



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

As we reach the end of another school year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has flown. It has been a year full of energy, learning and growth – one in which we've packed so much into our curriculum and created many memorable moments for our children. From exciting trips and inspiring visitors to creative projects and sporting success, we've seen our pupils flourish in so many ways.

This final newsletter is a celebration of all we've achieved together and a glimpse of what's coming up as we move into the next academic year.

A special mention must go to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. We are so proud of everything they've accomplished and we send them off to high school with all our best wishes for the future.

Thank you for your continued support – and on behalf of everyone at school, I wish you all a happy, restful and sunny summer break!



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Stars of the week!

R1, Charlotte Thompson, Arya Birch, Thomas Townhill, Skyla Wilkes, Freddie Blackmore, Isla Holden, Mia Mountford, Charlie Taylor

Fynn Pitcher, Trixie Sayer, Eleanor Jackson, Sam Mok, Ella Eaton, Ivar Handley, Charlotte Pearce, Chester Rogers, Daisy Walters, Kayla Fiddler, Emily Watton, Sophia Davis, Bliss Robinson, Rex Smale, Jaxon Munday, Amelia Adams

Charlotte Burley, Paige Dixon, Rose Meunier, Oliver Jackson, Thomas Watton, Sophia Smith-Hickman, Em Hall-Williams, Elliot Gibson Collins, Isabelle Jones, Sophie Dennis, William Kershaw, Max Hall

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!



KAPOW! **Raising Little Heroes** HERE EVERY DAY READY ON TIME

July 7th - 11th CLASS 3B
July 14th - 18th CLASS 4S

September 2024 - September 2025.
Class winners are 30 Well Done

POW!

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During our Celebration Assembly on Thursday 17th July we will be awarding certificates and Amazon Vouchers to all our children who have maintained excellent attendance this year.

Well Done!
Enjoy your Summer

POW!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 6 Focus – a Fond Farewell

Our Year 6 children have had a fabulous final few weeks at Fulfen. Following their Paris trip (which was celebrated in last month's edition of the Newsletter), they have had their special end of school disco, an inflatables day, a trip to Alton Towers as well as their final primary school sports day. They also wowed the audiences with their amazing performance of 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. It was filled with fantastic singing, dancing, great acting, comedy and, most of all, smashing tights!

During this final week, they've also taken part in a year group rounders tournament, a movie afternoon, water fights and their special leavers' assembly is scheduled for their final day, when we're sure a tear or two will be shed.

Enjoy some final snapshots of our eldest pupils before they leave:



YEAR 6

YEAR 6



Celebrations - what we've been up to

More photos...

INFLATABLE
DAY



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

And more photos!



NOW
THAT'S WHAT I CALL A
YR6
DISCO!



Class of
2025



Class of
2025



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Visit from Local MP David Robertson

We were delighted to welcome David Robertson, Labour MP for Lichfield, Burntwood and the villages, to Fulfen on Friday 4th July. His visit followed the success of our Parking and Road Safety Campaigns earlier this year.

Mr Robertson was met by our Eco Councillors and Maxine Mallen, School Travel Adviser from Staffordshire County Council. Together, they discussed the ongoing parking issues outside school and explored some positive suggestions Mr Robertson shared to help improve the situation.

During his visit, Maxine invited Mr Robertson to present us with our Modeshift STARS Accreditation – a national award recognising our work in promoting walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel.

A huge thank you goes to our dedicated Eco Councillors for all their hard work this year. We're proud of what we've achieved and are looking forward to another impactful year ahead in 2025–26.



Well Done Jaxon!

Jaxon has been entered into a nationwide award for young heroes by St Giles Hospice! These prestigious awards are run by BBC radio and the Ceremony will be taking place on September 15th. Jaxon has beaten hundreds of other entries to get into the final four!

The Fulfen team are incredibly proud of Jaxon and wish him all the best in September!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Pre-School Graduation!

Our Pre-School children had a fabulous morning celebrating their graduation from Pre-School:



Did you know?

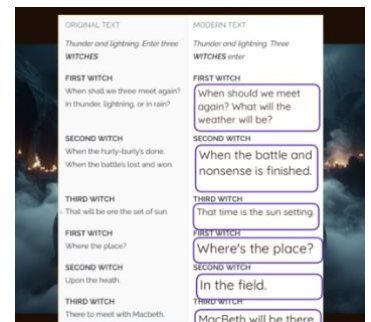
Parts of our newsletter are interactive! Try tapping on the images below to watch the videos!



Shakespeare Comes to Life!

