



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C.of E. Primary School
Flash Lane, Rufford, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 1SN
'Together in Faith and Learning'



Date: Friday 17th April 2026



This week's Shining Stars



Little Squirrels: Bella

Oak: Ozzy, Emily and Livvy



Ash: Tobias, Max and Freddy



Maple: Hettie, Ruby, Bea J



Elm: George, Jamie and Henry

Rowan: Keagan, Edward and Anna



WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?



Oak: Eric- for showing the Christian value of **generosity** and for being helpful around the classroom

Ash: George – for a joyful approach to new learning this half term – what a lot of fun he's had!

Maple: Luna – for always showing our Christian value of **compassion** and looking after her friends.

Elm: Arabella- for showing **generosity and service** by always being willing to help out in a calm, quiet manner.

Rowan: Olly - **friendship and service** always willing to support and encourage his buddies in Little Squirrels – volunteers to look after new arrivals!

We love being back at school because....



Little Squirrels: I love being in school with my friends ! **Dolly**

Oak: "I have liked doing jobs for the teachers." **Sam**

Ash: "Being with my friends again!" **Olivia**

Maple: I have loved seeing everybody's smiling faces after Easter – **Mrs Fairclough**

Elm: We are able to dissect our own real flowering plant – **Thomas**

Rowan: It's great to see and chat to all our friends again! **Alice**



**GETTING ACTIVE
IN APRIL!**



Oak: Eat healthy and natural food today and drink lots of water

Ash: We have been reminding ourselves about the importance of sleep so that we can stay active and alert during the day! Did you know that 5, 6 and 7 year olds should get aim to get around 9 or 11 hours sleep each night

Maple: Eat healthy and natural food and drink lots of water.

Elm: Have a day with less screen time and more movement.

Rowan: We have been enjoying moving to our favourite music!

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

Easter Bunny Bounce



EASTER
Bunny bounce

All the children did really well bouncing!
Can you please arrange for sponsorship money to be sent into school by Monday 20th April or paid into the Friends bank account
Sort code: 40 24 14
Account number: 61064851
Reference: Easter bounce

The Friends of Rufford brought joy to us all on Monday with our Easter Bunny Bounce! Thank you to all our volunteers who counted our bounces and timed us doing as many bounces as we could. All the money raised will be going towards developing our outdoor space. There is lots to do and these funds will make a huge difference.

There is still time to donate! Monday is the final day for any money raised.

Next Friday we are welcoming....

M.P. Patrick Hurley



Patrick is coming to visit Rowan and Elm Class to explain what his role is as a local M.P. He will also explain to us how he can help us make our voices heard in the local community. Children from Elm and Rowan will share with Patrick some of their learning in school. Patrick visits us ahead of a trip to parliament in the autumn term for UKS2.

Toast



Just a reminder that toast payments for this half term are due on Parent Pay.



Studies by Harvard University confirm that learning additional languages increases critical thinking skills, reativity and flexibility of the mind in young children

Lunchtime French Club

You learn with:
Stories - Songs - Plays
Crafts - Games
Activity Sheets

Online fun language activities
LOF
Babelzone
www.lcclubs.com

Fees include:
1 year's access to Babelzone (Worth £69)
Folder - Songbook - Sticker book - MP3 music

Your local club:

Rufford C. of E. Primary School
Club Leader: Mme McCready

Thursday, 12.30pm - 1pm

Reception - Year 6

First session commitment free!

[Pricing and enrolment](#)

Languages Club!



Starting next Thursday, 23rd April.



Places available!



TARDIS Performing Arts



On **Thursday 23rd April**, our choir will be joining together with other TARDIS schools to perform on the stage at The Hub in Banks. We will be singing and dancing to Shakira's song 'Zoo'! We wish them luck and cannot wait to see them show off their talents.

Pop Up Dance Club



Thursday 30th April

We are lucky enough to be joined by some dance students from Edge Hill, who have offered us a 'one time only' dance after school club from 3.15pm until 4.15pm in our school hall. An invite to the club has been sent out on Seesaw. If you are interested, please contact school and we can sign your child up!

Mrs Croft Hits Boot Camp!



On 3rd May, Mrs Croft will join a marathon boot camp fitness session to raise money for motor neurone disease charities. To sponsor Mrs Croft and support this brilliant cause, please see Seesaw, where you will find a link to her Just Giving page.

Bring a Bedder!



Tuesday 5th May 2026

Help us get Rufford in bloom during the month of May! On Tuesday 5th May, we are asking that you bring a bedding plant to school, in exchange for wearing your own clothes ready to plant up an area of school on the day. Year 6, please could you bring a HERB and not a bedding plant as we would like to create a community herb garden outside school for everyone to enjoy. We would also like some donations of large plastic pots and compost, so that we can get planting!



What makes somewhere a great place to live?

This week in Picture News, we have explored what makes the places where we live special. We also discussed the responsibilities we have to each other to make sure our village is a lovely place to be.



Worship

Christian Value of Friendship



We launched our brand new Christian value of friendship this week. We learnt that Jesus is our greatest friend and that he wants to weave his way through our lives. Weaving makes single threads stronger. We were each given a thread as we left worship. Our challenge is to work with our friends to weave our thread and create friendship bracelets for next week's worship.



Lunch time Prayer Spaces



Hattie joined us this week for lunchtime prayer spaces. We learnt some fun ways that we can share our prayers with God, some involving bubbles!

Summer Term at Rufford

Key Term Dates:



- **Monday 20th April** - Rocksteady rock band launching in school
- **Thursday 23rd April** - TARDIS Performing Arts Festival at Banks Hub
- **Friday 24th April** - MP Patrick Hurley visiting school
- **Thursday 30th April** - Pop Up dance after school club.
- **Monday 4th May** - Bank Holiday and school closed.
- **Tuesday 5th May** - Bring a bedder day!
- **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.
- **8th June** - phonic screening week for Year 1.

Sports' Day Dates



- **Wednesday 17th June**
- Sports' Day I
- **Wednesday 24th June** - **Sports' Day reserve date**

This is an afternoon event. If the weather is poor, decisions will be made by 10am on the morning of the event as to whether it will go ahead.

Year 6 Leaver's Service New for 2026

**Friday 17th July at
12.45pm**

Father Joe will be leading us in a short church service to celebrate Year 6's time with us in school and to wish them well as they leave our school family and move on to high school. Year 6 parents are welcome to join us for this service, walking to church with us and then joining us back at school to celebrate.

