

Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

It's been a short but jam-packed half term, full of energy, effort and enrichment across the school!

Please do take a moment to read the "Useful Information" section of this newsletter, where you'll find key details about the exciting events planned for after the break.

Some of my personal highlights this half term include:

- The glorious weather, which has given us the perfect opportunity to make the most of our fantastic school grounds for outdoor learning.
- Our Year 6 pupils approaching their SATs with maturity, resilience and determination – we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.
- And of course, the many Year 6 children currently enjoying their time in Paris, gaining a wealth of experiences and making lifelong memories.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break.



Stars of the wee

Albert Roadnight, Eddison
Gault-Talbot, Winter
McCulloch, Amelia Harris,
Adela Mihailov, Ava Aydi, Leo
Everiss, Skyla Wilkes, Maisie
Jane Wagstaff, Oliver Wray,
Florence Turner, Alexander
Marshall, Sullivan O'Hanlon,
Lola Johnson, Emily Jagielski,
Xavier Bedworth, Lillie
Rhodes, River Street, Ace
Queensborough, Avery King,
Millie Delamont, Amaiah
Seedhouse,

Millie Delamont, Holly Scandrett,
Maddison Taylor, Mia Maskell, Ted
Worrall, Elsie Greens, Theo
Hatfield, Annabella Stilgoe, Teddy
Douglas, Hunor Beck, Ellis Leighton,
Delilah Rose, Freyja Critchley, Leighton
Davies, Amelia Woodhouse, Evie-Mae
Mullen, Freddie Hems-Fish, Freddie
Yeates, Ethan Chadwick, Riley
Brookes, Izaac Johnson-Cashmore, Ava
Stone, Arthur Derry, Adam Aydi, Lilly
Wright, Edward Glazier, Oliver
Jackson, Thomas Watton, Niall Jones,
Poppy Gould, Zachary Edwards,

Sophia Smith-Hickman, Isabelle Edwards, Elissa Dafforn, Jesse Appleton, 5G, Em Hall-Williams, Evie Vale, Mason Capewell, Emma Collins, Luca Bott, Sophie Dennis, Emilia Wright, Jessica Watson, Jayden O'Mara, Kellan Anderson, Mason Capewell, Thomas Heming, Harrison Delamont, Roman Polyviou, Oliver Jarvis, 5M, Orla Jones, Sophia Millington, Max Hall, Jessica Barratt, Jake Hathaway-Osborne, Emma Kinson, Tess Hollins, Jessica Fisher



Attendance Heroes!

w/c 02-05-25

1R & 1B 100% w/c 09-05-25

R1 & R2 100%





w/c 15-05-25

30 100%



Scoot to School Week - A Wheely Great Success!

Our second *Scoot to School Week* was a huge success! Around **200 enthusiastic children** took part, eagerly collecting stamps in their passports each day and proudly earning a reward by the end of the week.

A huge thank you goes out to all our parents and carers for your continued support. It's been wonderful to see families getting involved and encouraging active travel to school. The buzz around the playground each morning was fantastic and our School Ambassadors had a brilliant time leading and supporting the initiative.

The benefits of walking, cycling, and scooting to school go far beyond the playground gates. Not only does it promote healthier, happier children, but it also encourages greater independence, improved social skills and a growing awareness **of road safety.** Plus, starting the day with a burst of activity helps children feel more alert and ready to learn.

We're so proud of the way our school community has embraced these initiatives, and we're excited to build on this momentum.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about Clean Air Day on June 19th, 2025 – another opportunity to celebrate making positive choices for our children and the planet!

Let's keep moving in the right direction – together!



Sports News!

Here's what has happened this half term:



On Thursday 8th May, our football team showcased remarkable talent at the tournament at EDA, winning six matches 1-0! Though we narrowly lost 1-0 in the final against Little Aston, we are incredibly proud of your teamwork and resilience. Well done!



A huge congratulations to this wonderful group of children who took part in the Lichfield and Burntwood Cross Country event at CTA on Tuesday 13th May. Every single one of them did amazingly well, especially considering the heat. With each group comprising around 40-50 children, the competition was fierce. We are thrilled to announce two fantastic wins: Leo in the Year 4 boys' group and Ollie in the Year 3 boys' group.

WE ARE SO PROUD OF EACH ONE OF YOU!

Garden News!

Year 3 Garden Club has been buzzing with activity since we got started at the beginning of the month! The children have been busy planting a wide variety of crops, including sweetcorn, onions, leeks, garlic, potatoes, and sunflowers.

Along the way, they've been learning about the importance of soil, the fascinating world of worms, and how everything in the garden plays a role in helping plants grow. We also celebrated National Bee Day by tasting honey and discussing ways we can attract more bees to our garden to help pollination.

