



# NEWSLETTER



## Rufford C. of E. Primary School

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

'Together in Faith and Learning'

Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Millie



Oak: Charlotte M, William and Oscar

Ash: Olivia, April and Freddy

Maple: Katie, Lara and Teddy

Elm: Elektra, Jesse Arabella



Rowan: Sophia, Edward and Emily

### WWJD

#### What Would Jesus Do?



**Oak:** Harry for the Christian value of friendship and being a good friend to others.

**Ash:** April – compassion – offering to give her advent chocolate to Mrs Murphy and Miss Ebdon!

**Maple:** Albie – for showing the value of justice when playing football. He plays fairly and shows respect to each team member as well as the opposition!

**Elm:** Max – for perseverance to write an impressive entry for Mary's diary

**Rowan:** Nate - for showing compassion and care making Keagan feel welcome and supported this first week.



### What we think of our Compassion Tree



**Little Squirrels:** We have kind hands in Little Squirrels

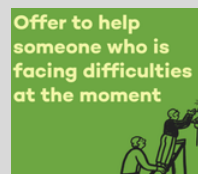
**Oak:** "I put a bauble on the compassion tree for sharing a wheel so someone else could add it to their model." **William**

**Ash:** 'It's wonderful to see how much kindness there is in our school.' **Ash**

**Maple:** I chose Ben for a compassion bauble because he shared his book with me - **Patrick**

**Elm:** I placed a bauble on the tree because I helped a friend when he was injured playing football **Sam**

**Rowan:** I was given a bauble for helping all Little Squirrels in building their confidence.



### Action for Happiness

#### Do Good December

**Oak:** See how many people you can smile at!

**Ash:** We have enjoyed donating items to our rainbow raffle box.

**Maple:** Bring joy to others. Share something that made you laugh.

**Elm:** See how many different people you can smile at today.

**Rowan:** Turn off digital devices and really listen to people.

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

# Polar Express



## Week



### Week Commencing 15<sup>th</sup> December

Grab your ticket because the Polar Express is stopping at the Rufford station! Come to school in your pyjamas on Monday to start our journey!

Look out for lots of festive happenings this week. We will keep you updated on Seesaw!



## The Nativity



Our EYFS and KS1 children have been busy practising their nativity ready to show us this week. We have two performances:

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm** with doors opening at 2pm with refreshments served after the performance.

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm** with doors opening at 5pm.

Our school choir will be singing as you take your seats and our amazing Friends will be serving coffee and mince pies.

This promises to be a fantastic night of songs and very brave actors! We can't wait!

## Key Term Dates:

- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Polar Express comes to Rufford! Come to school in your pjs, wait for the whistle, grab your ticket and hear the bells!
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Nativity Afternoon performance 2:15pm
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - back in school for 5pm in costume for a 5.30pm prompt start.
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - School closes for Christmas at **2pm. No Treehouse Club.**



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

## 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.



# Our Week in Pictures!



Hallie loved the Judo demonstration!



PCSO Roy and PCSO Ellie came to visit Little Squirrels, Reception and Year 1 and talked about stranger danger.

