

NEWSLETTER

2026

Rufford C. of E. Primary School

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

Date: 9th January 2026 'Together in Faith and Learning'

HAPPY
New Year

This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Alex

Oak: Sam, Livvy and Oscar

Ash: Fox, Phoebe and Josh

Maple: Elissa, Patrick and Wilfred

Elm: Jeffrey, George and Alyssia

Rowan: Jacob, Cohen and Keagan



WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: Brody for perseverance – for persevering with his phonics work.

Ash: Ella-Rose for love. Talking about her family holidays and sharing photos with us that showed happiness and love for being together and making special memories.

Maple: Patrick – for showing trust. For being a trustworthy friend when showing his partner how to use a bow and arrow in PE.

Elm: Shae – for great friendship when working out how to play a new football card game with Sam at indoor playtime

Rowan: Oliver- friendship for always looking out for others and being kind to everyone!



What's Stuck in our First Week Back

Little Squirrels: 'The grass is hard because it's cold' Ari at Forest School

Oak: "The donkeys are cool!" – William

Ash: "I loved seeing the donkeys!" Freyja

Maple: I loved seeing the donkeys during our Epiphany activity! – Katie

Elm: I had fun learning about electrical circuits by designing my own electrical quiz for Design and Technology – Elektra

Rowan: "I have enjoyed being back at school as I can see my classmates and friends again." Alice



Happier January



Oak: How many people can we make smile today?

Ash: We have been getting moving outside, in our PE lessons with Rachel.

Maple: We found 3 things to look forward to this year.

Elm: Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why

Rowan: What can we look forward to in 2026?

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

Digital Leaders

Rufford Digital Leaders 2025-26

Our wonderful team who show great commitment to their role in supporting the safe use of technology in school.



Little Nutkins Toddler Group

Launch Friday 16th January
Please spread the word!

Little Nutkins

Baby and Toddler Group



at Rufford C of E Primary School

Every Friday 9am – 10am,
Term time only

Key Term Dates:

- **Wednesday 21st January** - Class photographs
- **EYFS and KS1 Great British Birdwatch!**
- **Monday 26th January** - No Outsiders Week
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Holocaust Memorial Day.
- **Tuesday 27th January** - Year 5/6 Spelling Bee at Tarleton Academy.
- **Tuesday 4th February** - Faith in the Forest -Ash Class
- **Monday 9th February** - Spirituality Day- what is spirituality - awe and wonder!
- **Friday 13th February** - Friendship Friday - celebrating who loves us in our lives.
- **Friday 13th February** - school closes for half term.
- **Monday 23rd February** - INSET Day
- **Tuesday 24th February** - School reopens.
- **Monday 2nd March** - Year 6 residential to Winmarleigh Hall
- **Wednesday 4th March** - Year 5 Faith in the Forest

Admission Arrangements

Every 7 years, schools have to review their admission arrangements and have a consultation about them, before they are finalised. This period lasts for 6 weeks.

Our proposed admission policy can be found on our website under admissions.

Having Courage



BE STRONG

.... AND COURAGEOUS

DO NOT BE AFRAID

DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED

FOR THE LORD

YOUR GOD

WILL BE WITH

YOU

WHEREVER YOU GO

JOSHUA 1:9



We start the new year with a focus on the value of courage in our worships. This week, we have been looking at the importance of taking small steps and it is these small steps that will take us to new and exciting places! Each class has been challenged to step out of their comfort zone this week! We will share these small steps in worship next week! Look out for us learning how to face our fears and take on new challenges!

Epiphany Prayer Spaces



On Tuesday, we enjoyed our Epiphany prayer spaces morning, led by volunteers from Rufford church, Father Mark, Hattie, our governors and volunteers from Hope Methodist church. The children travelled around 6 stations, taking us on a journey from the East, to Herod's castle and then through the 3 gifts and eventually to the stable, where we had two real life donkeys! Thank you to Windmill Farm for loaning us Edwina and Dominic! We learnt lots of facts about the Magi and dispelled some myths too! We also learnt that the biggest gift we could ever give Jesus is our hearts.



Faith in the Forest



Hattie has been back with us this week to take Rowan Class for their Faith in the Forest session. They focused on our new Christian value of courage. Rowan class played games trusting each other and learnt about key people in the Bible that have also showed courage.

Ash Class will visit Hattie next and this will take place on Wednesday 4th February, where they will also explore courage.

Our Week in Pictures!



Forest School Fun!



Water colour painting using Henri Rousseau as a base.



Well done to our amazing TASA swimming gala team!

**We achieved 2nd place.
A great team performance!**



Making myrrh shields!



The cold weather hasn't stopped us!

