



# NEWSLETTER

## Rufford C. of E. Primary School

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

‘Together in Faith and Learning’



Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

### This week's Shining Stars!

**Little Squirrels:** Isabella



**Oak:** Hunter, Ozzy and William



**Ash:** Thomas A, Edward and James

**Maple:** Bea J, Ted and Rupert



**Elm:** Bella, Maisie and Shae

**Rowan:** Evie, Orla and Bea A

### WWJD



#### What Would Jesus Do?

**Oak:** Ozzy – for **service**, setting up a book donation stall outside his house and for raising £10 for school funds!

**Ash:** Phoebe- for **friendship**. Making a super card for her friend and writing a kind message inside.

**Maple:** Rupert for **showing compassion** and care in Treehouse Club and always offering to help out – nominated by Mrs Croft

**Elm:** Alexa – **Thankfulness** for lovely suggestions of things to be grateful for our Happier January

**Rowan:** Sophia - **Compassion** For taking her role as buddy so seriously and interacting/supporting her buddy with love and compassion.

### What courage means to us:

I am brave



**Little Squirrels:** ‘It was hard for Jack to climb the beanstalk, its big!’ Arlo

**Oak:** When you are losing at a game but carry on playing you are being brave. Grace, Emily and Arlo

**Ash:** “I’m being brave and trying cheerleading for the first time”. Connie

**Maple:** If you find something hard – take a breath and never give up, believe in yourself! – Teddy

**Elm:** ‘Martin Luther King gives me courage not to give up on what I am fighting for. Jamie

**Rowan:** I felt very brave when I offered to read aloud part of our class novel ‘Skellig’ even though I felt nervous. Jack



### Happier January



**Oak:** Thank someone you’re grateful for and tell them why

**Ash:** In our RE lessons we have been listening to others without judging them.

**Maple:** Say positive things to the people you meet.

**Elm:** Switch off all your Tech at least an hour before bedtime.

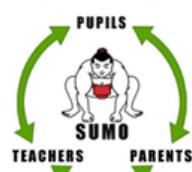
**Rowan:** We’ve been planning something fun and inviting others to join!

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



# SUMO!

STOP UNDERSTAND MOVE ON



This week we launched our SUMO worship theme in school. Mrs Murphy led a great session teaching us all about this formula:



We learnt that how we respond to life's challenges, can affect the outcome. We will be studying all 6 SUMO principles in our worships starting with learning to change our t shirts!

## The Big Garden Bird Watch!



Our EYFS and KS1 children will begin their Big Garden Watch very soon! We have registered as a school and cannot wait to get spotting! If you would like to join in at home too, you can. Let us know what you have spotted any way that you like. You are also welcome to make some bird feeders and bring them to school. Eyes peeled!



## No Outsiders Week

Week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> January is our No Outsiders Week in school. Each class will be using their age-appropriate novel to explore equality and diversity in our society. Look out on Seesaw for the amazing work and responses produced by the children!



HOLOCAUST  
MEMORIAL  
DAY 27/1



This year we will be marking the occasion at Tarleton Holy Trinity church, alongside Mere Brow and Tarleton Holy Trinity Primary. Year 6 will be representing our school and sharing a poem with the congregation. You are welcome to join us at the service to mark this significant day. The service will begin at 9am.

## Little Nutkins



Our first toddler group was a huge success this morning and it was lovely to see so many parents from school and new faces too! A big thank you to Mrs Wilson-Theaker and Miss Bennison who volunteered to help with the group and setting up of the hall. Miss Bell popped in for a chat and a play and Mrs Lowe led a story and a song at the end. Biscuits, toast and brews were enjoyed by all! Please spread the word!

## Awe and Wonder Day!

9<sup>th</sup> February 2026



On this special day in school, we will be focusing on what spirituality is - sense that there could be something larger than us out there that created our beautiful world! To explore this, we are having a special themed day using our amazing outdoor space (weather permitting). The focus will be on the wonder of the world and allow children to experience those wow moments!



## Key Term Dates:

- **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Class photographs
- **EYFS and KS1 Great British Birdwatch!**
- **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January** - No Outsiders Week
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Holocaust Memorial Day.
- **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 5/6 Spelling Bee at Tarleton Academy.
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Faith in the Forest -Ash Class
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February** - Spirituality Day- what is spirituality - awe and wonder!
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Friendship Friday - celebrating who loves us in our lives.
- **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.
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March** - Year 6 residential to Winmarleigh Hall
- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 5 Faith in the Forest

## 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!



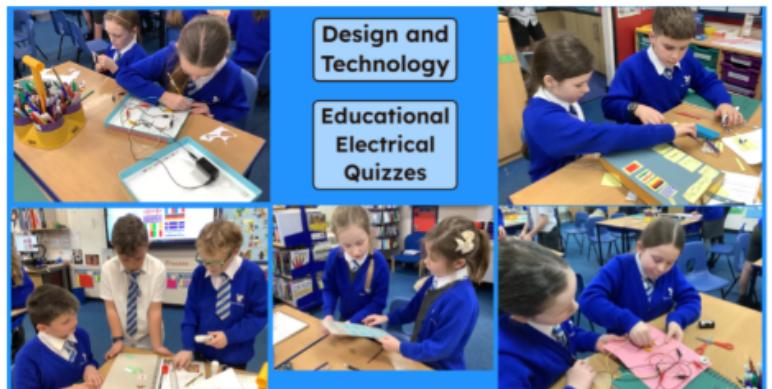
Outdoor Adventure!



Forest School ready!



Marvellous Maths



Design Technology



Super Science!



Amazing artwork



Jack and the Beanstalk!