



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

Welcome to the new school year! We are thrilled to welcome our pupils and staff back to school. We have been so impressed with the positive attitudes of our pupils as they have started back at school over the last two weeks.

Our dedicated staff have been in school throughout the summer to prepare classrooms for the new school year. We are also grateful to our premises staff as they have worked all summer getting our school in pristine shape and our office staff, who have been working hard to ensure a smooth start for staff, pupils, and families.

Fulfen primary School is such a special place to learn and grow. We are proud of our beautiful school and have high expectations for each and every child. Our pupils are kind, compassionate, and eager to learn. Together with our dedicated staff, we strive to make connections with pupils to help them feel valued, accepted, and safe. Our Fulfen LEAD values will continue to guide our mission to provide a rigorous and engaging school environment. Our goal is to develop engagement and to foster a lifetime love for learning.

Our 'Meet The Teacher' meetings have been taking place and we have had such positive feedback from these meetings. I think parents have enjoyed meeting their child's teacher and finding out what life will be like at school for their child this year.



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Stars of the week!

Ellis Leighton, Isabella Ward,
Lucy Young, Millie Delamont,
Ada Legood, Holly Scandrett,
Samuel Mok, Trixie-Rose
Sayer, Mia Maskell, Evie-
Mae Mullan, Arthur O'Neill,
Evie-Mae Mullan, Max Clift,
Max O'Farrell, Amelia
Adams,

Lillie Owen, Isabelle
Edwards, Corbyn Seedhouse,
Noah Doherty, Nyaa
Matthews, William Fry,
Lucas Koller, Finley Plimmer,
Lilly Wright, Oscar Pember,
Oscar James, Romany
Meszaros, Elliot Gibson-
Collins, Avery Bennett,
Harrison Delamont, Skyler
Cockayne, Oliver Jarvis,
Jessica Fisher

Petra 5G and Sophia
Edwards, Sophie Austin,
Sophia Edwards, Isabelle
Barratt, Lola Jennings,
Brandon Hickman, Jacob
Gilbert, Grace McGeown, Blu
Furnival, Zachary Burn,
Willow Hems-Fish, Riley
Witcomb, Carson Tranter,
Leland Barber, Evan Kainth,
Freya Plimmer, Harry Burn,
Charlie Derry, Isla-Mae
Davies

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...

Meet our new Teachers

We're really pleased to welcome Mrs Dando in Pre-School, Miss Spiers in year 1 and Miss Russell in year 3 – they've fit in really well with the rest of the Fulfen team.



If you want to find out a little more about any of our staff, you can find them on the class pages of the website; simply click on their picture to find out more!

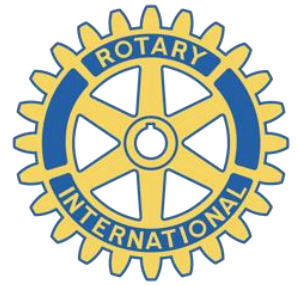


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Non- Uniform Day

On Friday 6th October, we will be having a non-uniform day in support of Burntwood Rotary Club and Shelter Box.

We are partnering up with Burntwood Rotary club in raising funds to supply a shelter box for communities across the world devastated by natural disasters. In response to the recent earthquake in Morocco we aim to raise enough funds to provide a shelter box to help those in need.



Donations can be made via ParentPay: *Donation for Shelter Box*. Thank you.

New Event – Feel Good Friday!



We are excited to embark on a new project to give our pupils the power to promote and support positive mental health in our school.

Over the next 12 months the children will begin their training to become a mental health champion working alongside One Goal. Our new “Feel Good Fridays” will be dedicated to our training and putting it into practice.

On Friday 27th October, we will be holding our first ever Feel Good Friday which will be a non-uniform day (for free).

Enrichment

As always, enriching the lives of the children who attend our school is at the heart of what we do. As part of this, we provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs throughout the year.

