



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

As we approach the end of the first half term, I am delighted with the learning environment in school right now with our children's enthusiasm for learning reflected in everything they do. This newsletter highlights some of the exciting activities that have taken place over the past few weeks, showcasing the creativity and work ethic of our children both in and out of the classroom.

There are some important safety messages in this issue and I would particularly like to remind all parents to be mindful of parking around the school. Ensuring a safe environment for our children is a shared responsibility, and your co-operation in this matter is greatly appreciated. There is a whole page dedicated to this in this issue of our newsletter.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and I hope you enjoy reading about everything that is going on here at Fulfen Primary School.



Love of Learning... Encouraging... Adaptable... Determination...

Stars of the week!

Charlotte Thompson, Oliver Coles, Dalton Meakin, Arya Birch, Finley Gittings, Amelia Harris, Tommy Blackmore, Elizabeth Lodge, Jesse Watson, Freddie Blackmore, Robyn Millard, Archie Watts, Jesse Rose, Emily Jagielski, Freddie Phillips, Ace Queensborough, Taylor Douglas, Joel Copper, Luca Irons, Jessica Swanwick, Harley Upton, Eleanor Jackson, Orlaith Doherty, Poppy Jones, Olivia Reid, Dante Ekee, Florence Turner, Alexander Marshall, Rosie Breen, Polly Jagielski

Paige Ranger, Lacey Cope, Fynn Pitcher, Holly Scandrett, Violet Beere, Hunter Smith, Jack Faircloth, Evie Gibson Collins, Harry Startin, Kayla Fiddler, Rosie Jennings, Amaiah Seedhouse, Ellie Hitchcock, Emily Heming, Jack Corbett, Marla Lewis, Amelia Adams, Jaxon Munday, Eve Hancox, Pippa Madeley, Orla Haigh, Riley Brookes, Max Clift, Paige Dixon, Harrison Upton, Evie Mullen, Freddie Webster, Finley Plimmer, Teddie Williams, Ava Stone, Matthew Jenkins, 4FH, Isabelle Kendrick, Tommy Holmes, Niall Jones, Skye Thomas,

Noah Doherty, Evie-Lou Poxon, All of 4S, Chloe Warner, Zachary Smith, Isabelle Jones, Katherine Fountain, Luca Bott, Emilia Wright, Cory Fleming, Mason Capewell, Jessica Fisher, Zack Jagielski, Jake Hathaway-Osborne, Thea Bynt, David Stefan, Oliver Jarvis, Jessica Barratt, Milly Scandrett, Louis Lovatt, Evie Dixon, Max Hall, Roman Polyviou, Rosie Witcomb, Isla Davis, Lawson Bird, Jemima Budge, Gethin Smith, Holly Newman, Freya Spears, Jessica Sullivan, Riley Pickering, Libby Cullen, Sophia O'Mara

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

Garden Update

We have been busy in garden club so far this term. We have planted onions and garlic ready for next year, planted salad and rocket seeds in our new polytunnel and made beautiful hedgehog houses like this one. Hopefully we'll get some visitors!



This week we went on a lovely walk to Strawberry Fields in Coulters Lane, who kindly stayed open for us. We all had hot chocolate, marshmallows and the most amazing donuts and muffins.



To end our year, we have put manure onto our allotment plots and will be carving pumpkins.

Thank you to all the parents and the staff in the office who have continued to support us this year. If you still wish to donate, you can do on ParentPay under 'Garden Fund' – every little helps!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

NSPCC - Speak out Stay Safe

Over the last couple of weeks, all children have been taking part in a series of assemblies and follow-up sessions talking about who to speak to if they are worried.

Here are some of our Year 2 children in one of the workshops.



Harvest

Thank you to all the families who have donated food for our Harvest Collection. The children have been enjoying singing their Harvest songs and are looking forward to their Harvest assembly tomorrow, where all the pupils will get together to think about the food that the earth provides for us. Listen to our Harvest songs:



[HARVEST SAMBA](#)

[CAULIFLOWERS FLUFFY](#)

'ARTober' is in full swing!

If you haven't already, take a look in your creative class in Seesaw and join in the fun! There's a spooktacular challenge for every day in October. Look at these amazing drawings so far!



ARTober 

Complete one spooky drawing a day for the entire month of October.

