



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

As many of you will have seen from my recent letter, I have made the difficult decision to retire at the end of this academic year. Fulfen has been at the centre of my life for 13 years and it has been an immense privilege to lead such a dedicated, caring and ambitious school community. While I will save my final reflections for later in the year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership.

It has been a very positive start to the academic year, and I am delighted to see our pupils already working with such enthusiasm and determination.

This edition also contains some important information for parents. Please take time to read the sections on site security, upcoming school events and shows and changes to our snack payments. These updates are vital to ensure that our school continues to run smoothly and safely.

Thank you for your attention to these matters, and for everything you do to support our children and staff.



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# Stars of the week!

Frankie Asbury, Saoirse Webster, Aoife Mulligan, Leo Jagielski, Helayna Botommer, Vince Radasci, Ben Scandrett, Remi Kalsi, Arya Birch, Tommy Blackmoore, Sammy Ricketts, Charlotte Thompson, Nika Oleinic 1RK, Albert Dalloway 1RK, Ethan North, Amelia H, Florence Turner, Leo Everiss,

Robyn Millard, Isla Holden, Joel Copper, Jessica Swanwick, Freddie Phillips, Archie Watts, Ace Queensborough, Charlie Taylor, Jack Faircloth, Eleanor Jackson, Harry Stephens, Lacey Cope, Iris Corfield, Archie Collier, Lucy Young, Ada Legood, Theo Thorpe, Chester Rogers, Sophia Davis, Amaiah Seedhouse, Lilli-Rose Holland, Adam Butler

Orla Haigh, Ethan Chadwick, Sienna Long, Freddie Yeates, Eve Hancox, Nancy Upton, Jack Corbett, Freyja Critchley, Henry Roberts, Olivia Freeman, Arthur Derry, Sky Webster, Tommy Derry, Rose Meunier, Oscar James, Freya Phillips, Emilia Wright, Mason Capewell, Jessica Watson, Luca Bott, Ruby Long, Tilly Lightfoot, Max Hall, Noah Follows, Jaxon-Lee Lemm, Florence Allcutt

## 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!

Winners:

**Class R1**

Winners:

**Class 20**



The winning classes get to keep our life-sized Harry Hero in their class all week! Who will be next week's winners?

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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Club – a Summer of Fun! Book Now for October Half Term!

Our Fulfen Summer Holiday Club was an absolute hit – and most importantly, the children had an amazing time!

They made new friends, got creative with arts & crafts, bounced around on Inflatables Day, and even discovered the magic of bubbles at our Bubble Show.



It was a summer packed with smiles, laughter, and unforgettable memories – a big thumbs up from everyone!

But the fun isn't over... our **October Half Term Holiday Club** is just around the corner! Don't miss out – **book your place today** using the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Vy74zU9zBR>

## Diary of a Chicken!

Unfortunately, due to some unwanted predators in our school garden we have had to re-home our chicken's. They are now all living a happy free-range life in one of our pupil's small holdings. Here is a message from their new home:

"Chickens are all fine and left the pen during the day to mix with the flock! They fitted right in....no problems at all and have made lots of new friends Thank you so much for letting us have them, and we will send some more eggs shortly."

Claire



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## Packington Farm Trip

Near the start of September, Year 6 went on an exciting team-building trip to Packington Farm. The children had the opportunity to meet some farm animals, ride on a tractor trailer, develop the team building skills of communication, planning, problem-solving and encouragement through solving practical problems and build shelters.



The children had the most amazing day, with many children saying it was the best trip they had ever been on!

The staff at the farm commented on how well behaved the children were and how engaged they were in all activities.

Well done Year 6 – what a great start to the year!

## Mrs Shermer is running this weekend!

Our very own Mrs Shermer is running the Chester Marathon on Sunday 5th October – which is this weekend! She has been training hard and is ready to go.

She's fundraising for Prostate Cancer and has already raised her target amount; however, if anyone else wants to support this cause (and Mrs Shermer), please visit her Just Giving page: <http://www.justgiving.com/chester-marathon-660852>



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## Design and Technology Exploration

Meanwhile, in year 4, the children started the academic year by designing and making team mascots using pneumatic systems! They have been busy investigating how to use air to make things move. The children loved it!



