



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School

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



Date: Friday 1st May 2026



This week's Shining Stars



Little Squirrels: *Harriet*

Oak: *Ozzy, Harry and Ava*



Ash: *Kelsie, Ella and Freyja*



Maple: *Milly, Albie and Aoife*



Elm: *Flora, Elektra and Sam*

Rowan: *Oliver, Ella and Hannah*



WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?

Oak: **Charlotte M** for showing the Christian value of **friendship** and always being a good friend to others

Ash: **Chloe** – **perseverance**. For getting 10/10 in her spelling test after lots of hard work and dedication!

Maple: **Ted** – for showing the value of **wisdom**. For always trying his best in every lesson and taking a mature approach to his work to grow his knowledge.

Elm: **George** – for showing **wisdom** in his ability to calmly solve problems

Rowan: **Sophia** - for showing the value of **service**, spending so much of her playtime supporting the younger children in school and developing their social skills.



Our Week in P.E.



Little Squirrels: I love dancing with these silky scarves, its fun – **Forest**

Oak: I liked dancing like a juggler! – **Livvy**

Ash: "The dancing is fun!" **Freddy**

Maple: I loved making up our cowboy dance in PE! **Ruby**

Elm: In groups we enjoyed inventing our own game with equipment to practise our small ball throwing and catching skills
Jack

Rowan: I am really enjoying the Dance moves in our Dance lessons this term.
Emily



GETTING ACTIVE

IN APRIL!



Oak: Have a day with less screen time and more movement

Ash: We have been meeting our friends on the school field for a walk and a chat.

Maple: Go around your local area and notice new things!

Elm: Make time to run, swim, dance, cycle or stretch today.

Rowan: Eat healthy food and drinks lots of water.

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

Edge Hill Pop-Up Dance!



We were fortunate enough this week to welcome a group of trainees from Edge Hill University this week, who hosted a pop-up dance club for us on Thursday night. Three trainees came to teach routines based on ballet. Their mentor, James, shared after the session how amazed he had been by both the children's attitude to learning and their skills in dance. All three trainees were very keen to return! Watch this space for more pop ups soon!



Worship this Week Christian Value of....



Friendship

This week we considered a key message from Paul's letter to the Thessalonian's, in which he tells them to encourage one another and build each other up. We learnt how lots of positive comments can build towers of hope but one negative comment knocks that down. Each class is building their own positivity towers.

Bring a Bedding Plant to school



THIS Tuesday 5th May 2026



Come to school on Tuesday in non-uniform ready to plant, as we turn Rufford School into a frenzy of flowers! Non uniform to be worn in exchange for bedding plants or compost. Rowan class can bring a herb for our new community herb garden. Each class has an area of school to transform as well as sharing our blooms with the community.



What is the best way to support people who need extra help?

This week in Picture News, we all learnt about some new AI supported glasses that help people with dementia remember key items in the home and what they do. Early tests show these glasses help those with dementia live independently for longer.

Good Luck Mrs Croft!

This weekend Mrs Croft takes on her bootcamp challenge, raising money for MND charities. To sponsor her, please see the poster with QR code on the Flash Lane hall window.

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Summer Term at Rufford

Key Term Dates



More dates added!



- **Monday 4th May** - Bank Holiday and school closed.
- **Tuesday 5th May** - Bring a bedding plant day! NON UNIFORM
- **Wednesday 6th May** - Faith in the Forest for Little Squirrels.
- **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!
- **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
- **Thursday 25th June** - European food market day.
- **Wednesday 8th July** - Faith in the Forest - Year 6 focus - moving on.
- **Friday 17th July** - Year 6 Leaver's Service 12.45pm at church.

Church News

New Group for Year 6



Church News Family Event



St Mary's Church, Rufford



Treasure Hunt

Saturday 9th May
10.30am - 3.30pm

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



Local or visitor, individual or couple, family or friends, come and join in the fun discovering all about this beautiful country church by locating the features and solving the clues on a 'treasure hunt'.

No prior knowledge is required, just use your eyes and brain to find the answers.

There is no time limit, but expect to take no more than about half an hour.



Complete the questions to receive your treasure!

Refreshments available in the pop-up cafe.

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Our Week in Pictures!



Ready, steady, cook!



We used lots of skills

Lighthouse Making



Minibeasts



Being super scientists!

Little Squirrels exploring minibeads



Lighthouse Making!



All about creatures!



Word hunts in grammar!

Story making with friends