Collect a blank calendar from Mrs Artcraft

	1 A Ghost	2 A Cobweb	3 A Witch	4 candles	5 A spider	6 A scarecrow
7 Pumpkins	8 A Witch's hat	9 skeleton	10 A spooky tree	11 A Witch's Cat	12 autumn leaves	13 A Haunted house
14 A Vampire	15 A Bat	16 The Moon	17 A monster	18 A different pumpkin	19 A Cauldron	20 A Witch's Broom stick
21 A Raven	22 A Spooky	23 A Scall	24 A Wizard	25 A Trick	26 A Halloween	27 A different



Celebrations - what we've been up to

LingoTots Language Experience

Miss Pretty and a select group of children took part in a language day led by LingoTots held at Hednesford football club.

They were exposed to Spanish, French, German, Russian... amongst many other languages! They learnt songs, animal names, matching flags to the country and were able to create some keepsakes to remember the event. The group of children did the school proud and are so enthusiastic about languages following this event.

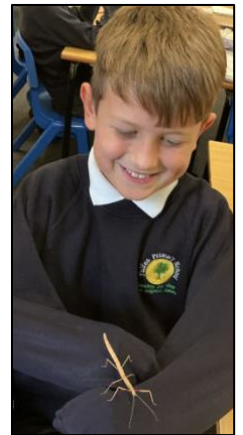


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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 5 have had an unusual visitor...

Miss Morgan took some stick insects into school so the class could meet them! The children loved holding them and watching them move. They learned about how they dance rather than stand still to make them look even more like sticks swaying in the breeze. What fantastic camouflage!



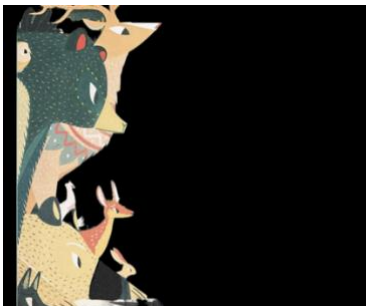
Did you know?

Parts of our newsletter are interactive! Try tapping on the images below to watch the videos!



Year 5 – Getting into Character

In their reading lessons, Year 5 have been working on the book “The Journey” by Francesca Sanna. They have created these lovely videos showing that they can infer what the characters are feeling from different parts of an image at a certain point in the story. Take a minute to see what they think:



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 3 Trip to Dudley Canal!



Year 3 had a fabulous time at Dudley Canal Trust exploring the underground world dating back to 428 million years. Along our journey through the tunnels and caverns, they experienced a sound and light show, commentary from an experienced skipper and took part in a Rocks and Fossils workshop which links to their current science topic.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Music in Motion Visit

Music in Motion came from Queenscroft School on Friday to present some signing and singing to years 1 to 4.

The children really enjoyed learning to sing and sign the song "you've got a friend in me." We're looking forward to inviting them to visit us again!



MacMillan Success!

What a lovely morning we had sharing cakes and coffee. We raised a whopping £521.79 from the event. Thank you to everyone who brought in or baked cakes – they were yummy - and for the donations made on the day.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

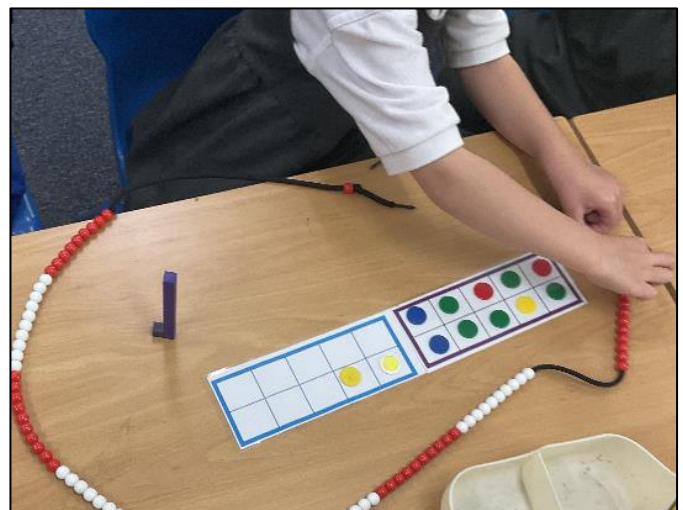
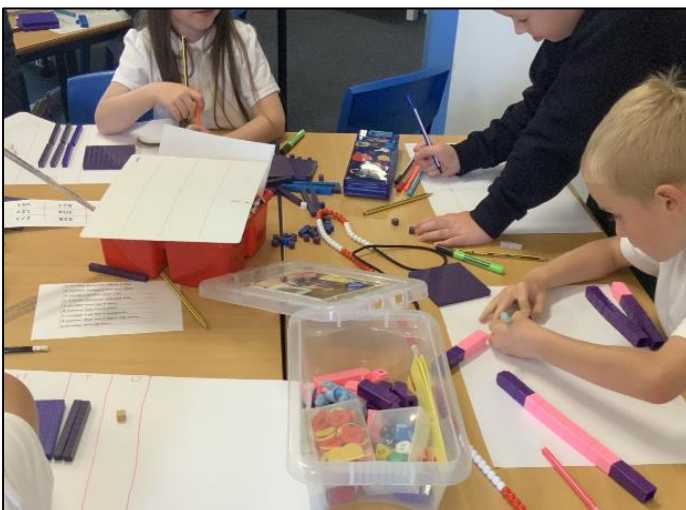
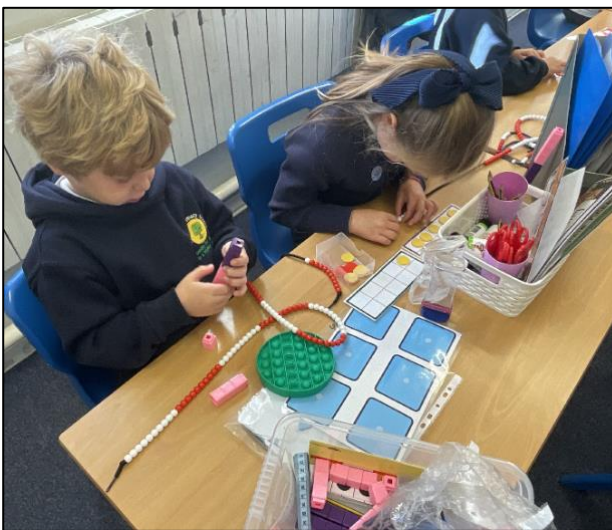
Maths Focus – Discovery Days!