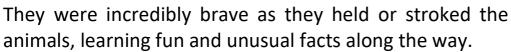
Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting topics planned, including composting, the water cycle, and how we can reduce our use of plastic in the garden.

And of course, our ever-helpful feathered friends — Nugget, Cher, Beyoncé, and Taylor Swift — are always nearby, clucking their support!



Pre-School's Wild Encounter!

Pre-School had a wonderful opportunity to welcome the Animal Man into school as part of their learning on *Rumble in the Jungle*. The children were thrilled to see and interact with a range of fascinating creatures, including giant cockroaches, a lizard, snakes, a bearded dragon, a skunk, and even an owl!











Year 5 - Maths in the Sunshine!

Year 5 enjoyed their maths discovery day in the sunshine. They did a fantastic job of finding the area and perimeter of shapes, after measuring them out using metre sticks. They did an even more impressive job than usual because their teacher couldn't speak because of the 'silence challenge day'!





Can you help raise money for our school funds?

School funds are vital now more than ever. Did you know that you can support our school from the comfort of your own home **at no cost to yourself**? There are thousands of online brands (including Morrisons, Screwfix, Just Eat, Etsy, Shein and many more) that will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school EVERY time you shop online and use easyfundraising.

This is FREE, EASY and QUICK and we ask for you to take 2 minutes to register as every little really does help. **So far, we have raised a whopping £797!** Thank you to all those who've signed up already!

All you need to do is:

- 1) Download the easyfundraising app: for apple or for android.
- 2) Search for the cause: Fulfen Primary School
- 3) Set up your profile
- 4) "Enable Donation Reminder" so that you don't miss the opportunity to donate.

Then, every time you go on a website that participates, you'll get an automatic pop-up for you to confirm a donation with no extra effort from yourself other than a tap of a button.

School Discos

Our Summer term discos are also coming up on Wednesday 2nd July:

Year R/1/2 – 5:00-5:45 pm Year 3/4/5 – 6:15-7:00 pm Year 6 – 7:30-8:15 pm



Tickets cost £3 including a drink and can be ordered on ParentPay in the run up to the event.

Fulfen Club News!

Easter Holiday Club Highlights

Our Easter Holiday Club was packed full of fun and excitement! Children enjoyed a wide range of activities including sports, crafts, cooking, planting—and even made some new friends along the way. We were thrilled to welcome special visitors such as *Animal Encounters*, *Ruby Doo party entertainers*, and even a *Planetarium*!



All of our Fulfen students had a fantastic time.





Upcoming May Half Term Holiday Club

Next week, we're running Fulfen Holiday Club for four fun-filled days over half term! *Limited places remain—don't miss out!*

Book now to secure your child's spot. Take a look at our exciting timetable:

	Tuesday 27 th May	Wednesday 28 th May	Thursday 29 th May	Friday 30 th May
8:30pm- 9:30pm	Free choice stations Including creative table, painting, sand, water, roleplay area, construction, modelling station and more!			
9:30pm- 10:30pm	Cooking fun! Fruit kebabs	Outside activity Chalk art Mural	Design and make your own key ring bag chain	Scratch art and decorating biscuits with delicious toppings
10:30pm- 11:00pm	Snack & free choice including a blast outside.			
11:00pm- 12:00pm	A variety of sports Basketball, football, table tennis & more	A variety of sports Basketball, football, table tennis & more	A variety of sports Basketball, football, table tennis & more	A variety of sports Basketball, football, table tennis & more
12:00pm- 1:00pm	Lunch			
1:00 pm- 2:45pm	Team games and Bingo	Garden Experience! Grow your own sunflower in the school garden	SURPRISE craft activities	Dance games and end of the week treat!
2:45pm- 3:30pm	Snack and wind down for the end of the day.			

Coming Soon: HAF Summer Holiday Club

Fulfen Club's hugely successful HAF Summer Holiday Club will be returning! Watch this space for more details coming soon.

Date for your diary - Sports Day!

Sports day is always a day to remember! Make sure you make a note of the date for your child. There will be a number of chairs provided, but you're welcome to bring your own chairs/blankets to sit on and enjoy the fun!



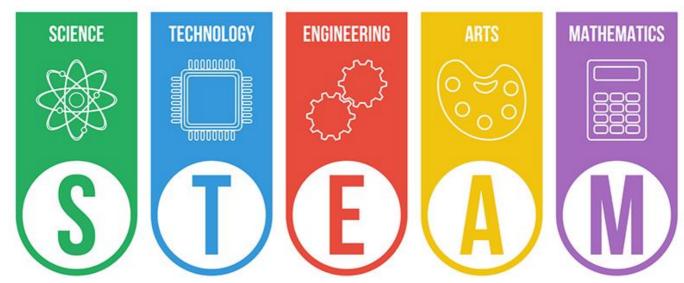
School Photos - final chance!

