



NEWSLETTER



Rufford C. of E. Primary School

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

'Together in Faith and Learning'

Date: 5th December 2025

This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Ari



Oak: Sam W, Emily R, Brodie

Ash: Effie, George and Kelsie

Maple: Albie, Ruby and Aoife

Elm: Izzy, Henry and Riley



Rowan: Dylan, Evie and Bea A

WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?



Oak: Hunter - for showing the Christian Value of joy and for always coming to school with a smile on his face!

Ash: Ella-Rose – for perseverance – trying hard in ALL Maths lessons and keeping going, even when the going gets tough!

Maple: Bea J – for showing the value of Hope during our RE lesson in which Bea reflected on the hope of a peaceful world when Jesus returns.

Elm: George – for displaying faith and reverence in his responses to Worship

Rowan: Albert – supported Mrs Murphy every evening at the book fair after school – compassion.

Our Advent Retreat in Words

Little Squirrels: On our Advent Retreat we were thinking of what brings us joy and drawing a picture of it on a star.

'My mummy!' **Dolly**

Oak: We loved the advent retreat! **Oak**

Ash: 'Advent Retreat Day was really really good!' **Tobias**

Maple: I liked the activity with Hettie's Mum and all the lights - it was magical! **Holly**

Elm: I liked writing on the star and hanging it up - it was very exciting! **Elektra**

Rowan: "I found it thoughtful writing a kind message to one of my friends on the Kindness with Creativity station." **Bea**

Offer to help
someone who is
facing difficulties
at the moment



Action for Happiness

Do Good December

Oak: We have been learning new skills from our friends.

Ash: Ash Class enjoying creating kind messages for others during our Advent Retreat Day.

Maple: Leave a positive message for someone to find.

Elm: Leave a positive message for someone else to find – Advent cards

Rowan: We have been planning new acts of kindness of 2026

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

Advent Retreat

1st December 2025

On Monday we opened our pop up Advent retreat. The children travelled around 6 stations and explored the following themes:

- Joy
- Peace
- Love
- Hope
- Prepare
- Kindness through creativity



Each class visited the retreat that was run by volunteers from school and church. A great way to start the season!

Rufford's first...! Tree Lighting Ceremony!



Tuesday saw Rufford's very first tree-lighting ceremony! Each and every member of our school family gathered together to place a bauble on our new hall tree as we sang carols. We then invited our oldest child and our youngest child to conduct the big switch on! Christmas has well and truly arrived in school!

FAITH IN THE FOREST

Faith in the Forest returned on Wednesday, as Elm class enjoyed a Forest School session with Hattie. The children explore the Christian value of compassion through nature.



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 11th December



If your child normally has a packed lunch but you would like them to have a school lunch on that day, please contact Mrs Shaw by Monday 8th December.

I must stress the importance of this deadline so that we can order the required amount of food and minimise waste. Regrettably, we will not be able to take bookings for the Christmas lunch after this date. School meals are priced at £2.70 per day.



Carol Service



Thursday 11th December

Join us at church at 7pm as the children in school lead us in an evening of song. Our younger children will be sharing songs from the nativity, our choir will be singing and finally the children in KS2 will share Bible readings, carols and a rather special version of Feed the World. Our theme for the service this year is linked to our Christian value of compassion.

Rainbow Raffle

Haven't got your tickets yet? Do not worry! It is not too late!

You can buy your raffle tickets tonight (Friday), Monday and Tuesday on the playground.



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.



Key Term Dates:

- **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER** -2pm -4pm
Christmas fair! Rufford choir singing!
- **Thursday 11th December** - Christmas lunch and carol service - Christmas party clothes or jumpers. **NON UNIFORM FOR RAINBOW RAFFLE**
- **Monday 15th December** - Polar Express comes to Rufford! Come to school in your pjs, wait for the whistle, grab your ticket and hear the bells!
- **Monday 15th December** - Nativity Afternoon performance 2:15pm
- **Tuesday 16th December** - back in school for 5pm in costume for a 5.30pm prompt start.
- **Friday 19th December** - School closes for Christmas at 2pm. No Treehouse Club.



- **Monday 5th January 2026** - School reopens for spring term.
- **Tuesday 6th January 2026** - Epiphany prayer spaces.
- **Wednesday 7th January** - Rowan Class Faith in the Forest
- **Wednesday 7th January** - Judo club starts.
- **Thursday 8th January** - KS2 swimming gala - selected children.
- **Monday 9th February** - Spirituality Day- what is spirituality?
- **Friday 13th February** - school closes for half term.
- **Monday 23rd February** - INSET Day
- **Tuesday 24th February** - School reopens.



Our Week in Pictures!



The Christmas Cafe is open



Christmas has arrived in Little Squirrels!