Concrete resources are physical manipulatives that we utilise to help all children understand mathematical concepts. We have recently introduced our brand new 'Discovery Days' in maths, which focus on exploring new mathematical concepts through the use of concrete resources whilst introducing key topic vocabulary to the children.

Classes have thoroughly enjoyed getting 'hands on' in these sessions and our teachers have been impressed with the quality of the 'maths talk' as the children have explored the resources. Here's what the children think:

Iris: "Discovery Days are fun because we can work with our partners and use lots of resources."

Ella: "I enjoyed our Discovery Day because it was fun for our first maths lesson."



Useful Information & what's coming up

Pre-loved items of School Uniform

We have a range of pre-loved school uniform and clothing that is available to purchase from the school office for a small donation.

These will be put out during Parents' evening (Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th) and on Friday 25th straight after school.

All money will go into school fund, which will be spent directly on our pupils. We are asking for donations of £1 minimum in cash per item.



Please ensure that your child attends school in the [correct uniform](#) and that it is all labelled so any lost items can quickly find their owners again.

Reminder – for you children's safety!

Can we please remind parents that when collecting children from school, the play equipment for our Early Years children is not to be used by pupils on their way out of school or by younger siblings while they are waiting to collect.



This is a busy time of day and for everyone's safety, the use of balls and bikes is not permitted. Thank you for your support with this.



Useful Information & what's coming up

National Times Tables Competition!

Between 12th – 14th November, Fulfen are taking part in the national Times Table Rock Stars competition 'England Rocks'.



Year 3 upwards are enrolled to participate and pupils earn points for their class by correctly answering questions in any game mode between the hours of 7:30am and 7:30pm. Children are limited to an hour of game time per day. The class with the highest average of questions answers correctly over the three day period will be our Fulfen champions. I wonder if we will make it on to the national leader board?

Fulfen Club Half-Term Holiday Club!

Not only do we run our incredibly popular before and after school club sessions, we are putting on a spook-tacular week of activities over half term. Click on the image to [book your child's place](#). Please book before Friday 18th October.



**FULFEN
HOLIDAY
CLUB**



	Monday 28th October	Tuesday 29 th October	Wednesday 30 th October	Thursday 31 st October	Friday 1 st November
8:30pm-9:30pm	Free choice stations Including creative table, painting, sand, water, roleplay area, construction, modelling station and more!				
9:30pm-10:30pm	Design and make your own Halloween crown	Decorating cupcakes with spooky decorative icing & sprinkles	Halloween craft morning	Ghostly marshmallow creations	Pumpkin decorating
10:30pm-11:00pm	Snack & chill time				
11:00pm-12:00pm	Outside play including a variety of sports equipment	Outside play including a variety of sports equipment	Outside play including a variety of sports equipment	Outside Play including a variety of sports equipment	Outside play including a variety of sports equipment
12:00pm-1:00pm	Lunch & busy box time				
1:00 pm-2:45pm	Free choice stations Including super Halloween themed activities - creative table, painting, roleplay area, construction, modelling station & outdoor play.	Free choice stations Including super Halloween themed activities - creative table, painting, roleplay area, construction, modelling station & outdoor play.	Free choice stations Including super Halloween themed activities - creative table, painting, roleplay area, construction, modelling station & outdoor play.	Halloween party fun Games, disco, fancy dress parade	Free choice stations Spook-tastic themed film (child friendly (U)) With yummy treats.
2:45pm-3:30pm	Snack and wind down for the end of the day.				

