



Fulfen Newsletter

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Foreword

We've had a really jam-packed ending to the year and, to be honest, I would expect nothing less from our Fulfen staff. There have been so many exciting activities going on in classrooms and we've all been entertained by musical performances including our Year 6 leavers' play, which transported us on a voyage of discovery!

Along with school trips, sports day and our wonderful reward afternoon, the children really have had some truly valuable experiences to finish the school year.

Don't forget that Years R-5 can come to school in non-school uniform on Friday. I'm looking forward to seeing them all in our final assembly of the academic year on Friday afternoon.

Year 6, of course, will be attending in school uniform as they have their sentimental Year Six Leavers' assembly in the morning, where we will re-visit some fond memories and say farewell to a wonderful group of students who will be taking their next steps on their educational journey! We will miss them and wish them the very best of luck!

Everyone else: we look forward to seeing you return in September! Don't forget to look at the Class Pages on the school website to virtually meet the new teaching staff that will be working with your child next year.



Stars of the week!

The whole of Reception, Poppy Jones, Florence Turner, Archie Watts, Bonnie Witts, All of year 1, Kayla Fiddler, Amaiah Seedhouse, Evie Gibson-Collins, Emily Watton, Trixie Sayer, Archie Collier, Violet Beere, Sam Mok, Evie-Mae Mullan, Freddie Hems-Fish, Arthur O'Neill, Paige Dixon, Jack McGeown, Emily Morris, Harrison Upton, Evie Mae Mullan, Charlotte Burley, Bobby Knowles,

Megan Smith, Amelia Adams, Amelia Woodhouse, Bailey Freeman, Delilah Rose, Freyja Critchley, Jaxon Munday, Rex Smale, Whole Class 2B, Ollie Ayre, Oliver McGeown, Chester Castello, Rex Smale, The whole of 3Fh, Alfie Benton, Niall Jones, William Fry, Adam Aydi, Isabelle Kendrick, Charles Robinson, Tommy Holmes, Rose Meunier, All of 4B, Cory Fleming, Emilee Hall-Williams,

Emma Collins, Lenny Geens, Olivia Odejimi, Elliot Gibson Collins, Lenny Geens, Emma Collins, All of 4S, Jaxon-Lee Lemm, Harrison Delamont, Tilly Lightfoot, Avery Bennett, Zack Jagielski, Nolan Lloyd, Lola Jennings, Tyler Bird, Sophia Edwards, Macy Tunnicliff, Eva Bartlett, Eva-Marie Goodall, Lauren Webster, Poppy Holmes, Sofia Jackson, Florence Watson, Riley Pickering, Max Cockayne, Chloe Hackitt, Grace McGeown

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

Music Focus!

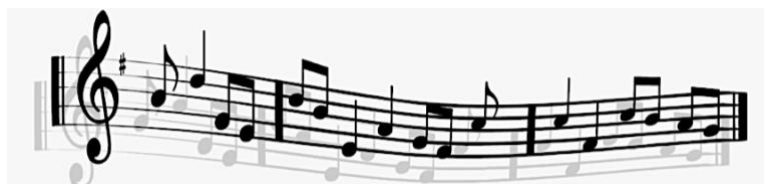
As we wrap up the term, we've been treated to musical performances by various talented musicians! We were thrilled to host "The Shovels" from the Sixth Form at EDA who entertained us with a range of music. The children really enjoyed clapping and singing along with them.



The musicians from Entrust also visited, presenting music on the theme of the Olympics. We sang in a round, joined in with the Eye of the Tiger and some teachers even got persuaded to do some Greek dancing!

We love creativity here at Fulfen and music is a huge part of this! Our music lessons help develop children's cognitive skills, such as memory, focus and attention as well as developing their communication and collaborative skills. It also allows them to explore their emotions, express their feelings in a healthy way as well as the ability to appreciate cultures and respect diversity.

In addition to our music lessons in class, children can have the opportunity to learn to play an instrument with a specialist music teacher. There is more information about this later in the newsletter and if you want to express interest in your child playing an instrument, you can do [here](#).



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Y3 Trip to Conkers!

Year 3 had an exhilarating adventure at Conkers! Completing an assault course, where our young ones cleverly navigated obstacles to transport a water bucket without spilling a drop. The exciting orienteering challenge, pond dipping exploration, and the thrilling time at the adventure park and train made for an unforgettable experience.



Dojo Rewards!

