



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

We've had a vibrant few weeks, filled with outdoor adventures and out-of-this-world experiences for all our pupils!

STEAM Week has been a real highlight, offering the children a range of exciting activities *revolving* (or should I say *orbiting*) around a space theme. We even had the chance to hold real moon rocks and meteorites! You can find out more in our Space-tacular article.

Beyond the classroom, pupils have embraced challenges at Laches Wood, explored new cultures on our Paris trip, and inspired audiences with their singing at the Lichfield Garrick.

As we head into a busy final stretch of term, please remember to send children in with plenty to drink and a sun hat and sun cream for outdoor activities. I'm really looking forward to welcoming many of you into school for sporting events, special assemblies, and of course, our fabulous Year 6 show!



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# Stars of the week!

Lexi Everiss , Seraya Sprague, R2, Amelia Harris, Isaac Bacon, Dior Cheshire, Lexi Everiss, Oliver Coles, Sammy Ricketts, Mallorie Appleton, Taliah Cooke, James Smith-Hickman, Leo Everiss, Hartley Shenston, Class 1B, Robyn Millard, Sullivan O'Hanlon, Orlaith Doherty, Rosie Breen, Dante Ekee, Flora Westwood, Ruby Clift,

Rosie Hackitt, Rupert Heaven, Joel Copper, Bonnie Witts, Freddie Phillips, Eleanor Jackson, Paige Ranger, Lacey Cope, Amber Kaur, Archie Collier, Iris Corfield, all of 2FH, Rosie Jennings, Ellie Hitchcock, Theo Thorpe, Annabella Stilgoe, Harry Startin, Olivia Freeman, Marla Lewis, Chloe Collis, Nancy Upton, Jack McGeown, Isla Sprague, Orla Haigh, Izaac Johnson-Cashmore, Megan Smith, Freddie Webster,

Riley Brookes, Isla Sprague, Jack McGeown, William Smith, Rose Meunier, Isabelle Kendrick, Olivia Newman, All of 4FH, Sky Webster, Charlie Adams-Clarke, Hettie Goldsmith, Grace Wright, All of 4S, Alfie Benton, Isabelle Jones, Katherine Fountain, Children in 5G who did Bikeability, Holly Newman, Freya Phillips, Nolan Lloyd, Skyler Cockayne,

## Love of Learning...

- dream big, have a thirst for learning and achieve your ambitions...

## Encouraging...

- to be supportive of yourself and others and value everyone's ideas...

## Adaptable...

- being versatile, creative and being prepared to take risks...

## Determination...

- being resilient when the going gets tough...

## Attendance Heroes!

w/c 06-06-25

**3B and 5M**

w/c 13-06-25

**4S**

w/c 20-06-25

**3O**



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# Sports News

Summer 1



## Football



**A huge well done to our Fulfen boys taking part in the football tournament on Thursday 22nd May at Lichfield FC! From the moment we arrived at 3:30 until 5:30, they played game after game with incredible energy and resilience. What a fantastic effort – we're so proud of you all!**





# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Gotta Sing Success!

On Monday 9th June, Fulfen Voices (a choir made up of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6) performed at Lichfield Garrick at the Gotta Sing Concert. The children were brilliant and sang their hearts out to rapturous applause. We have already signed up for next year's concert!



Fulfen's Little Voices (Years 1, 2 & 3) have begun their singing sessions. They have been learning "Doctor Knickerbocker", which they absolutely love singing (and dancing!) to!

Thank you to Mrs Shermer for our music provision!

## Gardening News

Year 3 have really got stuck into Gardening Club and have already planted potatoes, sweetcorn, pumpkins, carrots, radish, beetroot, onions, leeks, cucumbers, peppers and chillies.

We ended the half term with a plant sale. It was a huge success and we raised **£75.00** which will help pay for the upkeep of the chickens. Thank you to everyone for their support.





# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Ropes, Rivers and Resilience at Laches Wood!

Year 5 had a fabulous time at Laches Wood this year! The children learned important skills such as team work, determination and independence as well as trying new things and having lots of fun!

They went BMXing, caving, canoeing, high ropes, axe throwing, archery and lots of other activities. The children were absolutely amazing and we were so proud of them all!



## Our Viewing Tower is getting good use!

Here we find Mrs Kilgallen enjoying some lovely quiet reading time with a group from Year 3 on the Viewing Tower. What a way to enjoy a book!





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## Code Club Champions!

Children in Year 4 have been thoroughly enjoying Code Club since Easter. From solving tricky coding challenges to building their critical thinking and problem-solving skills, they've been impressing us with their enthusiasm and teamwork.



