



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

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



Date: Friday 18th September 2026



Shining Stars



Organised
Curious Collaborative Resilient
Courageous

Oak: Orson, Oscar and Mikayla

Ash: Hunter, Fox and Ozzy

Maple: Joshua, Connie and Max

Elm: Tillie, Ted and Luna

Rowan: Nate, Alice and Riley

This week who has been.... Always Ready to Learn



Oak: Millie

Ash: Freddy

Maple: Bea J

Elm: Bea T

Rowan: Bea A



WWJD



What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: Forest - for showing the Christian Value of **compassion** showing kindness, thoughtfulness and caring for all his friends.

Ash: Livvy - **joy**. Wanting to keep on writing new sentences in her English lessons!

Maple: Laura - for showing **humility** during this week's Picture News about homelessness.

Elm: Louis - For being **respectful** to all staff around school.

Rowan: Henry - for showing the value of **joy** in his learning this week - great enthusiasm in lessons!



Self-Care September



Oak: Forgive yourself when things go wrong. Everyone makes mistakes.

Ash: We have been using Go Noodle calming tracks to help us to press pause during busy times.

Maple: Write down three things that you appreciate about yourself.

Elm: If you're busy, allow yourself to pause and take a break

Rowan: Ask a trusted friend to tell you what strengths they see in you.

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

Sporting Stars!



This week saw the start of our two sports clubs after school and two TASA events too!



Tuesday 15th September: Composite Relay

A group of children from KS2 joined Mr Peters, Mrs Fairclough and our other TASA schools to compete in the relay. Our girls and boys teams did an amazing job, just missing a medal, both coming in 4th place. Well done teams!

Thursday 17th September: Tri Golfers!

Our Year 3 and 4 children had a great time at Mere Brow, enjoying a morning of golf!



Faith in the Forest



On Wednesday, Maple Class enjoyed the first Faith in the Forest of the year, kicking off our Christian Value of Thankfulness. The children made thankfulness leaves, recording down the things that they are grateful to God for. These have made a fantastic display on the Paddock side of the field and are a great reminder to count all our blessings regularly!

National Poetry Day - 1st October 2026

This year, the theme for this celebration is wonder. Look out for some fantastic poems and fun-filled activities coming your way to mark this special day.



School Nurse Updates

The school nurse team are no longer offering drop in services to school.

They are however available to speak to at any of the One Stop Shops in Skelmersdale or Hesketh Bank. They are also offering a series of webinars that parents can sign up to for support. This support can range from:

- sleep
- toileting
- mental health and wellbeing
- physical health such as weight and diet.



To sign up for any of these webinars, use the following link:
<https://lancschildandfamily.co.uk/>

Parking - Hesketh Arms



As many of you will be aware, the Hesketh Arms is having a refurb very soon. From the 28th September, the car park will be closed for around 6 weeks. Please be mindful when parking for residents of Flash Lane and the Paddock.



School Governor Your School Needs You!

During the summer break, Mrs Normington has taken the decision to step away from her role as parent governor in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Adele for all her hard work and support for our school community.

This now means.... we have a parent governor vacancy.

I don't have experience in education - it doesn't matter. I haven't got a lot of time - three meetings a term and you can join virtually. I haven't got the skills - everyone has! Please come and chat with me if you feel this is something you would like to do.

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Friends of Rufford New members needed!

Our amazing Friends team at Rufford are unfortunately having to step away due to changing work commitments. Some of the team will also be stepping away this year as their children move on.

We desperately need a new team.

Mrs Mower and her team are really keen to handover thoroughly and to ensure the next team are ready to go and raise lots of money for school.

If you would like to get involved, any contribution, no matter how small, is welcome. Please speak with the current team or myself and we can get you started!



This week's Picture News



This week, our discussions focused on our Prime Minister, Andy Burnham's plans to end homelessness in England by Christmas. This is part of a 447 million pound investment plan. The children found their voice, with some writing to our Prime Minister to share their agreement with the plans.

Autumn Key Dates



- Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th September - Year 5 Bikeability
- Thursday 24th September - Macmillan Breakfast Coffee Morning 8.45am - 9.45am - School Council
- Tuesday 29th September - Mini Police starts for Year 6.
- Wednesday 30th September - Bishop's Harvest Appeal assault course - more details to follow!
- Thursday 1st October - Black History Month begins in school
- Thursday 1st October - National Poetry Day - Theme is 'Wonder'
- Friday 9th October - Hello Yellow Day - wear yellow for children's mental health. - Wellbeing Ambassadors
- Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th October - Parents' Evening.
- Thursday 22nd October - Flu Vaccinations in school.
- Thursday 22nd October - Blokes' booty and a brew 8.45am - 9.45am in the school hall.
- Friday 23rd October - Star of the Half Term - invite only at 2.45pm and school closes for half term.

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Church and Community News



LIGHT Party

Silent
Disco



Wednesday 28th October 2026



5pm – 6pm: KS1 (Reception – Year 2)

6pm – 7pm: KS2 (Years 3 – 6)

7pm – 8pm: KS3 (Years 7 – 9)



Rufford St Mary's Church Hall



**FREE EVENT! Booking required - email
youth@rsmtht.church to reserve a headset.**



SIP & SHOP

Sunday 4th October 2026, 12pm-5pm

Join us once again, for a memorable afternoon at the luxurious 'Waterfront Southport Hotel'. Indulge in an exquisite afternoon tea and shop 'til you drop with a variety of shopping stalls... All funds raised will help Rainbow Hub to brighten lives

PLUS:

Drink on arrival

Event MC & Live Entertainment with Hayley Murray Music

Fallen Angelz are back again with their fun fashion show

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Our Week in Pictures!



Using Mrs Newsham's new skeleton - lots of curiosity!



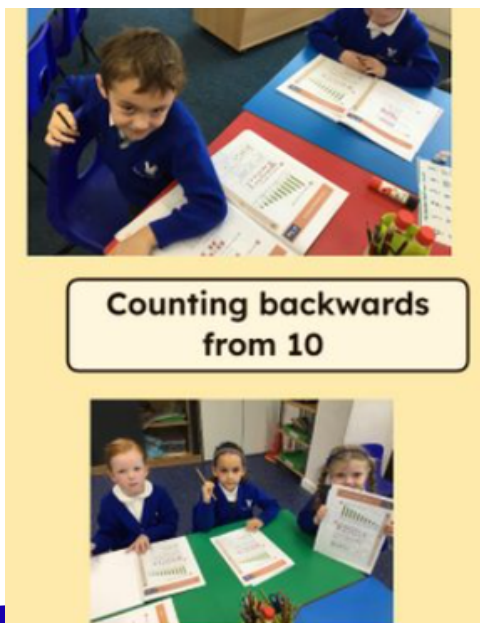
Courageously sharing our work



Active Learning - loving a Go Noodle!



Guess the baby - seeing how we have changed!



Counting backwards from 10



We had a great morning at Southport Golf Academy for the Tri Golf Festival. Well done team Rufford! We scored a massive 301 points!

A big well done to Hettie, Laura, Ella-Rose, Effie, Phoebe, Tobias, Dutch, Jak, James and George!



Great times at golf!

Fabulous work in Maths!