## MacMillan Coffee Morning

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning was a tremendous success, with fantastic support from our school community. The newly appointed LEAD ambassadors did a wonderful job selling the generous cake donations, ensuring everything ran smoothly. Thanks to their hard work and everyone's contributions, not a single slice was left at the end!



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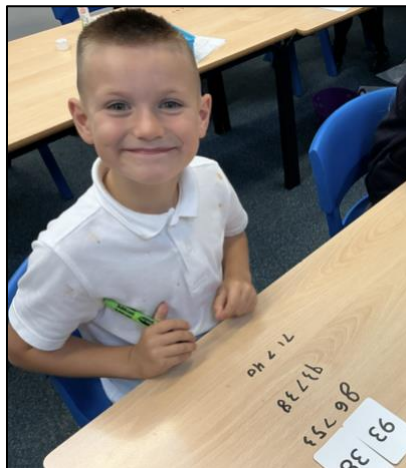


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## Year 2 Focus – Our First Few Weeks!

Wow! We have been busy in Year 2! Take a look at this medley of photos – we've been using our iPads, writing poetry, making representations in maths and creating firework artwork.

What a brilliant start to the year!



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Garden Update!

The children have been busy since we returned for the summer holidays. We have harvested our beautiful crop of potatoes leeks, onions, radish, carrots, beetroot, cucumber and tomatoes.

We had a wonderful cookery lesson in the school kitchen with Chef Chris where we made a beautiful vegetable soup and bread roll. This week we have been planting new potatoes ready for Christmas and early onions for next spring.

We will keep you updated on our last few weeks which will include putting our allotment to bed, feeding our soil with manure, helping our Hedgehogs through the winter and carving pumpkins.

Here are a few pictures that show what fun we have been having!



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## A Year of Performances to Look Forward To!

We're delighted to share that our children will have lots of opportunities to shine on stage throughout the year. From seasonal celebrations to musical showcases, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

Here's what's coming up:

- **Wednesday 22nd Oct:** Year 3 Harvest Production (Y3 – email coming soon)
- **Tuesday 11th Nov:** Whole-school Remembrance Assembly (children performing for each other in school)
- **Christmas celebrations:**
  - EYFS – Christmas singing in the forest
  - Years 1 & 2 – Nativity performance
  - A KS2 Choir – Carol singing at Christ Church
- **Easter:**
  - EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade
  - a special Easter production from Years 4 & 5
- **June:** *Fulvest Celebration!* (details to follow – a highlight of the year!)
- **July:**
  - Preschool Graduation
  - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
  - the much-loved Year 6 Production

Alongside these, we're also thrilled to be taking part in a number of exciting external music events:

- **Music Share at Lichfield Cathedral** – Y4 – *date tbc*
- **Young Voices at the BP Pulse Arena, Birmingham** – *Jan 2026*
- **Gotta Sing – Fulfen Voices Choir** – *June 2026*

We can't wait to welcome families to join us for these special occasions and celebrate the amazing talents of our children.



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## Putting Safety First – changes ahead!

At Fulfen, children's safety is always our top priority – and we're making some important upgrades to keep our school even more secure.

### Ticketed Events

From now on, all school performances will be ticketed so we know exactly who is on site. Parents of Year 3 children will receive details next week for the Harvest performance. Each visitor will need their ticket (with QR code) to gain entry – either printed or shown on a phone. No ticket, no entry – just like at a concert!



For more public events (such as the Macmillan Coffee Morning, usually outside of school hours), please remember that if you bring your child with you, they remain your responsibility.

### New Gates



You may have noticed our new gates! From 9am each day, all gates will be closed to secure the site. Visitors can park in the top spaces before the barrier, and pedestrian access will be via the gate nearest the car park, where a new intercom will be fitted.

Thank you for your support as we make Fulfen an even safer place for everyone.

## Sickness Reminder

We've had high levels of sickness in school this week. Please remember that if your child has been sick, they must stay off school for **48 hours after the last episode** of sickness or diarrhoea. This helps prevent bugs from spreading to other children and staff. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone healthy.



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## Snacks Go Cashless!

**After half term** we will be moving to a new, cashless snack system.

At the moment, children bring in change each day and pay their class teacher for snack. After half term, children will still order their snack with their teacher, but families will be charged via **Parent Pay** instead.