The children at Fulfen always behave impeccably and we like to treat them for this. On Wednesday this week, all the children got to choose their treat for the afternoon. We had sports, coding, robots, music, crafts movies and games on offer for the children to choose from. The two children in each class who had earned the most reward points this term were rewarded with a McDonalds treat for lunch!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Garden Update!

Our garden party was a huge success – thank you to everyone who visited!

We had a chance to say a big thank you to all the local companies who have supported us in our project. Year 4 & 5 children in garden club raised over £220 by selling raffle tickets, plants and bracelets for our chickens.

They have worked really hard for the last two terms and their efforts have really paid off. They have planted potatoes, leeks, onions, garlic, kale, cabbage, pumpkins, runner beans, radish, beetroot, carrots and tomatoes! They have also planted lots of bedding plants, sunflowers and sweet peas and made bird feeders and wormeries.



This week, we had a cooking session in the kitchen with Chef Chris where we made rhubarb and apple crumble, using the rhubarb we had grown on the allotments.

The children have also helped to look after the chickens and we know that Madge, Dorothy and Nugget have enjoyed the garden club as much as we have. Mrs Dimmack, Mrs Scott and Mrs Steele would like to thank the Fulfen Garden Club 2024 for a wonderful term!

Have a great summer and we hope you enjoy your potatoes.

The Raffle was won by Jessica in Year 4.

Don't forget you can help support your favourite chicken by buying a chicken band, on sale from the office at just £1.50.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 6 Farewell – What a performance!

Anchors away! Our Year 6 children set sail for a swashbuckling pirate adventure on the high seas with their piratical musical. There were heroes, villains, singing and dancing. With amazing costumes and props, the children wowed the audiences with their show. Here are just a few pictures.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Feel-Good-Fridays!

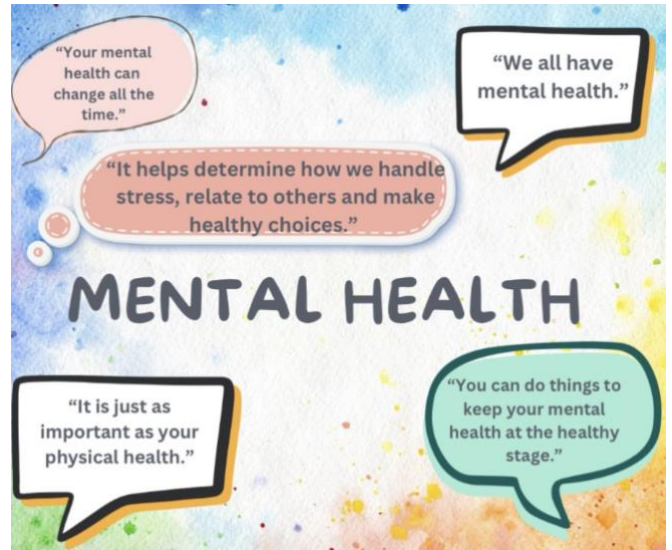
This year, we have made mental health a priority at Fulfen. Our Feel-Good Fridays have been dedicated to becoming champions of our own mental health and we have learnt many skills to help us achieve this.

From Pre-School to Year 6, we have highlighted the importance of looking after our physical and mental health and how the two are interlinked with each other.

Our children have now been introduced to and had time to practice the skills they need to support them in their future.

Next year, we will continue to build on and revise what we have learnt during our Feel-Good Fridays but we will also be focusing on 'diversity' and developing new skills. Well done to our children on working to become champions of their own mental health.

Our Year 3 children were tasked with showing everything they had learnt over the year during their Feel-Good Fridays. Here is a sample of their amazing videos:



Click to watch!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

DT Focus!

We have had a busy year following our exciting new Design and Technology Curriculum! Children are developing skills to follow design criteria and learn how to design products to suit a particular individual.

Children have been chefs: creating pizzas, salads and even baking bread. They have also learnt technical skills in sewing, linkages and levers, pneumatic systems and woodwork. By engaging in hands-on activities such as woodwork, sewing, cooking, and working with pneumatic systems, our pupils are encouraged to think critically and come up with innovative solutions to challenges they may face. To find out more about our D&T Curriculum, visit our [subject page](#) on the website.

Just this week, Year 3 have created games using their sewing skills, Year 4 have created their summer salads and Year 5 have been baking their own bread rolls!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 4 visit Yorkshire Sculpture Park!