A big thank you to our brilliant Year 6 computing ambassadors, Jacob and Gethin, who have helped run the club each week. They've encouraged younger pupils, offered support when needed and even designed their own certificates to celebrate the children's progress - complete with bronze, silver and gold awards for our top coders!

Well done to everyone involved - your coding journey is just beginning!

## Pre-School Pizza Party!

Our pre-school children had a fantastic time becoming mini chefs this week as they created their very own pizzas! With a tasty selection of toppings including peppers, pineapple, and sweetcorn, the little ones loved choosing their favourites and decorating their dough bases.

Not only was it a fun and creative activity, but it also helped the children explore new foods and practise their fine motor skills. Best of all – they found their handmade pizzas absolutely *delicious*! 😊 A big well done to our budding cooks!



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## Year 6 Take on Paris!

Just before half term, some of our Year 6 enjoyed an unforgettable trip to Paris packed with adventure, culture and fun! Highlights included a trip up the iconic Eiffel Tower, a magical day at Euro Disney and a chance to make (and eat!) delicious crêpes. The children explored the charming market town of Brie and practised their French in real-life situations. Back at the accommodation, there was time to relax and play in the on-site swimming pool. The trip was a fantastic opportunity to make memories, grow in confidence and experience a taste of French life. Bravo, Year 6!





# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## STEAM Week: A Space-tacular Adventure

This year's STEAM Week was an unforgettable journey through science, technology, engineering, the arts and maths – with a space theme running through it all, children took part in a range of inspiring, hands-on activities that brought learning to life!

We were incredibly lucky to take part in a national scheme partnering with NASA, giving pupils the chance to see and even hold real Moon rock and meteorites! The excitement around school was sky-high.



### Did you know?

Parts of our newsletter are interactive! Try tapping on the images above to watch the videos!



Each year group got stuck into hands-on, creative activities. Year 1 marvelled at Moon samples, Year 2 investigated craters, and Years 3 and 5 became meteorite hunters. Year 4 explored the science of chocolate by baking and analysing 'meteorites' – learning has never tasted so good!



Art and music were also included throughout the week. Pupils listened and responded to Holst's *The Planets*. Mrs Ashcroft worked with classes on mathematical art and engineering projects – building moving models to show the Moon's phases and the Earth's orbit – click to see the video:





# Celebrations - what we've been up to



Our artistic exploration continued with studies of the artist Peter Thorpe. Pupils used oil pastels and paint to create striking abstract rocket artwork, drawing inspiration from Thorpe's vibrant space-themed pieces.

Upper Key Stage 2 extended their learning beyond the classroom. Year 5 and 6 visited Chase Terrace Academy for website-building workshops and Year 6 experienced a fascinating ox heart dissection and chemistry experiments led by sixth formers.



The week ended with a brilliant STEAM dress-up day – astronauts, engineers, scientists and even a few rockets filled the halls! We were also wowed by the imaginative entries to our lunar buggy competition. The designs were out of this world – we can't wait to reveal the winners soon!



STEAM Week showed just how exciting learning can be when curiosity, creativity and real-world connections come together. We couldn't be prouder of the enthusiasm and imagination shown by all our pupils and we're already looking forward to planning next year's event!



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## Y4 Egyptian Day

Year 4 had an exciting and memorable Egyptian Day, immersing themselves in the wonders of Ancient Egypt. Children came dressed in traditional Egyptian costumes, adding a vibrant and authentic feel to the day. The children challenged themselves to build pyramid structures using marshmallows and cocktail sticks, showing great teamwork and creativity. They also had the opportunity to sample a range of Egyptian foods, including flatbread, pomegranates, dates and corn. To round off the day, they enjoyed playing traditional games such as Senet, gaining a real insight into the daily life of Ancient Egyptians.





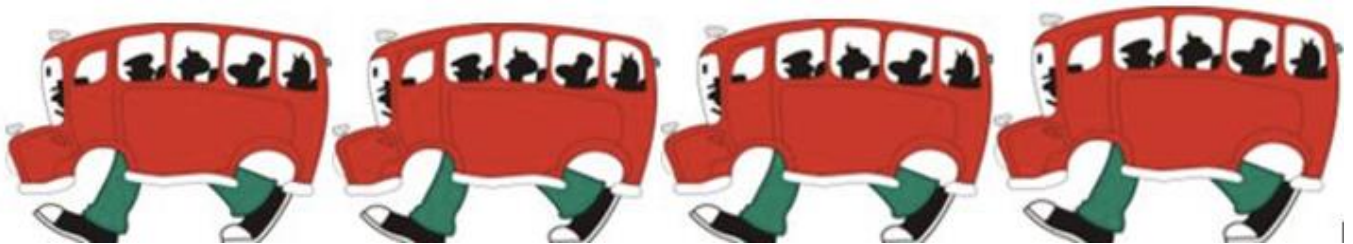
# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Walking Bus – Help Needed!

