



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

Welcome back to school! I can certainly say that we've hit the floor running: all our routines are in place and the learning environment is buzzing with excitement!

As always, we've got a packed term ahead of us. We've already had two school trips with more in the coming weeks. These trips are valuable and enriching experiences, which help our children develop key skills, broaden their horizons and create lasting memories. I'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of timely parental contributions so that our trips can go ahead and thank you for supporting us with these.

Our pupils' safety is of paramount importance, so please be mindful of parking near the school.

We're continuing with our building work in school and are looking forward to inviting parents into school for our MacMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September and Parents' Evenings at the end of October.



Stars of the week!

Aria Owen, Alice Todino, Rosie Breen, Polly Jagielski, Florence Turner, Alexander Marshall, Ella Scott, Evelyn Henaughan, Ava Green, Iris Corfield, Isaac Deane,

Iris Corfield, Isaac Deane, Ella Eaton, Luka Williams, Eva Field, Nathan Odejimi, Daisy Walters, Theo Thorpe, Freyja Critchley, Chester Castello, Evelyn Curry, Maya Iosipescu, Ollie Manning, Rex Smale, Charlotte Burley, Ethan Chadwick, Ollie Lyon, Charles Robinson, Lily Vale

Hettie Goldsmith, Poppy Gould, Sophia Smith-Hickman, Richie Nijjar, Cory Fleming, Emilee Hall-Williams, Emilie Rhodes, Olivia Odejimi, Tess Hollins, Orla Jones, William Kershaw, Jaxon-Lee Lemm, Louie Game, Isabelle Barratt, Eden Salt, Poppy Holmes, All of 6P and 6K

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.



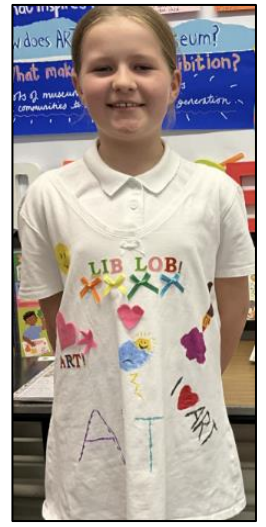
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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Our Art Shirts look great!

We are amazed at how many creative parents and grandparents we have here at Fulfen! We are seeing such amazing art shirts coming into school this term ready for our art lessons.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers: now your children can get creative and their art shirts can keep your little artists covered up! Do send an over-sized shirt in if you haven't already.



Three Years in a Row!

Fulfen has again achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for their commitment and engagement in the School Games.

We are very pleased with this award as it recognises our commitment to the development of competition across the school and the community.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 3 children get their new iPads!

Our latest batch of iPads have been set up! Our Year 3 children had a lovely morning carefully opening and setting up their new devices. These devices will stay with them until they reach Year 6 and support their learning in a multitude of ways. To find out more about how technology supports our curriculum visit our website [here](#).



Seesaw – keeping everyone in the loop

Parents of children in Years 1-6 should all be signed up to Seesaw. From the parent app, you can:

- View children's work;
- Like and comment on children's work;
- Message the class teacher if you need to let them know something about your child.



Research in the US has shown that children whose work on Seesaw have higher family engagement achieve higher English and Maths results. So get liking and commenting!

Seesaw can also give families a window into what children are doing at school on a day-to-day basis, so instead of:

Mum: What did you do at school today?

Child: Nothing

(we've all been there!)

You can start a meaningful conversation about one of their Seesaw pieces of work. This is just one way we can connect families with our classrooms.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Garden News!

During our first two weeks back in gardening club, we harvested all of our wonderful produce and, along with Chef Chris, we turned it into delicious vegetable soup with garlic mini loaves.



We were delighted with our giant onions! It is such a pleasure to see the children, plant, nurture, harvest and then produce beautiful edible dishes, it really gives them a sense of achievement.

This term we will be concentrating on putting the garden to “sleep” for the winter. We have a lot of tidying, gardening and pruning to do.