Year 4 have had a beautiful art outdoorsy kind of day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. They wandered amongst monumental sculptures taking in the magnificent views whilst sharing their strolls with the sheep.

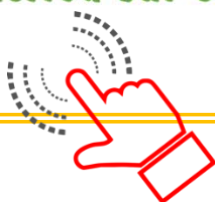
They drew, they explored, they had picnics and giggles: A magical day out was had by alland the sun came out - hurrah!



Garden Wildlife – What visits our school?



Our computing ambassadors have set up our new cameras and have been monitoring them for the last couple of weeks. We're so lucky to get so many nocturnal visitors to our school! The boys have put together this short video of some of their favourite clips. **Click on the image to watch!**



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Sports News

Fulfen continue their journey of excellence with more footballing success! Near the end of June, Year 6 played Ridgeway twice: drawing 1-1 and winning 4-1. They also beat Little Aston 4-1.

Despite the heat, our Sports Day was a huge success with everyone taking part and having a super time! We loved the variety of events on offer for the children! We had so much fun!



Can you find Poppy-Belle in the March of the Elephants?

We are proud to announce that Poppy-Belle our Fulfen elephant can now be found in The Hub at St Mary's in Lichfield.

We are very excited to be taking part in the St Giles Hospice "March of the Elephants" to celebrate 40 years of care and hope that you have lots of fun over the holidays seeking out Poppy-Belle and her 73 friends across Lichfield, Tamworth and Sutton Coldfield.

The trail is free to take part in and, if you want, you can download The March of the Elephants [app](#) to help log your progress on the trail, and even win rewards as you log each statue.

Miss Shuck will be awarding a prize for the best photo with Poppy-Belle.

Photos will be able to be uploaded to Seesaw (or Dojo in EYFS) in September when you return to school. We look forward to seeing just how many of you meet Poppy-Belle on your adventures over the summer!

Here is a sneak-peek of Poppy and some of her friends.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

STEAM week 2024

Early in June, children at Fulfen celebrated our annual STEAM week. During this week, we aim to inspire inquiry and curiosity to empower our pupils to ask thought-provoking questions that promote creativity and exploration, and make connections to the real world.

We kickstarted the week with our STEAM dress up day and we saw some incredible costumes: from artists to chefs, explorers to mechanics, vets to palaeontologists, we covered every aspect of STEAM.

During the course of the week, every year group had visits or workshops to attend and we were thrilled to collaborate with Chase Terrace Academy on a number of opportunities. Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2 welcomed visitors from South Staffs Water to learn all about water waste and how they can work together to help save the planet. Our local police team visited with cars and a riot van – speaking to many classes across the school and Y5 and Y6 made the trip up to Chase Terrace Academy to take part in coding workshops. Finishing the week off, the science department visited from Chase Terrace Academy and treated the Y6 children to both a chemistry and a biology lesson, the latter involving dissection! Children were also invited to demonstrations by our peripatetic music teachers, who showcased the violin and guitar.

Throughout the week, we received brilliant entries to our STEAM competition which centred around the idea of time. So many children took the opportunity to participate and it was incredibly difficult to decide the winners across school. Children created amazing paintings, erupting volcanos and all manner of clocks, just to mention a few! Our overall winners were:

EYFS: Oliver
KS1: Imogen
KS2: Lilly and Jessica

To watch Jessica's digital entry, which proves she's destined to be a presenter on TV, click [here](#).



Well done to all those who entered – we are so lucky to have such enthusiastic and talented children.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Online Safety Update

As children make that move into secondary school it's likely that many will experience many 'digital firsts'. Internet Matters have a lovely, useful guide for parents about children moving to secondary school with advice such as:

- What are children doing online;
- Are they ready for a smartphone (if they haven't already got one!);
- Activities children and parents can do together and more!

You can find all this by clicking the image below:



Does your child want to learn a Musical Instrument?

If your child is inspired by some of the visiting musicians this week, we have music teachers visit the school to give pupils 1-to-1 or small group tuition in guitar, keyboard, brass or woodwind. This allows pupils who are musically minded to thrive in their chosen area.

If you would like more information, please complete this 'expression of interest' form **before 1st August:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/dVrvMEDFg3>



Staff Changes

We'd like to wish the very best to the staff who are moving on to pastures new: Miss Spiers, Miss Myatt and Miss MacDonald – we wish you all the very best!

