



# NEWSLETTER

**Rufford C.of E. Primary School**  
Flash Lane, Rufford, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 1SN  
'Together in Faith and Learning'



Date: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026



## This week's Shining Stars



**Little Squirrels: Isla**

**Oak: Hunter, Beatrix, Brody**



**Ash: Fox, Olivia C, Jak**



**Maple: Ben, Holly and Theo**



**Elm: Bella, Shae and Jack H**

**Rowan: Jacob, Bea A and Harry**



## WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?



**Oak: Charlotte W** – for showing **joy** – singing with Rock steady.

**Ash: Josh T** – **perseverance** – improved sentence and spelling through hard work!

**Maple: Aoife** – for showing the **value of thankfulness** during our Picture News Worship. Aoife expressed her thankfulness for being able to try new things!

**Elm: Sam** – for good understanding of **justice** during our discussions about rules and laws

**Rowan: Olly: Friendship:** helping a friend when they were finding something difficult.



## Terrific Topic Work!



**Little Squirrels:** We celebrated Earth Day on Wednesday 'I am going to switch off the lights to help here!' **Harriet**

**Oak:** We are excited to be making our lighthouses. **Oak Class**

**Ash:** 'The sea is a physical geographical feature!' **Tobias**

**Maple:** We have been learning about the Eatwell Plate in Design Technology. We're making pizzas next week. **Theo**

**Elm:** I was shocked to learn that in the 1815 eruption of the Tambora volcano in Indonesia 92,000 people lost their lives. **Jeffrey-John**

**Rowan:** We have begun learning about the sculptor Alberto Giacometti in Art and I can't wait to make one of my own models in his style. **Sophia**



**GETTING ACTIVE  
IN APRIL!**



**Oak: Spend as much time outdoors today.**

**Ash: We are focusing on eating a rainbow of fruits and vegetables every day to link with our English writing to persuade topic.**

**Maple: Give your body and boost by laughing or making someone else laugh!**

**Elm: Be active outside, plant some seeds and encourage growth.**

**Rowan: Have a day with less screen time and more movement.**

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

**ROCK  
STEADY**

## Enriching music opportunities in school



On Monday, Jake joined us from Rocksteady music company and showed us his skills on drums, bass guitar, keyboard and singing. Even the teachers had a go rocking out with their guitars! Coming out of worship the children said, 'They actually sounded quite good!' Well done teachers! Lessons with Rock Steady learning all the instruments Jake showcased are available. Letters came home this week with details to access the parent portal. Please contact the school office for more details.



## Farmer Max!



Farmer Max wowed us all on Wednesday with his appearance on BBC Newsround! As part of our World Wise Wednesdays, we watch the news eating our lunch. Max shared with Newsround the jobs needed on the farm during lambing time and the responsibilities he has. Well done Max and sister Maddie - great job.



## TARDIS Performing Arts



There was much excitement on Thursday, as we joined with our other TARDIS partner schools at The Hub in Banks to celebrate performing arts within our schools. Our choir sang Zoo by Shakira and danced the night away! The message of this song is an important one: we are all different but all our welcome. The children performed brilliantly and had a fantastic time!

## Visit of M.P. Patrick Hurley M.P. Patrick Hurley



Patrick joined us today to share with us his role as an MP and take questions from the children. He also kindly stayed with us and presented our Shining Stars awards to our children in the end of the day worship.

## Easter Bunny Bounce Final total update



**Thank you for all your sponsorship and donations for the Easter Bunny Bounce. We are just waiting for the final donations to come in before we announce the total. This money will be used to invest in our outdoor areas around school.**

## Pop Up Dance Club



**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 3.15pm - 4.15pm**

We are lucky enough to be joined by some dance students from Edge Hill, who have offered us a 'one time only' dance after school club from 3.15pm until 4.15pm in our school hall. An invite to the club has been sent out on Seesaw. If you are interested, please contact school and we can sign your child up!



### Is it ever too late to try something new?

This week in Picture News, we met Eileen who decided to run her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed over 10 marathons and will be running the London Marathon this coming Sunday!

## Worship

### SUMO returns this week!



Does your child struggle to recover after a disappointment or when they meet a challenge? SUMO is a great approach to use. We are visiting all 6 SUMO principles here in school and this week it was Hippo Time! Our children learnt that it is normal and ok to wallow like a hippo for a short time when we are upset or sad. We also learnt that it is not good for us to wallow for a long time. We have to use our positive, fruity thinking to move on!



## Church News New Group for Year 6



## Bring a Bedding Plant to school



Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Gardening Club made a great start for us this week, preparing planters for our new community herb garden and weeding planters ready for our big Rufford in Bloom day!



## Summer Term at Rufford

### Key Term Dates



More dates added!



- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Pop Up dance after school club.
- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May** - Bank Holiday and school closed.
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May** - Bring a bedding plant day! **NON UNIFORM**
- **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Faith in the Forest for Little Squirrels.
- **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 SATS Week
- **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** - 9am - Year 6 Hoodie presentation
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - No Outsiders Week
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May** - Year 6 height and weight.
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Star of the Half Term 9am
- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** - Pentecost Party in school for children. School closes for half term with a 3.15pm finish.
- **FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY - INSET DAY**
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - School opens
- **Week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Multi Faith Week - Islam. Mosque to visit school on Monday and Friday this week.
- **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Year 6 begin three sessions of mini police!
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June** - phonic screening week for Year 1.
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June** - A Fisherman's Tale productions in school.
- **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June** - European food market day.
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Faith in the Forest - Year 6 focus - moving on.

## Sports' Day Dates



- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**  
**- Sports' Day I**
- **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** - **Sports' Day**  
**reserve date**

This is an afternoon event. If the weather is poor, decisions will be made by 10am on the morning of the event as to whether it will go ahead.

### **Year 6 Leaver's Service** **New for 2026**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at**  
**12.45pm**

**Father Joe will be leading us in a short church service to celebrate Year 6's time with us in school and to wish them well as they leave our school family and move on to high school. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us for this service, walking to church with us and then joining us back at school to celebrate.**

# Our Week in Pictures!



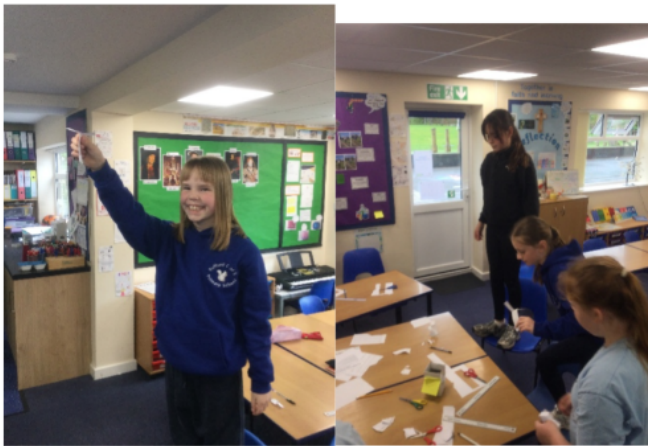
**Recording our own learning**



**Outdoor learning**



**Celebrating Earth Day!**



**Helicopter design and test**



**Teachers and pupils rocking it out!**



**Enjoying the sun**