Our clubs for this half term are now in place:

Monday - Rugby with Years 3/4

Tuesday - Football skills with Years 1/2; Art club with Years 5/6

Wednesday - Netball with Years 3/4; Young Voices Choir with Years 4/5/6

Thursday - Basketball with Years 5/6; Gardening Club (continuing from the Summer Term)

If your child didn't get a place in one of these clubs, there will be plenty of opportunity throughout the year.



Rags2Riches Collection

Once again, we have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools scheme to raise money whilst helping others around the world.

We have a collection booked on **Wednesday 27th September 2023** so please keep good clothing to donate to us on this date. You can bring donations into school from **Monday 25th September**.



To find out what items they accept, click [here](#). Thank you for your help!

Calling All Bakers!

Fulfen Primary school is proud to announce that we will be supporting the MacMillan "World's Biggest Coffee Morning" again this year on:-

Friday 29th September 2023

Please bring in any shop bought cakes/cookies from Monday 25th September and any homemade cakes from Thursday 28th September.

Then, pop in for a drink and a cake between 8:15 and 9:15 on Friday in the school hall. Children are welcome to join you for a before-school treat – we just ask that they head to their classrooms for 9am. Any remaining cakes will be available for children to purchase at break time too.

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**



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Harvest Festival

This year we are asking for tins and packets of food, which will be handed to The Cannock & District Food Bank, Chads Moor. Please send your donations of food in to class teachers from Monday 16th October. All the donations will be put on display in our reception area before it is collected on Friday 21st October.

We hope you can join us for our Harvest Festival performances on **Thursday 19th October** where our talented children will share their Harvest performances.



Key Stage 1 – 9:30 am

Key Stage 2 – 10:30 am

You are welcome to join us for a cup of tea and a biscuit before the performances.

Pre-School parents are invited to stay at the end of the morning session at 11:15 am to celebrate harvest with their children.

Reception children will be taking part in a Forest School Harvest Parade on Thursday 19th October: **R1 at 3:00 pm and R2 at 3:20 pm**

We look forward to seeing you there!

Sharing Sporting Successes

We are developing a sporting celebration display and would love to show off some of our children's achievements! This could be through any external sports club – whether it's winning or taking part!

Please send in pictures to office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk for the attention of Mrs Owen.



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Focus on ENGLISH – Reading!

We're always sharing our love of reading with our pupils and give every opportunity to enjoy books, use our imaginations and develop our vocabulary. You can support school with this by ensuring that your child reads regularly at home too – and that they can see you enjoying a book!

Our teachers have spent the summer developing their book corners and ensuring there is always a range of good quality books available for all. Here are some pictures of pupils enjoying reading in our wonderful book corners:



Library

We also want to make the most of our lovely Westwood library, so children will have opportunity to visit regularly to choose a book. We will also be holding book clubs in the library to get children as excited as we can about our range of books.

Volunteers

Finally, we have several parent and family volunteers who regularly come into school to read with our children. We are so grateful for this time and the children love their reading sessions – thank you!

Reading Challenge

Our exciting reading challenge will be launched on Monday 25th September. This will be sent out on Seesaw for children to complete in their own time. Prizes will be awarded along the way – let's see who can complete the most challenges!



Great Work Jaxon!

You'll remember Jaxon doing his 15-mile sponsored bike-ride to raise money in memory for his mum. Here he is with his cheque for the money he raised for St Giles – well done Jaxon and thank you to everyone who supported him!



Do you shop at Tesco?

Tesco Stronger Starts supports thousands of local community projects and good causes across the UK. We have been successful in our application to become a Stronger Start project, which means that our project will be put forward for a customer vote in local Tesco stores. Our project is one of three that Tesco shoppers can vote for by posting a token in our box in-store. We could win up to £1500, which will go a great way to improving our growing garden project!

Stores participating in the vote are:

2501 Fazeley Tamworth Express	B78 3RB
3073 Lichfield Netherstow Express	WS13 6TS
3126 Shenstone Lichfield Express	WS14 0JR
4671 Lichfield Three Spires Express	WS13 6NF
5064 Amington Tamworth Express	B77 3DG
5338 Dosthill Tamworth Express	B77 1LE
5852 Lichfield Extra	WS13 6DZ



To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk> Simply make a purchase in store and pop your token in the Fulfen Garden Appeal box. You won't need to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token.

Please support our project by spreading the word so we can purchase our poly-tunnel and hens!

Voting opens the first week in October and will continue until mid-January. Thank you in advance for your support.



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Garden Update!

A lot has happened in the garden over the summer holiday. With the help of Burntwood Rotary we have started to clear the ground and lay the foundations for our Poly Tunnel and Chicken Run.

Thank you to everyone for their very kind donation via ParentPay we have raised £188.00!

This term children from Years 4 & 5 will be working in the garden on a Thursday evening. We will be making vegetable soup and bread rolls with all our harvest produce, planting potatoes ready for Christmas and putting our garden to bed for the winter. Here we are harvesting our vegetables:



The children have loved using all the new tools that have kindly been donated by **Greenworks!**

We would also like to thank **KingSpan** group for granting us funding towards our Garden project. If you would like to make a donation the please take a look at your parent pay account where you can make a donation

from just £1.00. You can also share out **Go Fund Me Page** with all your friends and family: <https://www.gofundme.com/campaigns>



We are hoping to welcome our chickens before Christmas!



Mrs Steele and Mrs Dimmack would like to thank you everyone for all their support so far!



Online Safety – supporting your child’s digital wellbeing

Internet Matters’ research has discovered that late nights, the fear of missing out and body image can all contribute to significant negative impacts on 9-10 year old girls’ wellbeing. This, of course, isn’t limited to just girls of this age, but could affect any of our children, particularly in Key Stage 2.



They have written a very useful article on how you can support your child [here](#).

School Expectations and Reminders

All of this information has been shared at our “Meet the Teacher” meetings, but it’s always useful to have a reminder:

Reading

Reading is so important – it is the foundation of everything we do and in school, we really foster a love of reading. Please help your child to read at home for 20 minutes a day and support them by asking about what they’ve read.

Spellings

Weekly spellings will be sent home for children to learn for their test on a Friday.

Handwriting

Use Letter-join to practise handwriting.

Maths

Key Stage 1: children should play on Numbots to build their number confidence

Key Stage 2: children should be practising their tables on TT Rockstars

Uniform

Children are looking very smart in their uniform. Please remember to label all items so if anything goes missing it can be returned.

PE

PE kits should be worn to school on PE days (which are on the class page on the school website)

Being Prepared

Now that the weather is changing, can parents please ensure that children have a coat at school every day. They should also bring a water bottle to school.

Thank you for supporting us support your children in making our school the best it can be!



School Photos!

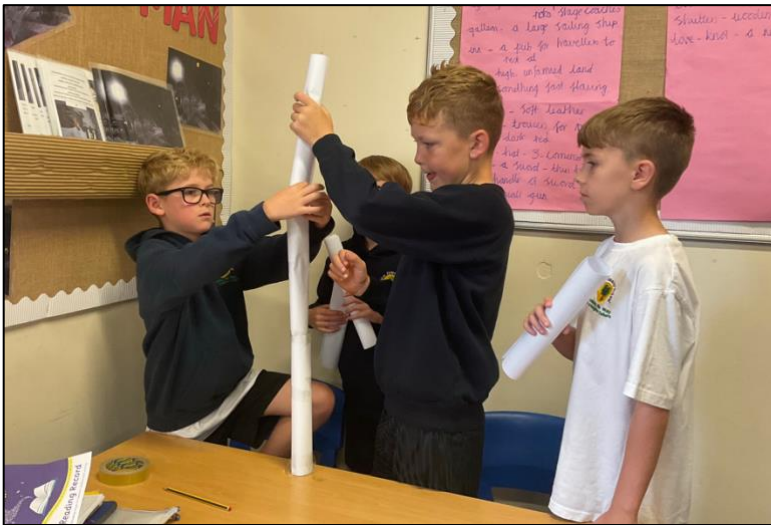
On Tuesday 10th October, children in years Reception to Year 6 will be having their photos taken. Parents can bring any siblings who do not attend our school to reception from 8:30 am on Tuesday morning so that they can have a family photograph. All pupils attending Fulfen will get a chance to have a photo taken with their siblings in school during the day.



