



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

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



Date: Friday 8th May 2026

This week's Shining Stars



Little Squirrels: Arlo



Oak: Teddy, Ruby and Grace

Ash: Edward, Effie and Connie

Maple: Bea J, Katie H and Katie G

Elm: Maisie, Cole and Riley

Rowan: Joseph, Albert and Jack



Rufford in Bloom!



Little Squirrels: My Spiderman plants looks so pretty! **Forest**

Oak: 'I loved digging up the soil and planting the flowers' **Isla**

Ash: 'Wow! A rainbow of beautiful flowers!'

Maple: The school looks beautiful – I can't wait to see my sunflower grow! - **Tillie**

Elm: Bring a bedding plant to school I'm really looking forward to seeing our flowers bloom and brighten up our school – **Jamie**

Rowan: We enjoyed planting our herbs to make our wonderful new herb garden. **Orla**



WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: William for Perseverance when completing his work.

Ash: Kelsie – for joy. Kelsie thoroughly enjoyed designing and making her lighthouse! She had a lovely smile on her face throughout.

Maple: Teddy – for showing the Christian value of generosity giving his time and helping in the classroom.

Elm: Elektra - for showing the value of friendship to others in her class and around school.

Rowan: Evie - for perseverance in her learning and showing great improvement in her writing.



Meaningful May



Oak: Do something kind for someone you really care about.

Ash: We have been trying to let someone know how much they mean to us and why.

Maple: Focus on how your actions make a difference for others.

Elm: Set yourself a kindness mission to help others today.

Rowan: We loved planting - getting outside and enjoying the beauty of nature.

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

Mrs Croft - Superwoman!



£10,200 raised!

A huge well done to Mr and Mrs Croft who partied the weekend away with a marathon session of boot-camp, raising money for the Motor Neurone Association. Mr and Mrs Croft took on a 7 workout challenge from 9.30am through to 2pm in exchange for donations to this amazing cause. Altogether, the event raised over £10,000! Thank you to all who donated.

SATS Week and Year 6 Shining Stars



Friday 15th May 2026

Next week is SATS week for Year 6 and we are so proud of how hard they have worked. On Friday morning, we will be holding a special worship for Year 6 parents beginning at 9am in the hall. We will present each Year 6 with a Shining Star and their hoodie to be worn as uniform from this day.

Rufford in Bloom!



Thank you to everyone for your contributions of beautiful plants and flowers. We all had a great time planting and making school look blooming marvellous! Rowan Class have prepared our brand new community herb garden too! Please help yourself and encourage others to do the same. Our picture shows Rowan Class preparing the front of school and a very cheeky Mrs Cookson admiring their work from the window!

Jungle Parc Summer Trip!



Letters have come home today for our whole school trip to Jungle Parc in Warrington during the first weeks of July. Children will have the chance to test their courage, perseverance and resilience on the climbing trail and orienteering. There is also a family farm for our younger children too. Thank you to Mrs Fairclough for organising what promises to be a great day. Little Squirrels will have a trip of their own to Windmill Farm.



Football Friendlies

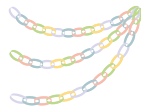
On Tuesday we welcomed Banks Methodist to the first in a series of football friendlies here at Rufford. Year 3 and 4 played brilliantly and it was great to see our friends from Banks, who are part of our TARDIS cluster.

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Our Value of Friendship



Our worship this week was all about supporting each other. We read the Bible story in Luke 5 about 5 friends who supported each other, making a hole in the roof and lowering a sick man to Jesus. We learnt that if we support each other, we are stronger together. Each class has been set a challenge of making a friendship chain to bring to worship next time.



Multi Faith Week



Monday 1st June marks the start of our very first Multi-Faith Week here at Rufford. In years to come, we are planning to explore major world faiths through visits and practical activities, as well as expanding our knowledge through taught lessons. This time it is the turn of Islam. We are welcoming visitors from a mosque in with us on the Monday to launch the week. We will finish the week by sharing our learning again with our special visitors.



David Attenborough is 100!



Today we celebrated David Attenborough's 100th birthday in school with a special edition of Picture News. We learnt that David has spent his career educating us about the natural world and more importantly how we can look after it. Picture News encouraged us this week to get outside and take care of the wildlife around us. To celebrate, we treated Little Squirrels and EYFS to a brand new bug hotel!!

Faith in the Forest Golden Threads



As part of our Multi-Faith Week, Hattie from church will be joining us for a special golden thread edition of forest school. She will be taking each class for a short time to look at the parallels between Islam and Christianity and the golden threads that run between them. With older children, we will also look at the links to Judaism.



St Mary's Church, Rufford

Treasure Hunt

Saturday 9th May
10.30am - 3.30pm

FREE - plus you receive your 'treasure'
on successful completion!



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Summer Term at Rufford

Key Term Dates



More dates added!



- **Monday 11th May** - Year 6 SATS Week
- **Friday 15th May** - 9am - Year 6 Hoodie presentation
- **Monday 18th May** - No Outsiders Week
- **Monday 18th May** - Year 6 height and weight.
- **Thursday 21st May** - Star of the Half Term 9am
- **Thursday 21st May** - Pentecost Party in school for children. School closes for half term with a 3.15pm finish.
- **FRIDAY 22ND MAY - INSET DAY**
- **Monday 1st June** - School opens
- **Week beginning Monday 1st June** - Multi Faith Week - Islam. Mosque to visit school on Monday and Friday this week.
- **Monday 1st June** - Year 6 begin three sessions of mini police!
- **Wednesday 3rd June** - Forest School for all and PE
- **Monday 8th June** - phonic screening week for Year 1.
- **Tuesday 16th June** - A Fisherman's Tale productions in school.
- **Wednesday 17th June** - Sports Day 1 - gates open 12.35 for parents.
- **Thursday 25th June** - European food market day.
- **Wednesday 1st July** - Faith in the Forest - Year 6 focus - moving on.
- **Friday 17th July** - Year 6 Leaver's Service 12.45pm at church.



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Our Week in Pictures!



Investigating States of Matter



Amazing lighthouses from Ash Class



Loving life planting!



Great team work in a football friendly!



Little Squirrels enjoy outdoors planting!



Rufford is blooming!



Our new community herb garden!