



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C. of E. Primary School

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‘Together in Faith and Learning’



Date: 23rd January 2026

This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Mikayla



Oak: Ruby, Grace and Charlotte M



Ash: Max, Jack and Connie

Maple: Bea T, Theo and Louis



Elm: Livi, Alexa and Sam

Rowan: Charlie, Nate, Oliver and Harry

WWJD



What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: Beatrix for friendship – Beatrix is always a good friend to others.

Ash: Tobias - showing the value of courage, using his bravery to overcome challenges.

Maple: Billy - for showing service and wisdom in worship times and always having a reflective answer.

Elm: Elektra – for perseverance for not giving up when her electrical quiz wouldn't work

Rowan: Hannah: for showing perseverance and courage whilst sharing answers in class and during the SUMO worship for Mrs Murphy.



Subject Spotlight

Computing



Our learning this week

Oak: “I enjoyed making portraits using 2paint” **Eric**

Ash: “I like using Scratch to make different programs and changing the colours.” **Effie**

Maple: Debugging in Computing is fun and important so that the programme works properly! - **Lucas**

Elm: We learnt about light sensors and control and I am looking forward to programming my Micro:bit to create a nightlight- **Thomas**

Rowan: We are learning about ‘sigma’ in our lessons on Excel. **Ollie**



Happier January



Oak: Say positive things to the people you meet.

Ash: This week we tried something new – using a ‘working out’ page in our Maths Books

Maple: Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge!

Elm: Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes

Rowan: Look for the good in others and noticing their strengths

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



Proud Moments

Well done to our football team, who attended the West Lancashire finals on Thursday, coming 3rd overall!



HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL
DAY 27/1



This Wednesday

9am at Tarleton Holy Trinity

This year we will be marking the occasion at Tarleton Holy Trinity church, alongside Mere Brow and Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary. Year 6 will be representing our school and sharing a poem with the congregation. You are welcome to join us at the service to mark this significant day.



No Outsiders Week

Next week!

Week beginning the 26th January is our No Outsiders Week in school. Each class will be using their age-appropriate novel to explore equality and diversity in our society. Look out on Seesaw for the amazing work and responses produced by the children!



Faith in the Forest

Ash Class Wednesday 4th March

Hattie joins us again on the 4th March for a session in the forest all about courage. This will take place in the afternoon, so all children taught by Mrs Murphy in the afternoon will take part. Long trousers and long sleeves needed along with warm layers and suitable shoes.



Awe and Wonder



9th February 2026

On this special day in school, we will be focusing on what spirituality is - sense that there could be something larger than us out there that created our beautiful world! To explore this, we are having a special themed day using our amazing outdoor space (weather permitting). The focus will be on the wonder of the world and allow children to experience those wow moments!

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, we have requested that these take place at the church hall. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time.

Key Term Dates:

- **Monday 26th January** - No Outsiders Week
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Holocaust Memorial Day.
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Year 5/6 Spelling Bee at Tarleton Academy.
- **Wednesday 4th February** - Faith in the Forest -Ash Class
- **Monday 9th February** - Spirituality Day- what is spirituality - awe and wonder!
- **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

Key Term Dates - March Onwards

- **Friday 13th March** - Shining Stars for Little Squirrels, Oak and Ash class mums.
- **Thursday 19th March** - School Council fitness games.



Our Week in Pictures!



Birdwatch!



Exploring night and day in science

Forest School

Trial time in History!



Number line fun!



The Very Hungry Caterpillar in Little Squirrels
A caterpillar makes a cocoon! – Finley