Last week, our children stepped into the world of Shakespeare as they explored the language and drama of *Macbeth*. Putting on their best witchy voices, they brought one of the play's most iconic scenes to life.

Miss Morgan described it as her *favourite lesson of the year*, and we can see why! The class fully embraced the challenge, turning Shakespeare's words into a wonderfully spooky performance. Click the image on the right to hear one of the witchy performances:



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Final Feel Good Friday

Last week, we wrapped up our final Feel Good Friday of the year with a focus on mental health. We reflected on the year's highlights, talked about managing change and celebrated our individual strengths.

As we get ready to move into new year groups, we explored ways to stay positive and resilient. The day ended with a reward afternoon full of fun – scavenger hunts, slime workshops, party games and more! A big well done to our top Dojo point earners, who enjoyed a special McDonald's lunch.

A brilliant end to a year of feeling good, growing stronger, and having fun together!



Goodbyes and Hellos!

At the end of term, we are excited to wish Mrs Kennedy, Miss Pretty and Mrs Martin all the best on their maternity leave. We're sure they'll have their hands full in the coming months!



We'd also like to wish Mr Gill all the best as he moves on to ventures new. He's enjoyed working at Fulfen for the last year and the children have certainly loved his PE lessons!

Good luck Mr Gill!

Joining the team in September, we have Mr Lawmon from Progressive Sports, Mrs Cooper in Year 3 and Miss Cook and Miss Oliver in Pre-School. We're really excited to have these members of staff on board!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

A Superhero's Handprint: Y3's Heartfelt Tribute

Year 3 have been working on something truly special with Mrs Ashcroft - a memorial artwork in memory of their much-loved friend, Max. We are proud to share that it is now complete.



The idea began with a handprint Max had placed in his sketchbook during an art lesson. Each of his friends transformed that handprint into a superhero or decorated it with his favourite colours, his name and, of course, Aston Villa. The result is a vibrant, joyful mural filled with love, friendship and memories.

We were incredibly lucky to receive support from Potclays, a family-run ceramics company in Staffordshire with a global reputation. When we contacted them for advice, Becky from Potclays responded with kindness and generosity. Once she heard about Max, she offered to donate everything we needed - 80 tiles, glazes and access to their kilns - to help bring our vision to life.

The children were fully engaged in the project, knowing it was for Max. It gave them a chance to talk about him, remember special moments, and express their feelings creatively.

Now, the completed mural is a space where friends stop to reflect, point out their contributions, and share memories. It's a beautiful reminder of the bond they shared. As the mural says: **"A superhero left his handprint here"** — and their friendship will last forever.

A huge thank you to Potclays for their compassion and support, and to Mr. Tranter for giving up his time to assemble the mural in Max's memory and, of course to our very own Mrs Ashcroft for making this happen.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

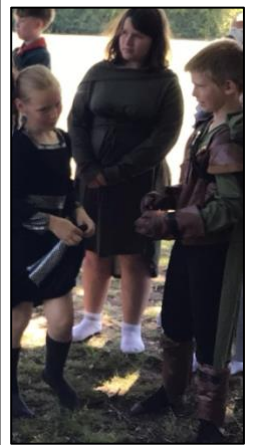
Magnolia Friends Visit Fulfen

On Thursday 10th July, Fulfen welcomed our friends from Magnolia for a special coffee morning. Guests enjoyed tea and cake, served with a smile by our Year 5 helpers, who also gave a guided tour of our school allotments. They proudly shared what has been planted since Easter and explained that the vegetables will be harvested in September and turned into delicious soup by the Gardening Club and Chef Chris.

The morning included a bird feeder demonstration and musical entertainment from Year 6, performing songs from their leavers play. A donation of £250 was also presented to Magnolia by Jane Davies on behalf of Fulfen.

A huge thank you to Ann Scandrett for her ever-wonderful cups of tea and to our fantastic Gardening Club helpers – Mrs Steele, Mrs Dimmack, Mrs Kilgallen, Mrs Beaman – and especially Mrs Scott, who rises at 6am daily to care for our chickens.

We can't wait to see how the garden grows over summer!



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Exciting News – After School Sports Now Part of Fulfen Club

We're delighted to share an exciting development in our after-school enrichment offer. From September, our sporting after-school clubs will become part of our Fulfen Club provision - bringing even more energy, variety and fun to the end of the school day.

We've teamed up with *Progressive Sports*, a specialist PE and sports provider, to deliver action-packed clubs that children are going to love. From high-energy favourites like Dodgeball to new experiences like Laser Tag, there'll be something for everyone!