Our aim is to raise funds again not only for the upkeep of the chickens but also to raise some money for new garden tools and buy some binoculars for our viewing platform. It would be lovely for the children to watch the birds and animals that visit our school field, and get a close up look at them from the platform.

If anyone would like to sponsor a pair of binoculars then we would be looking for around £30.00 per set.

Please donate to the new 2024/2025 Fulfen Garden Fund on ParentPay.

Mrs Dimmack, Mrs Scott & Mrs Steele thank you for all your continued support.



Useful Information & what's coming up

NSPCCs Speak Out, Stay Safe Programme

Fulfen are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out, Stay safe* programme** this half term. ***Speak out, Stay safe*** is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child-friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer-led face-to-face workshops for children in Years 2, 5 and 6. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

Please let school know if your child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

Find out more about *Speak out, stay safe* [here](#).

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe:

<p>Parent/Carer support</p> <p>Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/parents</p>	<p>Activities to extend learning at home</p> <p>Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/activities</p>
<p>Online Safety Hub</p> <p>For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety</p>	<p>Childline – under 12's</p> <p>Childline website with advice, support, games and activities. Pupils can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to content.</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)</p> <p>www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)</p>
<p>Talk PANTS with your children</p> <p>Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at</p> <p>www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.</p>	

Useful Information & what's coming up

Important – keeping your children safe – PARKING!

Fulfen Primary School are working with Staffordshire County Council and Staffordshire Police to try and reduce the offenders who continually park illegally or without consideration outside our school.



The situation is becoming critical and we want at all costs to prevent an accident involving one of our pupils, parent or a member of the public.

During this term we will be implementing a number of initiatives to try and educate people to park in a safer and more respectable manner.

We hope that we can count on all of your support. We will be sending out a survey for parents on School Spider to get your views on parking and traffic safety near our school entrance – please keep your eye out for it to support us.

If you are unsure of the parking restriction outside our school, please follow this link to the Staffordshire Police website for [more information](#) by clicking on the Staffordshire Police image below:



Burntwood Memorial Parking

Did you know you can park at Burntwood Memorial Hall during term times?

5 Sessions per week per term	£15.00 Morning and Afternoon
Full Term	£30.00 Morning and Afternoon
Full Year	£75.00 Morning and afternoon

Please contact 01543 672763 or email: info@burntwoodinstitute.org for more information.



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Useful Information & what's coming up

School Spider App

If you haven't started using our app yet, we highly recommend that you do! The School Spider app allows you to:

- see our latest newsletters
- access our calendar of events
- receive messages directly to your mobile phone using push notifications (ensure notifications are turned on)
- book parents' evenings
- complete online surveys and forms for each child
- book extra-curricular clubs
- report an absence if your child is ill



Please note: If your child is absent from school due to a **medical appointment**, the office needs to see evidence of the appointment. If you wish to request a **holiday**, a 'leave of absence' form needs to be completed (at least 2 weeks in advance), which can be collected from the school office. Only absence due to illness should be reported on the app.

Find out more [here](#).

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 27th September 2024

WORLD'S BIGGEST
**COFFEE
MORNING**

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

Please bring in any shop bought cakes/cookies from Monday 23rd September and any homemade cakes from Thursday 26th 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 8:55am. Any remaining cakes will be available for children to purchase at break time too.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Rags2Riches Collection



The Rags2Riches team are collecting from Fulfen on **Wednesday 2nd October.**

By bringing in your good quality unwanted clothes and shoes, you will be helping others around the world as well as helping to raise money for our school funds.

Clean and reusable items that can be donated:



They cannot reuse the following items:



If you are unsure what to put in the bags, then STOP AND THINK - WOULD SOMEONE ELSE BUY & WEAR IT?

Fulfen gets 40p for every kilo of reusable items, so please bring your donations in from **Monday 30th September.**

School Photos

Our school photographer is in soon:

Tuesday 8th October – Individual photos



Tuesday 22nd October – Sibling photos – on this day, all the children who have siblings in school will have their pictures taken together and if parents want to bring in siblings from outside Fulfen they can do from 8.30am.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Earn Funds for Fulfen by shopping at Asda!

