



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break! There's certainly a spring in everyone's step as we return to our teaching and learning.

We've only been in school a couple of weeks, but we've had so much going on! In this bumper issue of our Newsletter, you can find out about what's happening with our chickens, read about our amazing performance at Young Voices 2024 and find out how our football team got on in the County Finals!

We're currently having our roof repaired, but this has had no impact on the children's learning as they have shown their resilience and utilised their iPads to get the most out of all their lessons wherever they are in the school.

We've got parents' evenings and school discos coming up too, so please make sure that you make a note of these dates so you don't miss out!



Stars of the week!

George Lyndon, Flora Westwood, Oliver Wray, Jesse Rose, Raine Meehan, Leo Read, Arthur Roadnight, Ellis Leighton, Raiven Meszaros, Rainy Peace, Sam Mok, Archie Collier, Rainy Peace, Elsie Geens

Riley Brookes, Sienna Long, Freddie Webster, Arthur O'Neill, Sienna Long, Evelyn Curry, Olivia Freeman, Amelia Woodhouse, Max O'Farrell, Benjamin Ricketts, Chester Castello, Eve Hancox, Amelia Adams, Bodhi Dingle, Miah Williams, Noah Doherty, Adam Aydi, Ollie Lyon, Emma Collins, Lenny Geens

Katherine Fountain, Oscar James, Zack Jagielski, Nolan Lloyd, Toby rock, Jasper Mansell, 5G, 5M, Jaycob Chawner, Louis Lovatt, Indie Roberts, Sophie Austin, Zach Pitcher, Jessica Sullivan, Taylor-Lee Kerry, Sophie Drayton, Leland Barber, Theo Hewitt, Evelyn Sanders, Louis Ritchie

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.



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

We have officially been rated!

We know how hard our staff and pupils work at Fulfen and, to us, we've always aimed to be the best we can be.



We are incredibly proud to hear that Ofsted think that our school: the teaching and learning, behaviour, personal development, safeguarding, leadership and early years provision is all outstanding.

We continue to strive to improve our "exceptional curriculum" and to consistently develop how we "stretch pupils' learning beyond what was previously possible." Our staff all work together to ensure that the best provision possible is put in place, including a range of extra-curricular experiences and events.

Our pupils continue to astound us, by rising to challenges presented and developing themselves on so many levels. It is wonderful to see so many children happy and enjoying school.

Sporting Success!

Once again, our footballers have outdone themselves: Not only did they make it to the County Finals at Stafford FC, but they came 2nd out of all the teams participating!

This is a huge achievement and we are incredibly proud of them (again).

Well done boys!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Young Voices

Young voices is the largest children's choir in the world.

Fulfen pupils had an amazing opportunity to be part of this and, while they were there, saw inspirational performances by Urban Strides Street Dance Company, MC Grammar, Natalie Williams (singer) and an incredible performance by 13-year-old drummer Nandi Bushell.

All the children were a credit to the school, demonstrating their fantastic behaviour throughout the day. Everyone had an amazing time. It was a very long day - but totally worth it! Bring on YV2025! Here are a few photographs that capture the day:



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Investigating Structures

Year 5 have been researching different structures before they make their own bird hides in design & technology. They have been studying structures in the school grounds and will be designing their own over the coming weeks. Watch this space to see their final outcomes!



St Giles visit to thank the children



Just before Christmas, many of our pupils and staff took part in our Rudolph Run and raised over £1500 for St Giles Hospice. Selina from St Giles visited Fulfen to do an assembly with the children and thank them for the donation.



Y2 go Down Under for the day!

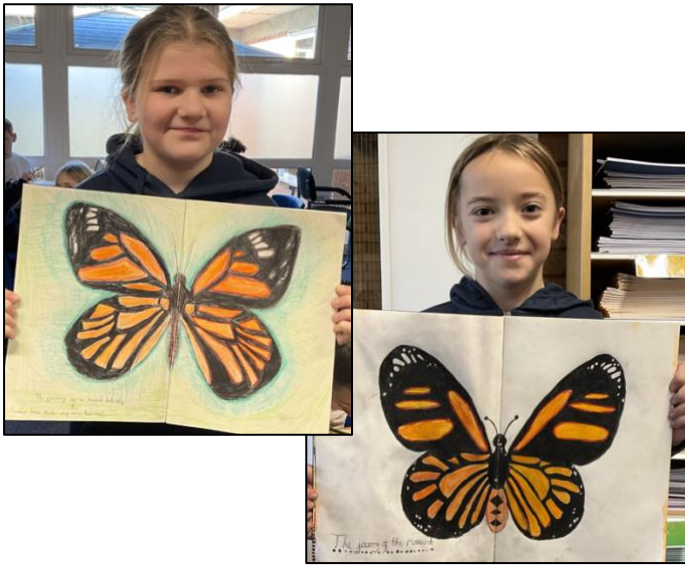
Children in Year 2 were excited as they made their own passports and packed their suitcases to travel to Australia for the start of their Geography topic. Fulfen Airlines transported them to find out all about this amazing continent, country and island. All aboard!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

ART focus



Year 5 are learning all about North America, so pupils have become Botanical artists, tracking the incredible journey that the monarch butterfly makes every year, travelling up to 3,000 miles from Canada to Mexico. They have produced incredible botanical studies and have observed the symmetry and skeletal structure of the butterfly. Just look at the detail!