There will be a sports club available every evening, Monday to Thursday, all run by our experienced Progressive Sports coach, Mr Lawmon who is also our new curriculum PE coach. These clubs will take place as part of Fulfen Club, and families can choose either:

- **Club Only** – pick up your child when the sporting fun ends at 4:30
- **Club + Tea** – stay until 6pm for a delicious light tea and social time with Mrs Waterhouse and the rest of the Fulfen Club gang

A limited number of free places in the Sports Clubs will be available for children who receive Pupil Premium funding, ensuring no child misses out on these fantastic opportunities.

How to Book

Our regular Fulfen Club booking form will now include these sports club options. The form is sent out on the first Tuesday of each month for the following month, so keep an eye on your inbox to secure your child's place.

We're really proud to be extending our Fulfen Club provision in this way and can't wait to see the children getting active, learning new skills whilst having loads of fun with their friends.

If you have any questions, just get in touch with us via email:
fulfencclubfinance@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk - we're happy to help.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Trim Trail Update

We're pleased to share an exciting update regarding our Trim Trail project. We have recently received additional funding from the Noel Sweeney Foundation, which will be added to the total raised so far—thank you to everyone who has supported us along the way.

We are also deeply grateful to Mrs Ricketts, who organised a “Walk for Max”. The event had an incredible turnout, and the funds raised have been added to the project. As a lasting tribute, the Trim Trail will serve as a memorial to Max — a space where children can play, be active, and remember a very special boy.

We have now received an initial quote for the equipment and are in the process of obtaining a second quote to ensure best value. The project is likely to be completed in two stages. Our aim is to install the equipment first, with the surfacing to follow at a later stage once further funds become available.

Once we have our final drawings, we will share them with parents and ensure the children are involved in the process too. Their input and excitement are an important part of bringing this project to life.

We will continue to keep you updated as plans progress. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Making a Difference, One Book at a Time

We are very lucky to have several volunteer readers who come into school to read with and listen to our children. This is such a valuable experience for our pupils - it helps build their confidence, develops their reading fluency, encourages a love of books and gives them the chance to enjoy meaningful conversations with another trusted adult. Thank you so much to all our volunteers!



If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering as a reader next year, please contact the school office -we'd love to hear from you!



Useful Information & what's coming up

Online Safety Focus – Tips for staying safe online

During the holidays, children often spend more time online than usual. While school iPads have filters to help protect pupils, no filter is perfect. It's important that other devices at home also have parental controls set up. Here are some key things to remember before the break:

- **Stay private:** Never share your name, age, school, or location with people you don't know in real life. If someone asks for pictures or videos of you, say no, block them, and tell a trusted adult.
- **Social media:** Most platforms are for ages 13+. If you use them, set your profile to private and think carefully before posting. Once something is shared, it's hard to take back. It's also illegal to take or share sexual images of anyone under 18.
- **AI tools:** Be cautious when using chatbots. They don't always give accurate answers and should never be given personal information or images, as these could be misused.
- **Think ahead:** What you post now could be seen by others in the future, including people offering you a job.
- **Speak up:** If something online makes you feel uncomfortable or someone is unkind, tell an adult. They can help report it – usually by clicking the three dots next to the post or comment.
- **Check the facts:** Some online news or videos aren't real. Always stop and think before sharing.
- **Avoid scams:** Never give out passwords or payment info. Ignore messages offering easy money or asking you to forward them – they're often fake or criminal.
- **Watch in-game spending:** Some games use loot boxes or pay-to-play features, which can lead to spending more than expected.
- **Don't compare:** People often edit their posts to make their lives look more exciting. Even photos or videos can be fake, so don't believe all you see!

Online Safety Focus – Y6 – what to know before you go!

For many children, the move from primary to high school has many 'firsts', including digital firsts. Internet Matters have a wonderful guide for parents to help with that transition from primary to secondary school, all digital and online related.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary



Friday 18th July – Last Day in School

Friday 18th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly 9:30am

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

Tuesday 22nd July – **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

1st & 2nd September – **INSET DAYS** – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 3rd September – **AUTUMN TERM STARTS**

Monday 8th September – **Y6** Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 9th September – **6G** visit to Packington Farm

Tuesday 9th September – **Y5** Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 10th September – **6FH** visit to Packington Farm

Wednesday 10th September – **Y4** Meet the Teacher

Thursday 11th September – **Y3** Meet the Teacher

Monday 15th September – **Y2** Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 16th September – **Y1** Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 17th September – **Reception** – Curriculum Information Meeting



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