Parentkind and Asda have teamed up with Joe Wicks to raise money for schools. Every time you shop at Asda (including George) and use your Asda Rewards app up until 30th November, Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to your chosen Primary School.

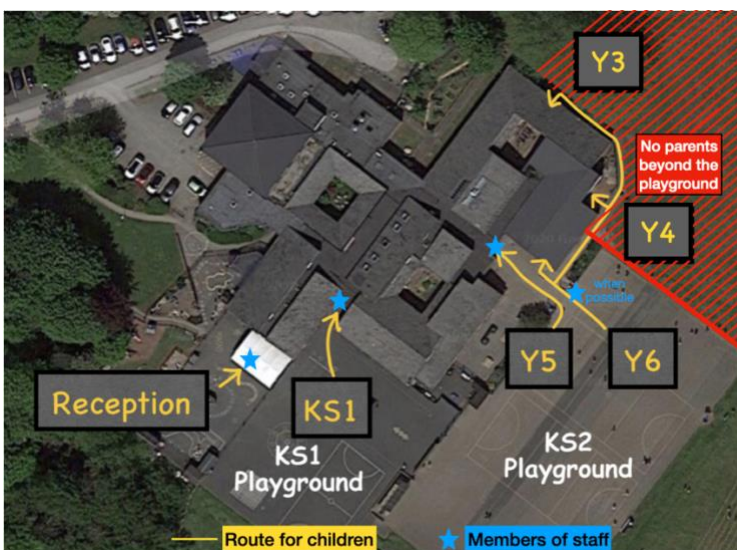


It's as easy as 1,2,3:

1. Download the Asda Rewards app
Register, opt into Cashpot for Schools and start filling your Cashpot as you shop.
2. Choose Fulfen Primary School
Nominate Fulfen as your chosen school.
3. Go shopping in Asda or George or online at [asda.com](https://www.asda.com)
Every time you shop, money will be donated to our school. You'll also build your own Asda Cashpot.

Please spread the word to family and friends – the more we all shop at Asda before the end of November, the more money our school will get!

Reminder on where to drop your child off in the morning:



When you drop your child off in the morning, can you please say your goodbyes on the playground (rather than the classroom door).

If you need to get a message to the class teacher, there is normally a member of staff on the main doors for EYFS or KS1 or by the gate on the KS2 playground or on the main door (where Year 5 enter the school for KS2 children).

You can always message the teacher on the Seesaw app and they will get back to you as soon as is practicably possible.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Key Stage 2 have the opportunity to make their own rock song!



On Wednesday 16th October, years 3-6 will take part in a workshop run by a company called ROCKTOPUS!

We want to add passion and enthusiasm to our school values. Pupils will be guided by Tom and Andy to create and choreograph an original song about our values.

Children will experience live music from two fantastic guitarists and create a unique music video, which will be posted on our school website and Facebook page. Tom and Andy have created over 800 original songs in schools and have even performed at Glastonbury. We hope you can appreciate what a wonderful experience this will be for the children.

In order to cover the cost of the workshop, we are kindly asking for a **£4** contribution per child, which you will find on ParentPay.

Please send children in PE kits on Wednesday 16th October.

We have a list of children who cannot go on Facebook, our newsletter or school website; however if you'd like to make an exception on this occasion, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Here is a link to the Rocktopus website:
<https://www.rocktopusmusic.com/>



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Fulfen Club offers holiday clubs too!

Not only does Fulfen Club offer before and after school club from 7:30am to 6pm on a daily basis throughout the term, we also run regular holiday clubs throughout the year to help working parents.