The Walking Bus scheme has been successfully operating in Staffordshire schools since 1999. The scheme promotes walking to school and a healthy, active lifestyle whilst caring for the local environment at the same time. Walking Buses can be led by Parent/Carer Volunteers, School Staff, or a combination of both.

All Walking Bus leaders will have a DBS check and will receive training information on how to operate the Walking Bus safely.

We are really pleased that The Nags Head Pub have agreed to allow us to use their car park in a morning. We may only look at operating this scheme for a couple of mornings a week to begin with. If you think you could spare half an hour for a couple of mornings a week, please contact Fulfen Office on 01543 226070 and ask for Mrs Steele.



## Want to learn to play an instrument?

At Fulfen, we heartily believe in the importance of a broad and balanced education. If you're interested in your child learning to play a musical instrument, look out in the School Spider app for details to show your interest or you can email the office. We offer keyboard, guitar, flute, clarinet, violin and brass lessons to KS2 children.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Update

With games like *Roblox* and *Fortnite* hugely popular among primary-aged children, it's important for parents to stay informed. While these platforms offer entertainment and creativity, they also come with risks.



**Roblox** allows users to create and play games, but investigations have shown that adult content and conversations can sometimes slip through, making it essential that parents are aware of what their children are accessing. **Fortnite** continues to add new features – including AI characters that children can interact with – which may raise new concerns. Both games offer parental settings worth exploring.

More broadly, it's helpful to know that while many children experience online harm, only a third report it. Common barriers include confusing reporting systems and fear of not being taken seriously. That's why creating a safe space for conversation is key.

Our advice? ***Get curious, not furious.*** Ask your child about their favourite games, what they enjoy online and who they look up to. This helps build trust and keeps communication open – the best defence against online risks.

For further support and advice, visit trusted sites like *Internet Matters*, *National Online Safety* or look at our school [website](#).



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Subject Focus: PSHE

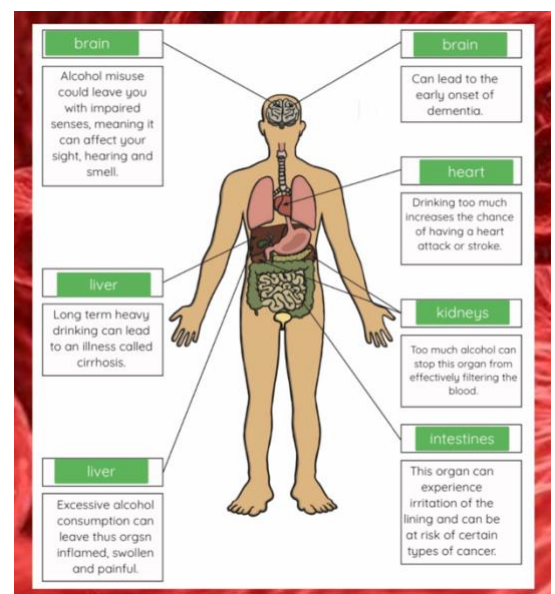
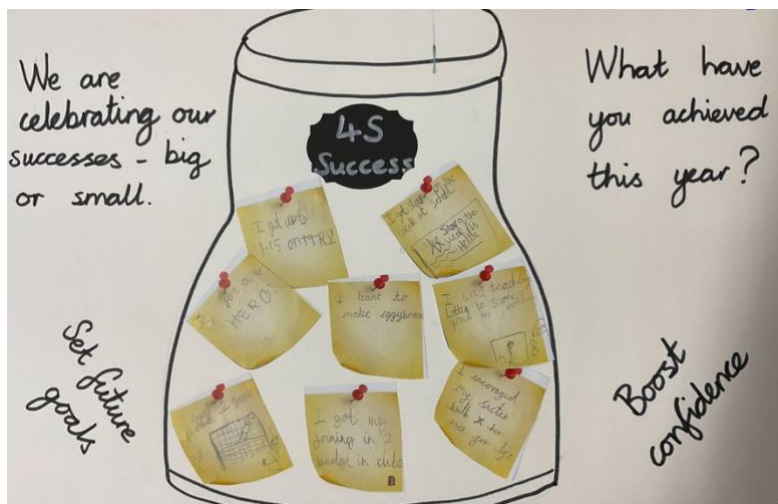
At Fulfen Primary School we recognise the vital role that **PSHE**—Personal, Social, Health and Economic education—plays in helping our pupils develop the knowledge, skills and attributes they need to manage their lives now and in the future.