We're also welcoming Miss Preece, our new Year 2 teacher, to the Fulfen team. She has already been in school several times to meet her new class and prepare for next year and is looking forward to September.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Extra-Curricular Clubs

As well as a vibrant and ever-expanding curriculum in school, we always try to offer as much as we can beyond the school day too.

Firstly, **Fulfen Club** will be offering their before and after school provision (including **Cheerleading** on Tuesdays and **Football** on Wednesdays for all age groups). To book a place in September, look out for the email that will be sent out on 6th August. For more information about Fulfen Before and After School Club, check out this page on our [website](#).

Our wide range of extra-curricular clubs will also run throughout the year. These will run over a six-week period each half term.

These are the clubs we have planned for the first half term:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
*Tag Rugby Years 3/4	*Football Skills Years 1/2	*Netball Years 3/4	*Basketball Years 5/6
	*Art Club Years 5/6	Young Voices Years 4/5/6 (already FULL)	Gardening Club KS2 (already FULL)
	Cheerleading Years 1-6 (Book via Club)	Football Academy Years 1-6 (Book via Club)	

*These clubs will be put on School Spider next week to book. There will be a limit of 20 places for each club and these will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis. If you can see the club and book a place – you will be guaranteed a place and will not receive an email during the summer holidays to confirm this.

These 6-week clubs will start w/c 9th September and will run until 4:30pm, when you can collect your child from the reception area.

Change of Details

If your details (address, telephone number or email address) have changed recently, please let us know by clicking on this button.

Change of Details

This feature is also on our website under the "Parents tab".

Useful Information & what's coming up

Summer Reading Challenge

Unleash Your Creativity with the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge from Saturday 6 July- Monday 9th September 2024.

The Summer Reading Challenge returns with an exciting new theme for 2024 - Marvellous Makers! Developed by The Reading Agency in partnership with the charity Create, this year's Challenge celebrates children's creativity and storytelling abilities. From junk modelling to painting, dance and music, the Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge will provide plenty of opportunities for children to explore their imagination and unlock their inner maker through the power of reading.

The annual Challenge is free to join at your local library. Children can discover new stories, collect fun rewards, and take part in creative activities over the summer holidays. With bespoke illustrations by celebrated artist Natelle Quek, the Marvellous Makers theme will inspire children to get creative and tell their own stories in unique ways.

There is also a mini challenge for pre-school children. So don't miss this chance to fire up your child's mind! Find your nearest participating library in at www.staffordshire.gov.uk/libraries.



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Getting ready for next year!

It's our final day tomorrow – which is 'No School Uniform' for up to (and including) Year 5. The children return to school on Wednesday 4th September.

In preparation for next year, parents of Reception - Year 5 pupils have been sent some important questionnaires on School Spider to fill in to give annual consents for your children. If you haven't yet completed these, please do so.

Our Website is now updated so that you can see the team that will be working with your child next year. Just go to the "[Classes](#)" section of the website and click on the images of each member of staff to find out a little bit more about them.

Buying new uniform? Check out our website [here](#).

iPads at home

Please ensure that your school iPad is taken care of over the summer holidays!

If you're going away, make sure you put it somewhere safe so that you can find it when you get home.

Please remember to make sure it is fully charged when you come back to school in September!



School Dinners



Everyone loves a school dinner - even if it's just an occasional treat! In September, the cost of a school dinner will be going up slightly to £2.50 (still £2 for Pre-School children), which is still a bargain price for a tasty and nutritious, home-cooked meal and dessert. Find our more [here](#).

Please note: If you have any outstanding payment for school dinners (or anything else), please check ParentPay and clear this before the end of term – thank you.



Useful Information & what's coming up

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Weds 7th Aug, Burntwood Park

Mon 12th Aug, Redwood Park

Weds 14th Aug, Burntwood Leisure Centre

Mon 19th Aug, Chase Terrace Park

Weds 21st Aug, Springhill Academy

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Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary

Tomorrow, Friday 19th July – NO SCHOOL UNIFORM
(except Year 6 who will have their leavers' presentation)

Friday 19th July – Last Day of Term



Wednesday 4th September – School opens – Welcome back!

Monday 9th September – Year 1 – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 11th September – Year 2 – Meet the Teacher

Thursday 12th September – Year 3 – Meet the Teacher

Monday 16th September – Year 4 – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 17th September – Year 5 – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 18th September – Year 6 – Meet the Teacher

Friday 27th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 4 Trip – Tamworth Castle

Friday 18th October – Year 5 Trip – Fire Station

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 25th October – Break up for Half Term