Our clubs are competitively priced and we always offer a huge range of exciting activities for the children. Here are our planned holiday clubs for this academic year (dependent on a minimum number of children signing up):

October Half Term

Holiday Club from 28th October to 1st November
(see next page for further details)

Christmas Holiday

Holiday Club closed

February Half Term

Holiday Club from 17th February to 21st February

Easter Holiday

Holiday Club from 14th April to 17th April
Holiday Club from 22nd April to 25th April

Whit week

Holiday Club from 27th May to 30th May
(closed Bank Holiday Monday)

Summer Holidays

Holiday Club from 22nd July to 22nd August
Weeks 1-5 (closed Monday 21st July - Inset Day)

To find out more about Fulfen Club, visit our [website](#).



Useful Information & what's coming up

Fulfen Club is open at half term – click on the flyer to book:

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**JOIN US FOR A SPOOKY
SPECTACULAR WEEK AT**

**FULFEN
HOLIDAY
CLUB**

**GAMES, CRAFTS, BAKING
AND A COSTUME BATTLE**

**28TH OCTOBER –
1ST NOVEMBER**

8:30AM – 3:30PM

**£28 PER FULL DAY
£126 FULL WEEK**

**PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH, A WATER
BOTTLE AND WATERPROOF JACKET.
A MORNING SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED**

Useful Information & what's coming up

Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal each school day.

Regardless of the age of your child, if you claim for 'Free School Meals', the school receives extra funding, which is used to help raise achievement levels.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, please [apply online here](#) as it will help our school, even if you don't want your child to have the meal.

You should apply for free school meals if you meet any of the below criteria:

- Income support;
- Income based job seekers allowance;
- Income related employment and support allowance;
- Eligible for Child Tax Credit, but not Working Tax Credit and the household income is not more than £16.190;
- The guarantee element of State Pension Credit;
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
- In receipt of the 4 week run on of working tax credit (this is where someone becomes unemployed or reduces their hours and so is no longer entitled to working tax credit but will continue to receive it for a further 4 weeks and is entitled to free meals during that time)
- Universal credit (provided you have an annual net earned household income of no more than £7,400 as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).

If you feel you might be eligible, and would like some help with your claim, please contact Mrs Steele in the school office on 01543 226070 or by emailing office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk



Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse Community drop in

Tuesday

Every Week
13.00-15.00



For parents/
carers of 5-19's
and young
people not in
education

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Lichfield Family Hub
Purcell Avenue
WS13 7PH

We provide a confidential and friendly service

www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing



Norton Canes High School



YEAR 7 ADMISSION OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Headteacher, Mrs Diggory, will speak at 5.30pm to introduce you to our school and talk about what we can do for your child.

To attend an open morning tour, please book a place on 01543 622600 or email reception@nortoncanes-high.staffs.sch.uk

Monday 30th September, Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd October
9:15am-11am (last tour 10:15am)

PRIDE | ACHIEVEMENT | RESPECT | KINDNESS | TEAMWORK



How to feed a Dragon Programme

Are you concerned about your child's diet/ eating habits?

We are inviting 10 families to participate in a new evidence-based fun food programme that supports your child to enjoy a wider variety of foods.



Starting
23RD SEPT

MONDAYS 4-4.45PM

**LICHFIELD FAMILY HUB
WS13 7PH**

WHAT'S INVOLVED :

- 8 x 45 minute sessions
- Story-based sensory food exploration for families with children aged 2-7yrs
- Non-judgmental family mealtime support

Sign up to the programme using the contact details below

info@mealtimesmatter.org
T: 07951514666

FREE

Children's 'How to feed a Dragon' Cooking Kit (for all families that attend)

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary



Monday 23rd September – Year 3 trip to Dudley Canal

Thursday 26th September – International Language Day

Friday 27th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

w/c 30th September – Rags2Riches collection

Wednesday 2nd October – Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle

Tuesday 8th October – Individual Photographs

Monday 14th October – Harvest Donations for Lichfield Foodbank
(including Harvest songs by some Key Stage 2 children)

w/c 14th October – Black History Week

Wednesday 16th October Rocktopus Song Creation – ***please pay £4 on ParentPay***

Friday 18th October – Y5 trip to Chase Terrace Fire Station

Tuesday 22nd October – Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evening

Thursday 24th October – Parents' Evening

Friday 25th October – Break up for HALF TERM

