock band launching in school



## Church News

### All -Age Worship



Families are warmly invited to Rufford All Age Service at Rufford St Marys church on Sunday 8th March at 9.15am. Rufford All Age 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 tea and coffee 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.



## Easter Holiday Club

'Holiday Bible Club at Rufford Church Hall Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April 9.30am - 12pm. For Primary School aged children. Please contact Hattie on [youth@rsmtht.church](mailto:youth@rsmtht.church) to book a place!

**HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB  
EASTER EXPLORERS**  
MONDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH - THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
9.30AM TO 12PM  
RUFFORD CHURCH HALL  
FOR ALL PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

**FREE**  
Contact:  
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to book a place!

Booking  
Essential  
Limited number  
of places.

Games  
Crafts  
Songs

A journey  
from Palm  
Sunday to  
Easter and  
beyond!

