



NEWSLETTER

Rufford C. of E. Primary School



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

Date: 28th November 2025

‘Together in Faith and Learning’

This week's Shining Stars!

Little Squirrels: Mikayla



Oak: Bea C, Charlotte W and Eric

Ash: Freyja, Hallie and Dutch

Maple: Billie, Ben and Tillie

Elm: Shae, Max and Elektra



Rowan: Oliver, Charlie and Joseph

WWJD

What Would Jesus Do?



Oak: Henry - for showing the Christian Value of compassion and for giving his pack of sweets to a classmate when there weren't enough for everyone

Ash: Olivia- for friendship. Being a constantly kind and caring friend.

Maple: Bea T – for the Christian Value of Compassion. For looking after a hurt friend for the whole afternoon!

Elm: Bella for showing trust and compassion to help others with their Computing skills

Rowan: Orla for service, spending quality time and support with her buddy in Oak Class during playtimes.

Our Week in our Words!

Little Squirrels: Our theme this week has been toys 'I've got lots of toys! My favourite is Spin from Spiderman' **Forest**

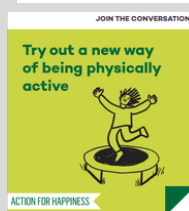
Oak: Last week we enjoyed our trip to Rufford Old Hall!

Ash: 'There were lots of colourful books at the non-fiction book sale!' **Edward.**

Maple: I am looking forward to the Polar Express coming to Rufford this Christmas! – **Rupert**

Elm: It was fascinating to include our learning about Boudicca in a newspaper report about her revolt against the Romans **Jamie**

Rowan: "We have enjoyed discovering different types of bread from around the world at the beginning of our DT topic – making bread." **Dylan**



Action for Happiness

New Ways November

Coming Soon!

Do good December!

Oak: When you feel you can't do something, add the word "yet"

Ash: Ash Class enjoyed a little dance break to some festive music – it's never too early!

Maple: Do something playful outdoors!

Elm: Discover your artistic side, Design a friendly greeting card

Rowan: Rowan enjoyed tasting and describing five different types of bread in preparation for making their own.

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



NONFICTION NOVEMBER

We had an amazing time during nonfiction November, sharing our favourite reads and learning some new facts too!

A big thank you to Mrs Murphy and Miss Ebdon for organising and running our pop-up, nonfiction book fair. We made over £425 which will go nicely towards some new class books!

Last orders will be **MONDAY 1st December** - if you have missed it, please ask your child's class teacher for an order form.

Compassion Tree



This year we are decorating our tree in the foyer a different way! As the children in school show our value of compassion, we award them a bauble to decorate the tree with. We can watch our compassion grow!



Reverse Advent



Thank you to everyone who has donated to the food bank using our reverse Advent calendar on Seesaw and thank you for the lovely wrapped and labelled gifts we have had in too. I know everyone at the food bank will be so grateful.



The Carol Service



Thursday 11th December 2025
arrival 6.40pm for a 7pm start

This year our carol service has the theme of compassion. The children from Rowan, Elm and Maple will lead our celebrations and we sing our favourites together.

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 Wednesday 3rd 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.

New Christmas Events at Rufford!



Advent Retreat - Monday 1st December

Our school hall will be transformed into a retreat for Advent. The children will travel around 6 stations, all with an Advent theme: peace, love, joy, hope in times of challenge, prepare and kindness through creativity. A chance for us to step off the world before Christmas starts and explore the true meaning of the season.

Elm Class Faith in the Forest - Wednesday 3rd December

Hattie is back with us to deliver a compassion-themed Faith in the Forest for Elm Class. Long sleeve tops, trousers and wellies needed.

Tree lighting ceremony - Thursday 4th December

Our brand new hall tree will be decorated by the whole school, as we all hang a bauble on the tree. Our oldest child and youngest child will then switch on the lights.

Polar Express Week W/C 15th December
All aboard! We will be immersing ourselves in the story this week, enjoying lots of different activities.

Rainbow Raffle colours for this year!



Prizes will be drawn at the Nativity on 16th December

Little Squirrels Reception	Year 4
Year 1	Year 5
Year 2	Year 6
Year 3	Items such as toiletries, chocolate, biscuits, alcohol etc in your year colour or wrapped in coloured paper



Key Term Dates:

- **Friday 28th November** - Tarleton Light Switch on - Rufford Choir singing!

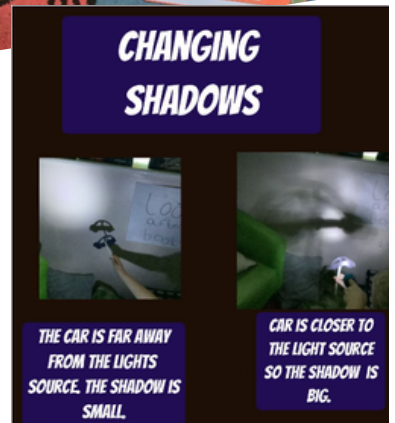


- **Monday 1st December** - Advent prayer spaces retreat day. School Council cookie sale.
- **Wednesday 3rd December** - Faith in the Forest Elm Class
- **Wednesday 3rd December** - Rufford Christmas Tree light switch on - choir are singing!
- **SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER** - Christmas fair!
- **Thursday 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
- **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

Our Week in Pictures!



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.