To pay for snack, families will need to pre-pay funds into Parent Pay in advance and top up the balance as needed (please do try to keep your account topped up!). Each day, the cost of any snack ordered on that day will be deducted from your Parent Pay account.

Please note: snack must be paid for in advance. If there are insufficient funds in your Parent Pay account, children will not be able to order any more snack until the funds are there.

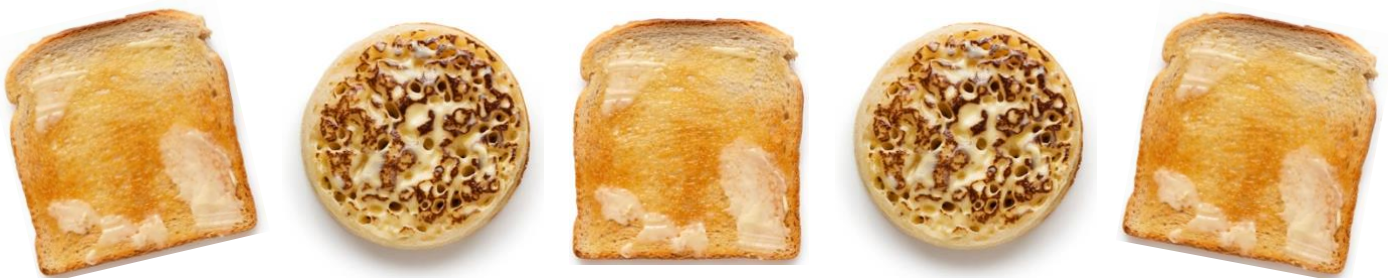
We are aware that some children never order snack. If you would prefer your child's name to be greyed out on the snack list - so they can't order by accident and you aren't charged – **please complete the form sent out in School Spider.**

Pupil Premium children will continue to receive their snack as normal.

We hope this new system will make life easier by:

- Removing the need to hunt for loose change each morning
- Ensuring payments are safe and secure
- Giving families a clearer overview of snack costs
- Reducing the amount of cash being handled in school

Thank you for your support with this change. We're confident it will be a smoother and more convenient way for everyone to enjoy their morning toast!



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## Joel Fearon is visiting – sponsor your child!

The aim of this event is to encourage us all to become more active while raising money for PE equipment for our school. The children are getting excited about this event and have been practising on the playground! Watch this [video](#) to see what we'll be doing. **Remember to come in PE kit for this day (years 1-6).**

If you want to sponsor your child for the event, click on the poster below:



The poster is titled "Sports News" in a large, white, sans-serif font on a black background. Below the title is the "GreatAthletes" logo, which features a stylized Union Jack and the text "GreatAthletes® Inspiring every child". To the left of the logo, a small black box contains the text "Autumn 1". The main body of the poster is white with a colorful, abstract background. On the left, a black box contains the text: "We are so excited for our upcoming Great Athletes event. Joel Fearon will be visiting our school on Thursday 9th October." On the right, there is a photo of Joel Fearon, a male athlete, wearing a white tank top with "ENGLAND" and "NEW BALANCE" logos. Above the photo, the text reads: "Welcome Team GB Bobsled & Sprinter JOEL FEARON to our school". To the left of the photo, a quote says: "It always seems impossible until you start." At the bottom, a black box contains the text: "On the event day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by Joel, a terrific way to get all children excited about sport and realise that getting moving is really fun! Joel will then share their incredible sporting journey, a story of resilience and determination in a fun and interactive assembly. There will also be an opportunity to ask any burning questions in a Q&A session with their inspiring role-model at the end! Don't forget to sponsor your child for their sponsored fitness circuit – you can sponsor online clicking on this page and entering our school name."

**Sports News**

Autumn 1

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Inspiring every child

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**ENGLAND**

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## Sports Extra-Curricular Offer

**Don't forget that our after-school sports clubs are now part of our After School Club offer.**

September's Fulfen Club sports line-up (Monday to Thursday) included Archery, Cheerleading, Football and Nerf Wars and we've got new sports coming out after half term.

Football and Cheerleading are with specialist coaches and our other sports clubs run with our coach, Mr Lawmon - keeping children active, learning new skills and having loads of fun with friends.