Meanwhile, in Pre-School, the children have been creating their collages inspired by the French artist Henri Matisse.

They really enjoyed looking at the different colours and shapes Henri used in his collages.

What amazing prospective artists we are creating here at Fulfen!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Chicken Update

Over Christmas, our hens visited Mrs Carter. They had a wonderful time and started to show their individual (rather cheeky) characters!



Our lovely ladies have all settled in really well to their new "free" life. They love scratching around in the grass and leaves and they are really enjoying having the sun on their backs for the first time. As they arrived with more feathers than we thought, we have not had to use all of our beautiful knitted jumpers. We will be saving these in readiness for our next flock, which we will expect in the summer.

Our little ladies are laying one egg each a day, which some of the children have been taking home with them for their teas, the kitchen have also been using the fresh eggs to make cakes & biscuits. Here's Jesse enjoying the rewards of what he found in the chicken coop!



Our chickens need a name and we want all the children to have the opportunity of helping us to choose their names. Have a look at their photos and see what you think:



We would like to thank you for all your support so far and if you would like to donate to the upkeep of these beautiful ladies you can do so by making a contribution via ParentPay. Thank you, Mrs Carter, Mrs Steele & Mrs Scott

Useful Information & what's coming up

Online Safety - WhatsApp

WhatsApp have been adding new features over the last 12 months and Internet Matters have put this useful guide together for parents. Please take the time to look at it and follow the links in the tips:



WhatsApp safety guide for parents



WhatsApp's minimum age in the UK



Kids aged 3-17 who use WhatsApp



Kids under 13 who use WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



1 Review privacy settings WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



2 Customise contacts Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



3 Talk about personal information Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



4 Show them where to get support If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



5 Check in regularly Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

Useful Information & what's coming up

School Closed on Monday 29th January

Just a reminder that our school is closed to pupils on Monday 29th January as we have an INSET day for staff training. We'll be back to normal on Tuesday.



Y5 Residential Preparation

Year 5 parents are invited to a meeting at school at 5pm on 1st February in readiness for their residential visit to Laches wood in June! This is always a very popular trip and the children have such fun! Make sure that you can get to the meeting so you're fully informed!

Parents' Evenings

Our upcoming parents' evenings are on 7th and 8th February. Bookings will be open from 29th January at 6pm until 6th February at 10pm.

You will need the School Spider app (or to log into School Spider at the bottom of our website to book your appointment(s). You can find details on how to use School Spider on the 'Parent' section of our website [here](#).

School Discos

On **Wednesday 13th March**, we have our Spring Discos. Tickets will be available closer to the time. For now, make sure you make a note of the date and time:

Year 1 & 2 5:00 – 5:45

Year 3 & 4 6:15 – 7:00

Year 5 & 6 7:30 – 8:15



Useful Information & what's coming up

Fulfen Club

Along with the rest of the school, Fulfen Club was extremely happy with the Ofsted inspector's verdict. The inspector who visited club during inspection commented, "This is one of the best clubs I have been to." This was such a huge compliment for us and the children who attend club, and we'll continue to keep improving our provision for all our children.

We have a range of activities every day during our Breakfast Club and After School Club as well as workshops with guests who run our very popular street dance, cheerleading and football activities at various points during the year.



How we operate:

Our Club is incredibly popular and bookings are taken in advance via our online booking form, which is emailed out to all parents on the first Tuesday of each month. This form closes on the 15th of the month, so please make sure that you get your form in to us by this deadline. We will then send out invoices over the next week and payments must be made by the last day of the month.

What we offer:

Breakfast Club

7:30am - 8:45am £6.00 (breakfast included)

8:00am - 8:45am £5.00

After School Club

3:30pm - 4:30pm £6.00 (healthy snack included)

3:30pm - 6:00pm £11.00 (healthy snack and light tea included)

Further information can be found on our [page](#) on the school website.

If you have any queries, please email us on fulfenclubfinance@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Pre-School Open Day

Click on the image to book a place on our open day:



FULFEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Thursday 29th February 2024

10:00am - 11:00am



**Was your child born between 1st Sept 2020 - 31st Aug 2021?
Are you looking for a Pre-School place for your child next year?**

Join us for our open day and experience what Fulfen has to offer!



Pre-School places for 3 and 4 year olds

15 and 30 hours funded and fee paying places available for September 2024



If you are interested in attending please scan the QR code and complete the Microsoft form

<https://forms.office.com/e/T5WUVbL2ex>



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Stuck for something to do at half term?



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and Snacks
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Dates for your diary

Monday 29th January - INSET DAY – school closed for all pupils

Thursday 1st February – Y5 meeting for parents about our residential
– Y3 trip to Think Tank

Wednesday 7th February – Parents' Evening

Thursday 8th February – Parents' Evening

Friday 9th February – no school uniform

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February – HALF TERM

Thursday 29th February – Pre-School Open Day

Wednesday 13th March – School Discos

Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day

Tuesday 19th March – Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 25th March – EASTER HOLIDAYS start