To see what else Club has on offer, visit our [page](#) on the school website.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Feel Good Friday

Children are already looking forward to our first Feel Good Friday on 25th October! All children (except Year 6) are invited to wear non-school uniform on this day. Year 6 should come to school in their Fulfen PE kits. This last day of the half term will be dedicated to improving mental health and we have a wealth of activities going on:

EYFS will be getting creative with activities based on the book "My Many Coloured Days" by Dr Seuss.

Year 1 and 2 will be reading "The Mixed-Up Chameleon" by Eric Carle and completing mindful activities.

Year 3 are having a visit from Child in Action, who will be delivering a workshop to the children.

Year 4 will be focusing on the Well-being Playlist with a host of mindful activities.

Year 5 will be visited by Mindful Movement and will be taking part in a yoga session (please dress appropriately for this).

Year 6 (in PE kits) are going to Chase Terrace Academy to take part in art and PE lessons following a mental health theme. During their visit, they will have the opportunity to speak to Year 7 children about their Year 6 experiences and their transition to high school. These children will also need a packed lunch for this day.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Online Safety Focus – in-game Chats

Many children play online video games and many of these games have a chat function, which can create some concerns about online safety and the people that our children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT



There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

DANGER OF GROOMING



It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

What can you do?

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT



In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS



If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY



Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Scoot (or Walk) to School Week

W/c October 21st, children can come to school on their scooters, skateboards, roller boots or any other wheels. There will be a designated area for the children to put their scooters and everyone that joins in walking or scooting, will receive stickers – if they get all 5 stickers, they will receive a prize! **Look out for your child's passport, which will be sent home on Friday.** Children should add their name to their passport and have it with them as they arrive at the school gate each morning.

Fulfen Primary School have joined with Staffordshire County Councils Active & Sustainable School Travel Programme

The benefits of walking, cycling and scooting the journey to school are well known. Pupils who travel actively will arrive brighter and more alert, ready for learning as well as generally happier.

Children will be discussing how they travel to school during their lessons this week and the benefits of alternative travel.

Game on! Games to make every school journey an adventure:

Health and physical activity
for children and young people (5-18 years)

Be physically active and spread activity throughout the day. All activities should make you breathe faster and feel warmer. Include muscle and bone strengthening activities 3 times per week.

Builds confidence & social skills	Strengthens muscles & bones
Develops coordination	Improves health & fitness
Improves sleep	Maintains healthy weight
Improves concentration & learning	Makes you feel good

Aim for at least 60 minutes everyday.

Sit less. Move more

- iSpy - See if you spot an object that begins with each letter of the alphabet, taking in turns with your friends/family!
- Scavenger hunt - Create a shortlist of things your children need to look for on their journey. The one that spots most wins!
- Nature sleuth - Nature is all around no matter where you live. So, how many cats did you see? Which bird is loudest?
- Arrange to meet and travel with friends.
- Video your walk to school to share with your friends, maybe even have a suitable camera attached to your scooter.
- Take time to chat about the day or things you have to look forward to at the weekend.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Extra-Curricular clubs coming up!

We aim to provide a wide range of extra-curricular clubs throughout the year. After half term, we are offering:

Monday 3:30-4:30pm	Key Stage 2	Dance Club
Monday 3:30-4:30pm	Years 1 & 2	Fitness
Tuesday 3:30-4:30pm	Years 3 & 4	Fitness
Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm	Years 5 & 6	Fitness
Wednesday 3:30-4:30pm	Years 3, 4 & 5	Board Games
Thursday 3:30-4:30pm	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Yoga

There are a limited number of spaces left for the Wednesday after school clubs (Y5/6 Fitness and Board Games). If your child is interested, please email the school office.



KS2 Lunchtime Football Club

Each lunchtime, Mr Gill will be leading a lunchtime club.

These lunchtime activities do not need to be booked, children can just turn up at 1pm.

Bringing trainers to change into is a good idea.