### How to book:

- Complete the monthly Fulfen Club booking form (sent via School Spider on the first Tuesday of each month)
- Book the Club session you require and tick the box for the sports club you'd like your child to attend.
- Places are first-come, first-served. If a sports club is full, we'll give you a call about alternatives.

A limited number of free places are available each evening for Pupil Premium children. We'll contact you if these are filled before invoicing.

**Key dates:** Book by the **15th of the month**, invoices sent within 7 days, payment due by the **last day of the month**.

The **November's booking form goes live Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October** – don't miss out!

## Walk to School Week!

Aim to walk at least part of the way during the week of **13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October**.

Let's get active  
get moving  
get involved

The benefits of active travel are proven. Children are happier, more alert and ready to learn as well as being fitter and healthier. You can walk, cycle or scoot to school and get your passport stamped by our ambassadors on your way into school – they'll be on the gate from 8:30. Let's get moving!





# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Request for Walking Bus Volunteers

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.

Thank you

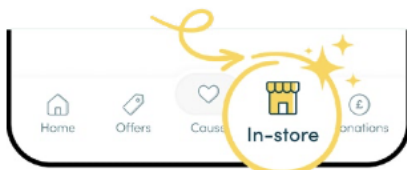


## Help Raise School Funds at No Cost to You!

So far, we have raised £878.81 with just 58 supporters. Imagine how much we'd get if everyone spared a moment to sign up to Easy Fundraiser!



### 1 Get the easyfundraising app



### 2 Add your bank card(s) to your easyfundraising app

Within the easyfundraising app, select 'In-store' from the bottom of the screen, then follow the on-screen instructions.

### 3 Shop in person at participating stores

Pay using your card or Apple/Google Pay, and you'll raise free donations for our cause.



#### Shop in person at stores like...

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And more

**Reception Open Days – click the image to book**

There are limited places available, so book your preferred slot by clicking on the image:



## FULFEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

# RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

**TUES 18<sup>TH</sup> NOV 2025 &  
THURS 8<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2026  
9:15AM - 11:15AM**

Don't miss this year's school registration to open the door to the best educational opportunities for your child.



Our Head Teacher, Deputy Head, or Head of Early Years will be delighted to give you a guided tour of the school, with some of our Pupil Ambassadors on hand to share what school life is really like.



**REGISTER NOW**

There are two separate, hour-long slots available to book on each day.



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## Letter from the Burntwood PCSO



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

Dear parents/guardians,

It has come to my attention that there have been issues with parking and vehicle use around school hours when children are being dropped off and collected. These behaviours are starting to put pupils at risk. We have also received complaints from residents about driveways and access points being blocked, preventing them from leaving or accessing their property.

We appreciate pick-up and drop-off times are busy, but this increases safety risks for children and parents/guardians. We therefore ask all road users accessing the school to please consider the following:

Most school entrances and exits have yellow zigzag markings with instructions to keep clear, sometimes with signs showing restricted times. These areas must remain clear to ensure visibility for children and other road users when crossing.

When dropping off or collecting children, please:

- Allow extra time to find a safe parking space, as the area will be busy.
- Be considerate to residents by not blocking driveways or access ways.
- Avoid parking on restricted markings or at street corners where visibility is reduced.

Local officers will be patrolling schools, and the traffic warden has been asked to issue fines where restrictions are ignored.

Please help keep all children safe by parking and driving considerately.

Thank you,

PCSO 23999 Deryn Small

[Deryn.Small@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:Deryn.Small@staffordshire.police.uk)

Officer for Burntwood and surrounding

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y5/6 Football Tournament

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct – Individual Photographs

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Great Athletes Assembly – Y1-6 in PE kits!

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Walk to School Week – bring your passports!

13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Black History Week

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Oct – Y5/6 Girls' Football

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Siblings photographs

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Y3 Harvest Performance 2:15pm – Tickets Only

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' Evening 3:45-6:00pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parents' Evening 4:45-7:30pm

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Feel Good Friday

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – HALF TERM BEGINS (Fulfen Club is open)

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Snack goes cashless!

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Y3/4 Football

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – Wear Spots - £1 donation

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Y3/4 Reading Workshop for Parents

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 School Trip

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Reception Open Morning – booking required

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 School Trip

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Flu Vaccinations

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Y5/6 Reading Workshop for Parents



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