We follow the **SCARF** scheme (which stands for *Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship*), a comprehensive programme aligned with the statutory guidance for Relationships and Health Education. SCARF supports children's wellbeing, resilience and achievement, promoting positive behaviour, mental health, and safeguarding.

Our PSHE curriculum follows a **spiral approach**, meaning that key themes are revisited and built upon each year, allowing children to deepen their understanding as they grow and develop. This ensures that all **statutory content** is covered in an age-appropriate and progressive way from Reception through to Year 6. In the second half of the summer term, we are focusing on our 'Growing and Changing' unit, which covers key elements of our RSE curriculum.

To bring our PSHE learning to life and encourage pupil voice, we use a variety of engaging methods such as **circle time**, **floor books**, and digital recording through **Seesaw**. These tools help children reflect on their learning, share their thoughts and feelings, and demonstrate their progress.

PSHE is a valued and essential part of our curriculum, helping every child to feel safe, supported and ready to thrive.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Join Us for Our Garden Party!

Join us in our beautiful school garden on **Thursday 17th July** straight after school for a relaxed and cheerful afternoon!

There'll be refreshments, a fun garden activity for the children, and the chance to meet our fabulous Year 3 Garden Club – as well as the chickens!



Come along to explore the garden, chat with the young gardeners and enjoy a lovely end-of-day treat in the sunshine. We'd love to see you there!

## Young Voices Next Year

It is almost time to sign up for Young Voices 2026 - sign-ups will begin in the next couple of days for those pupils who want to be a part of this huge Concert Series and sing with 6,000 other pupils at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham. Fulfen have been taking part in this for several years now and it is an amazing experience. It's open to years 4,5 and 6, so look out for the email if your child is interested and sign up via ParentPay.



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Last Chance To Dance!

Our Summer term discos are next week!  
There are just a few tickets left – please purchase via ParentPay.

It's only £3, including a drink.

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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



## Safety Reminder

Our Scooter Pods are a great addition at the front of our school and have encouraged more children to bring their scooter.

Just a quick reminder that, for everyone's safety, scooters should be dismantled as soon as children arrive on school grounds and must not be used on school premises as the start and end of the day are very busy times!

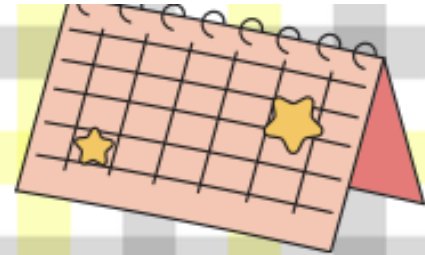
Thank you in supporting us to keep our school grounds as safe as they can be!



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**You can get help over the Summer!**



## Fulfen Primary School

If you think you could be entitled to Pupil Premium, and would like to receive a £40.00 food voucher for the Summer holiday, please follow this link to apply via the Staffordshire County Council Free School Meals Page.



<https://shorturl.at/ap5fQ>

If you are accepted, please can you send a message to the office asap so that we can implement the changes straight away for you.

If you have any queries, please call 01543 226070 and we will help you.

Thank you



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# Household Support Fund

## FINANCIAL Wellbeing Workshops 'Building firmer foundations'

Are you struggling with your personal finances or concerned about the cost of living?

If you would like to join us, please scan the QR code, or copy the link below into your browser which will take you to our workshop sign up form

<https://forms.office.com/e/zAkFuY7XPP?origin=lprLink>

Would you like to -

- Identify and Overcome your barriers?
- Receive tips and tricks that will help your money go further, reduce costs, and leave you feeling more hopeful?
- Discuss how our financial difficulties can affect our wellbeing?

If so, we are running weekly workshops in your district.



For any additional support, please contact -  
[financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk)



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 – Base Camp

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 – Alton Towers

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Y4, Y5 & Y6 Sports Day 9:30am**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Y1, Y2 & Y3 Sports Day 9:30am**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Y6 Transition to CTA

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – EYFS and Pre-School Sports Day

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July – School Discos

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Transition Day

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Transition to EDA

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance 2.00pm

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Performance 6.00pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Feel Good Friday

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Pre-School graduation

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Reception – Magical Mayhem

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:30am

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – SUMMER HOLIDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September – INSET DAYS – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – AUTUMN TERM STARTS