Monday 1pm-1:25pm	Y3 boys and girls	Football / Football Skills
Tuesday 1pm-1:25pm	Y4 boys and girls	Football / Football Skills
Wednesday 1pm-1:25pm	Y5/6 girls	Football / Football Skills
Thursday 1pm-1:25pm	Y5 boys	Football / Football Skills
Friday 1pm-1:25pm	Y6 boys	Football / Football Skills

Parking Near School – Important Messages

We appreciate that people are busy, but careless parking **causes danger to our pupils and parents** during the busy drop-off and pick-up times at school.



Some reminders of safety tips at these times:

- Allow yourself plenty of time as the area is likely to be busy.
- Do not park on yellow zigzag lines and avoid parking opposite them.
- If you decide to park further away, please be considerate of local residents and avoid blocking driveways or access ways.
- Please do not drop your children out of your car directly onto the road, park and make sure they are safe.
- Always cross at the crossing and not in between parked cars.

Someone parking on your driveway

If someone parks their vehicle on your driveway without your permission, this is trespassing. This is a civil dispute and not something we can help you with. If it happens repeatedly with the same person / vehicle you might want to seek advice from [Citizens Advice](#) or a solicitor, but we would always recommend having a polite word with the driver first, as there may have been a simple misunderstanding.

Someone blocking your driveway

If someone has blocked your driveway so you can't drive in, we appreciate this can be very frustrating. If you can find the owner of the vehicle, we'd first recommend asking them politely to move it. If you can't find them, try leaving a note on their windscreen. After all, they may not realise they have caused a problem.

If this doesn't work, please contact your [local council](#).

If a person has blocked your driveway and is preventing you from getting your own vehicle out, the police may be able to help. You can [report antisocial behaviour online](#).

Illegal parking

If the vehicle is parked on zig zag lines, dangerously or in a way that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing, [you can report these to Staffordshire Police](#).

If the vehicle is parked:

- over a dropped kerb
- on a pedestrian crossing (including the area marked by the zig-zag lines)
- in spaces reserved for Blue Badge holders, residents or motorbikes (unless entitled to do so)
- in marked taxi bays, cycle lanes or red lines
- near a school entrance, bus or tram stop

Please *also* report it to your [local council](#).

Useful Information & what's coming up

Hot Water Bottle Danger!



Following an increase in severe burns due to old hot water bottles being used as the weather is getting colder, we feel we should share the latest advice. Do you know how old your hot water bottle is? If it's older than 2 years, it should be replaced and you should NEVER put boiling water in a hot water bottle. In an attempt to get cosy, you could inadvertently cause serious injury if the bottle splits. Further information [here](#).

Date for your Dairy – School Disco!

Our first disco of this academic year is on Wednesday 11th December:

Y1 and Y2 5:00-5:45

Y3 and Y4 6:15-7:00

Y5 and Y6 7:15-8:00

More information on how to get tickets nearer the time!

Did you realise how many things you can recycle?

We can all help to reduce our carbon footprint by recycling more. Literally anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled.

Our closest recycling centres are on the Ring Road, Chase Terrace, WS7 3JQ or Witley Drive in Lichfield, WS13 6EU.

Visit [this website](#) to find out more about what can be recycled and where.





KARATE CLASSES

ERASMUS DARWIN ACADEMY | DANCE STUDIO

POOL LANE, BURNTWOOD - WS7 3QW



MONDAYS

Beginners: 17:45 - 18:45



INSTRUCTOR

All classes will be taught by
United Atlantic Karate (UAK)
Instructor, Referee and
Previous World Champion.
Sensei Michael Bond.

CLASS INFORMATION

Kids ages 5+ and adults are welcome.
Come along wearing comfortable clothing.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

No need to register, just turn up!
Pay cash per class or use the option to pay
online at theuak.com

**FIRST LESSON
FREE OF CHARGE**

For more information on UAK,
visit theuak.com or email
uakmichael@gmail.com.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 16th October Rocktopus Song Creation – ***please pay £4 on ParentPay if you haven't already – this amazing event needs to be supported by parents!***

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

w/c 21st October – Walk To School Week!

Monday 21st October – Y5/6 Girls' Football Tournament at EDA

Monday 21st October – Y3 Stone Age Day

Tuesday 22nd October – Sibling Photographs

Wednesday 23rd October – Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm

Book parents' evenings in the School Spider app

Thursday 24th October – Parents' Evening 4:45-7:30pm

Friday 25th October – Feel Good Friday

Friday 25th October – Break up for HALF TERM

Monday 11th November – Football Tournament in Lichfield

Wednesday 13th November – Packington Farm to visit EYFS

Tuesday 19th November – Reception Open Day 9:30-11am

Monday 25th November – Dance Days French Workshop Y5/6

Thursday 5th December – Rudolph Run

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner

