



# Fulfen Newsletter

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## Foreword



Welcome to our Christmas edition of our Newsletter!

We've had such a busy last few weeks, full of performances and festivities, so this newsletter is to just share and celebrate a few of the activities that our children have been doing.

The staff at Fulfen wish you a joyous festive season, full of love, happiness and prosperity and we look forward to seeing you in the new year!



# Stars of the week!

All of R1, Maisie Ansell,  
Izaak Johnson-Cashmore,  
Freddie Hems-Fish,  
Jaxon Monday,  
Orla Dalloway,  
Harriet Cooper,

Ginny Keogh,  
Elissa Dafforn,  
Leo Goodall,  
Edward Shortman,  
Teddie Williams,  
Abigail Todino,  
Emilie Rhodes,  
Callum Murray-Ferris,

Thomas Heming,  
Nolan Lloyd,  
Lyvia Gorman,  
Jemima Budge,  
George Cope,  
Arthur Corfield,  
Zarina Kainth,  
Jacob Johnson

## 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...

## Are you following us on Facebook yet?

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.



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Pre-School Jingle and Mingle and Santa Visit!

Our children in Pre-School enjoyed having visitors in for their Jingle and Mingle celebrations where they performed and then took part in a stay and play.



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Reception – Father Christmas Visit!

The children in Reception have been so good that the big man himself came to visit and gave them all a special gift.



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Father Christmas came to visit and all the Pre-School children were able to talk to him and receive a yummy chocolate treat. They were then delivered special certificates from one of Santa's elves stating the children had all made it onto the nice list – but we always knew they had!



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Key Stage 1 Twinkly Nativity

Our Key Stage 1 children have performed The Twinkly Nativity: a play full of sparkle and glitz! The children spoke so clearly and sang with such gusto. All the children worked very hard to ensure our play was amazing! Here are a few pictures:



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Years 4,5 & 6 have had a Very Merry Christmas!

We all know the story of the Nativity, but this one is slightly different! It starts with Mary and Joseph making their way to Birmingham and stopping off for the night in Walsall!



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## Year 6 Christmas Carols

Our talented year 6 children have entertained the crowds at Chase Terrace High School during their Christmas Fayre and performed a range of Christmassy songs at Christ Church for our parents. This included solo performances by our talented pianists Louis, Jack and William!



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Football Final Champions!

Twenty-seven teams took part in the football competition, which culminated in the final event last week. Our children beat the opposition and were crowned champions – what an amazing achievement! We're all incredibly proud of them!



## Christmas Raffle Winners

Everyone was given one entry to the raffle and here are our lucky winners:

- Super Bowl £40 voucher- Lillie (Y3)
- Ninja Warrior Voucher - John (EYFS)
- Karate voucher - Oscar (EYFS)
- Boyd's Hairdresser's Voucher - Ava (EYFS)
- Lads Lounge voucher - Benjamin (Y2)
- Cigno Voucher – Jessica (Y5)
- Selection Box - Willow (Y6)
- Candle - Evie (EYFS)
- Selection Box - Bohdi (Y2)
- Chocolate Hamper - Albert (EYFS)

£468 raised!  
Thank you



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## The Chickens have settled in!

Exciting news! Four chickens have arrived safely and seem quite happy in their new home. The lovely ladies were introduced to their new home two weeks ago and have settled in well. They're looking healthy and happy and are eating lots! They're laying eggs – we've had at least 20 so far.

Over Christmas, they will be going on holiday to visit Mrs Carter who will take good care of them over the holidays. Once they're properly settled after Christmas, we will ensure that all children are able to visit them and we will be naming them soon in January. Here are a few pictures of our ladies in their new home:



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Update

### Latest Tik-Tok Study

Please remember that to use most social media platforms, you have to state that you are 13 or older. Even if you are 8 year old, the platform will believe you are 13 years of age. There have been countless concerns over recent years about the type of content that is fed to children and young people across the various platforms they use. This latest study from Amnesty International delves deeply into the very significant concerns around the algorithms used within TikTok, specifically in relation to self-harm, where children who signal an interest into mental health are quickly led down rabbit holes of some very disturbing content. The full report can be read [here](#).

### Disney+ Advice for Parents

We all love a Christmas movie – and many of us expect “Disney” to be old-school animated favourites; however, Disney now caters for ALL the family and can have some age-inappropriate material that is aimed at older audiences. Here is some advice from National Online Safety (NOS):

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS**  
When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

**TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY**  
When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

**ADD PIN PROTECTION**  
Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

**ENJOY AS A FAMILY**  
When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

On any internet-enabled device, the option to continue to watch 'similar content' can easily encourage children to binge-watch movies and clips. NOS warn that this can distract them from other activities and socialising with others. Too much time sat dormant at a screen has been proven to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight. This is such an easy trap to fall into over the holidays, so it's important to be aware of it!

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Return to school

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January – 5G start swimming (8:30 am)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Young Voices

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day – school closed to pupils

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

