



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

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



Date: Friday 2nd October 2026



Shining Stars



Organised
Curious Collaborative Resilient
Courageous

Oak: Finley, Poppy and Willow

Ash: Freddie, Livvy and Emily

Maple: Hallie, Francesca and Chloe

Elm: Lucas, Rupert and Alexa

Rowan: Jamie, Oliver and Emily

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



Oak: Orson

Ash: Kelsie

Maple: Ella-Rose

Elm: Elektra

Rowan: Alice



WWJD



What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: Ari - for showing the **Christian Value of resilience** - he has persevered with things he thought he could not do and has surprised himself when he has achieved the goal. Keep it up!

Ash: William - for 'love'. Looking out for his Year 1 classmates and making sure that they are okay.

Maple: George H - for showing the value of **friendship and having courage** to make new friends in a new class.

Elm: Aoife - for good manners **and respect** around school.

Rowan: Alyssia - for showing **thankfulness** through her impeccable manners!



Optomistic October



Oak: Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you.

Ash: We are focusing on the optimtistic, even when times are tough.

Maple: Write down three things to look forward to in October.

Elm: Choose to see your mistakes as steps to help you learn

Rowan: Take a small step towards a goal that is really important to you.

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

Beavers and Cubs in Rufford!



Earlier this week, the leader of our local Beaver and Cub groups, came in with Paul to share some great outdoor activities with us. The pair visited Ash, Maple and Elm to share some aeroplane themed activities. We made mini helicopters and experimented with how to make them fly the best. We also played some running jet plane games too! Chris and Paul then joined us for worship.

Year 6 Mini Police



Rowan Class enjoyed their first session on Mini Police this week, with a visit from PCSO Roy. Year 6 have all now taken up a temporary role as mini police of Lancashire Constabulary. The class will learn how to take organised notes, learn the phonetic alphabet and how to make detailed observations. They may even be out in our community with the speed gun!

Bishop's Harvest Challenge!



On Wednesday this week, we went all-in for the Bishop's Harvest Challenge, raising money for the harvest project in Sudan. The children took on various challenges for their body, mind and soul, tackling memory tests, disco dancing and an assault course in the hall. We raised over £75 for the appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated. Father Joe is also taking on the real Bishop's Assault Course challenge on Saturday, dressed in his clerical gear! Come on Father Joe, we know you can do it! We wish him all the best.

Small Schools' Netball



On Thursday night, Mrs Fairclough took a team of eager netballers to the small schools netball competition. The team played really well and have been practising hard on Tuesday nights ready for the matches. A special thank you to Mrs Fairclough too, who battled on through her cold to coach and take the team to the competition. Go team Rufford!

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National Poetry Day Wonder!

3. Will light shine through the leaf? What colours will we see?



On Thursday this week, we celebrated National Poetry Day and this year it has the theme of wonder! The classes shared a variety of different poems and worked on many different activities together. We shared our work at the end of the day with a worship to celebrate. Ash Class went all out with leaves and lights!

Black History Month Community



The 1st of October saw the launch of Black History Month. The theme for this year in community. Rowan Class will be exploring the Windrush community of the United Kingdom. Our other classes will be exploring key figures in history who have changed their communities and our world. Ash Class have been discussing why celebrating Black History Month is important and having a bit of a boogie to Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell.

Parking - Hesketh Arms



From Monday this week, the car park at the village hall has been opened from 8am by school staff to allow for safe parking and walk to school whilst the Hesketh is closed. This will continue to be the case throughout the time the Hesketh is closed for the safety of our children and the community.



Friends of Rufford

We have 1 new member!



We desperately need more volunteers.



Even if you can only spare a very small amount of time, or might not be able to help out at all the events, it would be much appreciated.

Friends raise a considerable amount of money for school - and their work is invaluable.



Please let myself or Mrs Mower know if you can spare some time.

Governor Update

Forms were sent home last week for nominations for a role as parent governor. Remember, everyone has skills to bring to the table. If you could spare time for up to 3 meetings a term and some time in school to see how we operate, please put yourself forward. Nominations close 5th October at 12 noon

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Worship this Week

 I thank
my God
every time
I remember
 you.
- *Philippians 1:3*

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In worship this week, we launched our first value of thankfulness. We had a treasure box that represented people in our school community we were thankful for. We then challenged the classes to make their own treasure boxes of special people we are thankful for and bring it to worship next week.

Picture News



This week in Picture News looked at how we can share our stories. The focus was the Bayeux Tapestry coming to London, telling the story of 1066. We looked at the key features of story sharing and learnt that we all have important stories

Harvest - 6th October



We are celebrating harvest as a whole school on Tuesday next week, with a trip to church. Parents from Oak and Ash are welcome to join us. The service will start at 2.15pm but we will be walking from school at 2pm. If you are a parent of a child in Oak or Ash and would like to join us. Please meet us at the Flash Lane gates at 2pm.

Autumn Key Dates



- Tuesday 6th October - Harvest worship in church - Parents of children in Oak and Ash are welcome to join us.
- Friday 9th October - Hello Yellow Day - wear yellow for children's mental health. - Wellbeing Ambassadors
- Sunday 11th October - Harvest Sunday, Elm Class to lead. The service starts at 9.15am.
- Monday 12th October - Group and Individual photos
- Tuesday 13th October - NSPCC workshops.
- 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 9am.

Cross Country returns!
Friday 23rd October -
more details to follow!



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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.**



**Ready for
fun and
friends?**

Aged between 6 and 8 (or over 18 ☺)? Looking for new adventures, fun and friends?

In Beavers, everyone's welcome. Every week we play games, learn skills, earn badges and yes, maybe eat a marshmallow or two (even the Leaders).

From archery and fire-lighting to map reading and helping in the community, no two weeks are the same.

Sound good? Monday 5.45 to 6.45 p.m. Rufford Scout Hut.

Start your adventure today.

For more information about joining as a Beaver or a member of the Leadership team please contact:-

Chris.charlton@ormskirkscouts.org.uk

or ring Chris on 07801064706

#Place to belong

BEAVERS

**14th Ormskirk (Rufford) Scout
Group**

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Our Week in Pictures!



Mummification in History!



Practising our letters



Amazing phonics



Thanking our community for our stage donations



Awesome tower challenges in EYFS



Memory test challenge!