

**fill  
your  
boots**



**Assembly script:  
fundraising fun with the RNLI**



**Lifeboats**

## Aim

To find out why our school is taking part in Fill your Boots and raising money for the RNLI.

## Instructions

The following assembly script introduces the RNLI and explains why your school or group is raising money for the Fill your Boots campaign.

The script can be read out by a teacher or pupil.

The images that we have suggested using are available to download from **[RNLI.org/FillYourBoots](https://www.rnli.org/FillYourBoots)**. You can use them to create a presentation in the format that best suits your setting.

An information sheet about the RNLI is also available to download [here](#) to support your assembly or lessons.

The RNLI also offers free visits from volunteer education presenters, who can deliver an assembly or classroom session for a Fill your Boots fundraising event. Or why not visit an RNLI lifeboat station, lifeguarded beach or museum?

Book a visit at **[RNLI.org/education](https://www.rnli.org/education)**.



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## Assembly script



We're taking part in a really exciting challenge called Fill your Boots. It's for the RNLI, the charity that saves lives at sea.

In this assembly we're going to find out more about the RNLI and why we're filling our boots at school today.





## Ask for hands up to some of these questions:

Who has a pair of welly boots at home?

What are yours like?

What do you use them for?

Who do you think might wear this pair of welly boots?

Or who wears welly boots at work?

What do you think welly boots worn by the lifeboat crew do?

*(They keep the water out, they are warm, they are easy to put on – important when rushing to a rescue, they have grippy soles so people don't slip and they protect their toes.)*



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**These people all wear yellow wellies.  
Here they are in their normal clothes,  
doing their day-to-day jobs.**



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**And here they are in their yellow wellies!  
All of these people are volunteers for the RNLI.**



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## Who knows what the RNLI is?

The RNLI is the charity that saves lives at sea, all around the coasts of the UK and Ireland. They have lifeboats that go out to sea and rescue people who are in trouble. They have lifeguards who work on beaches and help keep people like you and your families safe. They also share advice with young people and adults to help keep them safe in and around water. To find out more, visit [RNLI.org](http://RNLI.org).

The RNLI rescues around 22 people each day – that's almost a whole class! *(You could ask 22 children to stand up at this point).* The people they rescue are mums and dads, grandparents, children, people at work and people having fun. They sometimes rescue pets and farm animals, to stop others getting into trouble by trying to help them.

Most of the people who save lives at sea for the RNLI are volunteers. They don't get paid for what they do. They give their time to help people.

The RNLI is a charity. It needs people to raise money to fund our lifeguards, flood rescue teams and international work – and to pay for equipment like lifeboats, and of course, yellow wellies! One pair of yellow wellies costs the RNLI £55/€65. They help keep the lifeboat crew safe, warm and dry which means that they can really concentrate on saving lives at sea.



So we're going to help the RNLI by raising money for the charity. A small amount can save lives. One pair of yellow wellies, for a lifeboat crew member, costs £55/€65.

Here's what we're going to do, and how you can help... (explain your fundraising activities to the group.)

**fill your boots**

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Fill me up!

£55  
£48  
£40  
£32  
£24  
£16  
£8  
£0

**fill your boots**

**totaliser**

Fill me up!

€65  
€55  
€45  
€35  
€25  
€15  
€5  
€0

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**RNLI.org/FillYourBoots**  
Call the RNLI Education Team on 01 1895 1879

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## The rescue

Two teenage boys on holiday in Portrush in Northern Ireland were exploring some rock pools and caves. The tide rose quickly, and the boys became trapped in a cave.

Their parents became very worried when the boys didn't return, so they raised the alarm. The volunteers from Portrush RNLI quickly launched the lifeboat. As the crew got close to the cave, they could hear the boys' voices, but the waves were too high to get the lifeboat inside. Lifeboat mechanic Anthony Chambers bravely swam through the waves and clambered to the back of the dark cave, relying on his yellow boots to grip on to the slippery rocks. Although he was exhausted from being battered by the waves, Anthony carried the boys back to the cave entrance one at a time, and on to the lifeboat.

The boys were taken to hospital by helicopter, where they made a full recovery. Anthony was awarded an RNLI Bronze Medal, for his courage in saving the boys' lives.



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**Good luck everyone with your fundraising!**

Let's see if you can Fill your Boots and raise money  
to help the RNLI save lives at sea.