On Tuesday 24th October, Pre-School children will be having their photos taken. If they have any siblings in school, they will also have a chance to have their photo taken together.

Year 5 Challenge!

Children in year 5 have been working on collaboration in their PSHE lesson. The best collaborators managed to build a tower of 110cm!



As part of this lesson, children had to work together to solve a problem. They could all explain how they had worked collaboratively and explain the good attributes of a good collaborator.

In our PHSE lessons, we have a whole school approach to promoting kind and positive behaviours, mental health, wellbeing, resilience and achievement. This supports great learning across the curriculum every day.



HAF – Fulfen Club Success!



Fulfen Club has had a very successful summer where we launched the HAF programme for the very first time at Fulfen Primary. The children had so much fun and accessed a wide range of activities such as: cooking, martial arts, fun days with the party entertainer, forestry time with Mrs Willows, gardening with Mrs Steele and multisport camps to name a few! To end their time at summer club, we even had a bouncy castle and the ice-cream man on the last day! Lots of fun was had by all. After such a resounding success, we will certainly be running our HAF programme again!

iPad Deployment Day!

Every September, we hand out iPads to our Year 3 pupils and spend the morning setting them up from scratch. The children gain such ownership from this process and there is always magic in the air as the audible gasps of excitement are heard as the “Welcome to iPad” message appears!

This is a huge part of the children’s learning journey at Fulfen: the devices enable the development of so many digital skills whilst enhancing learning and giving the children freedom to become digital creators to help embed their learning across the curriculum. Here are a few pictures from the day:



European Day of Languages



We are celebrating European Day of Languages here at Fulfen w/c 25th September. Ensuring our sole focus remains on our school language, French, each class will be researching countries within (and beyond) Europe who hold French as an official language: Switzerland, Monaco, Belgium and many more!

Miss Russell will also be running a lunchtime French club, which will run until Christmas.

Are you following us on Facebook?

Our Facebook page is brimming with photos and news of what's going on in school each day. If you haven't already, please take the time to follow our [page](#) so you can see what we're getting up to and catch a glimpse of your child in action! You can also share this with other members of the family so they can follow our successes.

You can also see our latest Facebook feed at the bottom of the home page of our website and, if you want more information about our exciting Enrichment opportunities, look at our [Enrichment page](#) in the parents' section of our website.

Dates for your diary

Monday 25th September – Launch of our Reading Challenge

w/c 25th September – Celebration of European Languages Day

Wednesday 27th September – Rags2Riches Collection (bring in items from 25th Sept)

Friday 29th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning (bring cakes in during the week)

w/c 2nd October – Shop at your local Tesco to support our appeal

Friday 6th October – No School Uniform Day (please donate on ParentPay)

Tuesday 10th October – Reception to Year 6 School Photos

Wednesday 18th October – Y4 Visit Tamworth Castle

Thursday 19th October – Harvest (bring in donations from 16th Oct)

Tuesday 24th October – Pre-School School Photos

Wednesday 25th October – Parents' Evening 3:45pm – 6pm

Thursday 26th October – Parents' Evening 4:45 – 7:30pm

Friday 27th October – Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 14th November – Reception Open Day (details to follow)

Thursday 23rd November – open day for prospective Pre-School parents