Don't forget to order your child's group school photo! A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 27th May 2025.** Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit <u>www.tempestorders.co.uk</u>

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

STEAM WEEK

This year our STEAM week is w/c 16th June.



Our annual STEAM week engages and excites our pupils in an exciting, hands-on exploration of the above themes. Our creative activities will help children make connections across science, technology, engineering, arts and maths, while asking questions, solving problems and thinking critically.

This year, our STEAM week has a SPACE focus this year so, during the week, children will take part in a whole host of 'outer space' themed activities.

Dress-up Day

On **Thursday 19**th **June**, we will be holding our whole school STEAM dress-up day, where everyone is invited to dress up as a person from a STEAM career. This need not be costly: often a few creative accessories is all that is needed!

Competition

There is also our STEAM competition for children to design their own lunar buggy prototype! This can take the form of diagrams, a digital presentation or a 3D model! Please bring entries in from Monday 16th June to Wednesday 18th June. There will be prizes for each Key Stage!

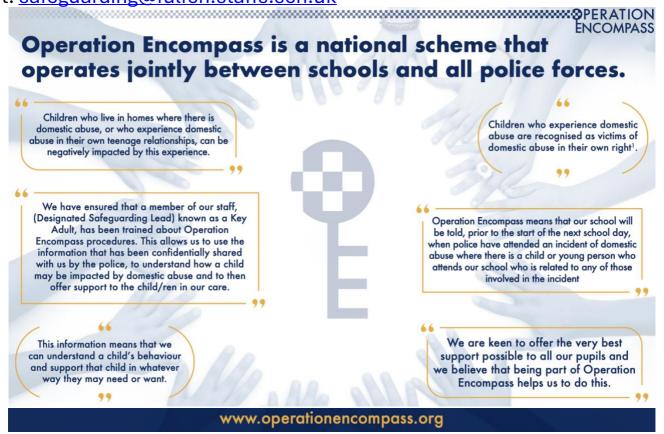
Safeguarding News

At Fulfen, we make children's safeguarding a priority and, as part of this, we are an Operation Encompass school. This means that if the police are contacted about a concern where a child that attends Fulfen, may have been exposed to domestic abuse, we are notified. This allows us to be vigilant to changes at home that might impact on a child's physical or emotional wellbeing. Children who experience domestic abuse - even as witnesses to it - are seen as victims in their own right. As part of our effort to ensure Fulfen children have access to help and support, we have a dedicated Safeguarding and Wellbeing Officer.



Miss Haig has worked here at Fulfen for over 3 years, but she has also worked at the front line of child safeguarding for over 14 years and is highly experienced in this field. She has undertaken further training while in this role to add to her existing wealth of knowledge, assisting her in identifying the need for the right support at the right time.

Miss Haig is also a busy Mum of two young children and spends any spare time she has indulging in her love of art and photography. If you would like to contact Miss Haig, please call the main office on 01543 226070 or email her at: safeguarding@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk



Online Safety Update

OmeTV is an app that encourages user to 'make friends from all around the world.' Users can be connected at random and there are many risks to be aware

of.

Remember:

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

EXPLICIT CONTENT

De*#! Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

VIDEO RECORDING RECO

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webchat function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

example).

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There *is* a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for

DISCOURAGE **CHATS** WITH **STRANGERS**

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS AGE VERIFICATION



Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

Mrs Scott's Forever7 Challenge

Please click here if you wish to donate:





Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd May – Feel Good Friday

w/c Monday 26th May – HALF TERM – School closed.

Monday 2nd June – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 3rd June – Punch & Judy visit Pre-School

Wednesday 4th June – Y5 visit Laches Wood (3 days)

Thursday 5th June – Y2 trip to Botanical Gardens

Friday 6th June – Y6 Inflatables treat

w/c Monday 9th June - Y5 Bikeability

Monday 9th June – Y4,5&6 Gotta Sing at The Garrick in Lichfield

Monday 9th June – MusicShare - Y4

Tuesday 10th June – New to Reception meeting – 6pm

w/c Monday 16th June – STEAM week (See article for details)

Tuesday 24th June – Y4 trip to Lichfield Cathedral

Tuesday 24th June – New to Pre-School Meeting – 6pm

Thursday 26th June – Year 4 – Base Camp

Thursday 26th June – Y6 – Alton Towers

Monday 30th June – Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 9:30am

Tuesday 1st July - Y1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day 9:30am

Wednesday 2nd July – EYFS and Pre-School Sports Day

Wednesday 2nd July – School Discos

Wednesday 9th July – Year 6 Performance 2.00pm

Thursday 10th July – Year 6 Performance 6.00pm

Friday 11th July — Feel Good Friday

Monday 14th July – Pre-School graduation

Tuesday 15th July – Reception – Magical Mayhem

Friday 18th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Monday 21st July – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

