

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11th September 2026

*Let your
light shine*

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FOREST SCHOOL FUN! 🍁🌿

This week in Forest School, the children enjoyed an exciting Autumn scavenger hunt. They explored the outdoor environment, searching for different textures such as rough bark, smooth leaves, and soft moss. We also looked for signs of Autumn, collecting items in a range of beautiful seasonal colours including red, orange, yellow, and brown.

As the weather begins to change, please ensure your child comes to school with waterproofs and wellies so that they can continue to fully enjoy our Forest School sessions whatever the weather. 🍁🌂👢



A Warm Welcome to Our New Music Teacher

This week, we were delighted to welcome Mr Shufflebotham to our school as our new specialist music teacher.

The children in both Owl Class and Badger Class enjoyed their first music lessons with Mr Shufflebotham. The sessions were full of enthusiasm, creativity and lots of musical fun, giving the children the opportunity to develop their musical skills and confidence.

We are very excited to have Mr Shufflebotham as part of our school community and look forward to seeing the children continue to explore and enjoy music throughout the year.

Welcome to the team, Mr Shufflebotham! 🎵🎵🎵



Nursery

We currently have places available in our Nursery and would be very grateful if parents could help us spread the word within the local community.

If you know of any families looking for a nurturing and welcoming Nursery setting, please encourage them to get in touch. Visits are always welcome and can be arranged by contacting the school office.





PTA MEETING



Monday 14th September 7:30pm

Royal Oak Pub • Upstairs Meeting Room

All Welcome

Come and Meet the Team

Bring New Ideas

Martina 07729045510

We are an Operation Encompass School

For further information, please come and see us.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

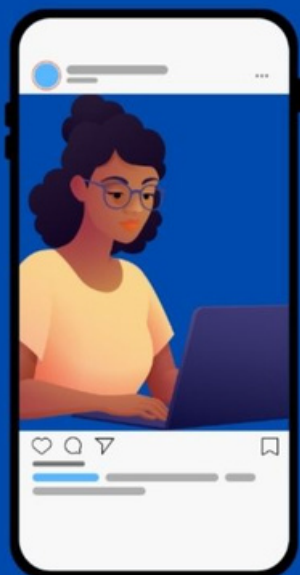
We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021



SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP IN CLINIC



Hosted by School Nurses this is open to parents/carers and young people of Staffordshire. Takes place every Thursday between 3.30pm and 4.30pm, even during the school holidays.

The School Nurse is here to help children and young people, aged 5–19, feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and get the best from their education.

- Scan the QR code, or type in the link <https://mpft.live/schoolnurse>
- Enter your contact details
- Wait in the private virtual waiting room (no one else will know you are waiting)
- Your School Nurse will let you in to the virtual room where your conversation can begin

 If you need to speak to a School Nurse outside of these times please call the freephone number: 0808 178 0611 & press option 1



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM



Name: Emily

**Role: Education Mental Health
Practitioner (EMHP)**

Who am I?

Hi! My name is Emily and I am apart of the Mental Health Support Team working within Rushton CE First School.

My job is to support the school's whole school approach to Mental Health and Wellbeing as well as work with pupils who may need support with such things as anxiety, low mood, sleep or problem solving. I can work with children on a 1:1 basis, in groups or even a whole class. Working with a child's difficulties 1:1 would mean doing sessions with their parent or carer as evidence tells us that this most effective way to support difficulties for children under 11. I'm also here to help their parents feel confident in supporting their child's mental health.

If you see me about, come say hi!

My favourite quote

"You have what it takes to be a rainbow in someone else's cloud."

-Maya Angelou

Important things to know about me

- I love helping people feel their best. My dog is
- called MrWaggy because he wags his tail a lot.
- Pizza is life (and pineapple DOES go on pizza).
- My favourite colouris pink or red (it depends
- on the day). My favourite animalis a red
- panda.

If you would like to know more, please speak to Mrs Dartford (School Mental Health Lead) or email: mhstenquiries@combined.nhs.uk