



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

Flash Lane, Rufford, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 1SN

'Together in Faith and Learning'



BACK TO
SCHOOL

Date: Friday 4th September 2026



Welcome Back!



It is great to see you!

It has been lovely to welcome you back to school this week after the summer break. Everyone has settled into school really well and it has been great to hear all about your summer adventures. We also welcome our new Reception and Little Squirrels children to our Rufford family. It has also been lovely to welcome Mr Peters, our new Deputy Headteacher to school, teaching in Rowan Class and to see Mrs Murphy continue to be on the mend and join us again. Here's to a year full of happy memories, great learning and exciting experiences!

Introducing.... Our new School Leadership Team!

**Our new Head Boy (central) with
our two Deputy Head Boys**



House Captains

**Our new Head Girl
(central) with our
two Deputy Head
Girls**



Play Leaders



**Office
Administrators**



Digital Leaders

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

House Teams Update!

READY

♦ **Respect** ♦

• **Be** •
SAFE

Three brand new school rules have arrived at Rufford: be ready, be respectful and be safe! This week we have been starting to earn brand new Squirrel Points for our house teams when go above and beyond, showing these three qualities. Everyone around school has been spotting us. Our lunchtime staff also have Golden Tickets ready to give out at lunch time for brilliant behaviour.

Our House Teams are:

Fitton - green team

Ashcroft - red team

Hesketh - blue team

Fermor - yellow team

Each week our Squirrel Points will be totalled up by our House Captains. The winning house at the end of the half term, is awarded with 10 minutes extra play. Your child is in the same colour house team as they were on Sports Day.

We have a new class certificate too: The Always Ready Award. This is given each week to someone who shows consistently they are ready to learn.

The Rufford Way

Not only are we working to clear Rufford standards of behaviour this year, but we are also learning the Rufford Way!

Learners at Rufford are:

- Curious
- Courageous
- Collaborative
- Organised and
- Resilient



Our Shining Stars worship returns next week and children will receive awards for showing these qualities - our Rufford Way.

Pupil Councils at Rufford

This coming week, we will be electing brand new representatives for some new pupil voice groups in school. 6 children from each class will be elected to represent our school and share new ideas.

Rowan - School Council

Elm - Wellbeing Ambassadors

Maple - Sports Ambassadors

Ash and Oak - Eco Warriors



Look out for the events organised by each council as we progress through the autumn term.

THANK YOU!

On behalf of Mrs Shaw and all the staff team, we would like to thank you for all your kind messages of support, cards and flowers after the loss of Barney. They are much appreciated. The children have coped with great maturity and we could not be prouder.

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Bless the Backpack



On Thursday we started the new school year at church, with our Bless the Backpack service. Father Joe sprinkled our bags with Holy Water and asked Jesus to continue to walk with us each day in our lives. Father Mark also reminded us of the Lord's Prayer and the meaning of the actions we do to accompany it. It was a lovely way to start the year and a brand new Rufford tradition!

Mission Weekend All Invited 12th /13th September



We are singing worship songs and sharing prayers 10am - 11am

Please come and support us next Saturday from 10am, where we will be singing our active worship songs from school and sharing some fun prayer ideas too.



Autumn Term 2026

- **W/C Monday 7th September** - Diocese all for Jesus Week
- **Wednesday 9th September** - Meet the Teacher night (Oak, Maple, Elm and Rowan)
- **Thursday 10th September** - Meet the Teacher night - Ash Class
- **Friday 11th September** - Forest School for Oak Class. This will be weekly until December.
- **Weekend of the 12th - 13th September** - Mission Weekend at church.
- **Wednesday 16th September** - Maple Class Faith in the Forest.
- **Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th September** - Year 5 Bikeability
- **Thursday 24th September** - Macmillan Breakfast Coffee Morning 8.45am - School Council
- **Thursday 1st October** - Black History Month begins in school
- **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' butty 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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