



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful and restful Christmas break. It's fantastic to see all the children back in school, full of energy and enthusiasm for the term ahead.

Please take time to look at some of the reminders in the second half of our newsletter as there are some important things to remember.

We have an exciting few weeks planned, with plenty of opportunities for the children to engage, learn and thrive. From new topics in the classroom to special activities and events, there is so much to look forward to this term.

We are also looking forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Parents' Evening in the week before February half-term. It's always a pleasure to share the progress your children are making and celebrate their hard work and achievements together.

Here's to a productive and inspiring start to the year.



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# Stars of the week!

Regan Haigh, Nika Oleinic,  
Arthur Adams Clarke,  
Lainey McDaid, Chizaram  
Nduka, Ava Aydi , Lainey  
McDaid, Ava Green,  
Evelyn Henaughan Bonnie  
Witts, Jessica Swanwick,  
Oliver Bradbury, Oliver  
Brindley,

Harmony Powis, Elana  
Woodhouse, Violet Beere,  
Jude Keogh, Evie Gibson  
Collins, Harry Sprason,  
Charlotte Pearce, Chester  
Rogers, Emily Watton ,  
Henry Robert's, Freyja  
Critchley, Oliver Ward,  
Paige Dixon, Megan Smith,  
Freddie Yeates, Esmae  
Gorman,

Holly Collinge, Isabelle  
Kendrick, Sky Webster,  
Lottie Lightfoot, Chloe  
Warner, 5G, Holly  
Newman, Jessica Watson,  
Katherine Fountain, Olivia  
Odejimi, Jessica Fisher,  
Callum Tweddle, Skyler  
Cockayne, Nolan Lloyd,  
Freddie Irons, Macy  
Tunnicliff

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...

## Attendance Heroes!

Watch this space!

We will be announcing our weekly and half-termly winners in this spot in each edition of the newsletter!



Find out more about our exciting attendance initiative later in the newsletter.



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Be kind to yourself!

Children in year 1 have written positive affirmations about themselves. Here are just a few:



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## Desert Island Dreams!

Children in Year 4 have started their writing unit based on Michael Morpurgo's *Kensuke's Kingdom*. They had to imagine what they would want to take with them to a desert island if they were stranded. Watch these videos to find out what they would take with them.



These videos are so much fun!  
What would you take with you to a desert island?



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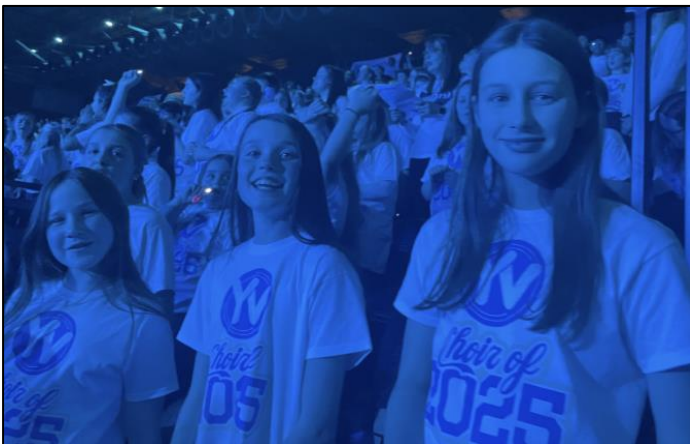
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## Young Voices 2025!

We had an amazing time at Young Voices in Birmingham last week. We sang as part of a massed choir of 5,600 pupils from across the country. We were so proud of each and every member of the Fulfen YV Choir. They sang and danced their hearts out all day and were a credit to the school.



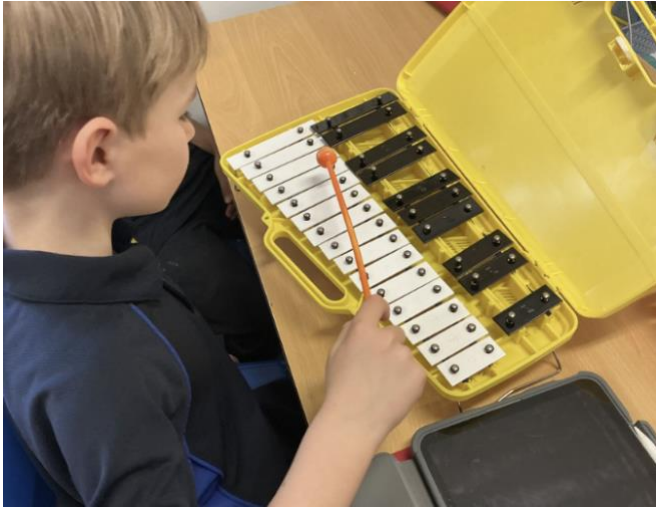
Click on the image on the left to see a video that captures the exciting atmosphere there.



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## There's music in the air!

30 are having lots of fun in music lessons learning about pentatonic melodies using glockenspiels linking to the theme Chinese New Year.



## Chicken News

The chickens have had a lovely couple of weeks' holiday and are now back at home in our school grounds.



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## Lunchtimes are Levelling Up!

Mr Gill and Mrs Owen have been working hard behind the scenes to make lunchtimes more engaging and enjoyable for all our children. Their goal is to keep everyone entertained while also promoting inclusive and active play.

One exciting initiative is teaching children a range of playground games and showing them how to use equipment in fun and creative ways. Earlier this week, we welcomed Zoe from Accelerate Learning Services, who worked with pupils across the school, showing them a range of fun games. The children had a blast learning different skipping games with long ropes, improving their coordination and teamwork; tag games like Hospital Tag and Zoo Tag, which kept everyone moving; and lots of small group games, including Pacman, Elephant Ball, The Floor is Lava and even a giant game of Rock, Paper, Scissors!

A huge well done to our KS2 sports ambassadors, who did an amazing job supporting Zoe and helping younger pupils get involved.

We're excited to continue building on these efforts and look forward to seeing our playground buzzing with activity every day!



I want to play the Secret Word game at playtime tomorrow!

Evie



The jumping game was fun, but challenging at the same time!

Arthur



It was really fun! I enjoyed the giant golden rope game and the hospital tag game.

Evelyn



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Y5 Perform Poetry!

In their reading lessons, year 5 children have been learning to perform poetry with expression and intonation. Here are a few videos of performances of Ooshus Magooshus by David, Jayden and Freya:



## Did you know?

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



## Swimming Lessons are on!

Class 5M have started their swimming lessons and are having a splashing good time! Not only are these children improving their fitness, strength and co-ordination while also enriching their well-being and confidence in the water, they are also learning potentially vital life-saving skills. It is our aim to ensure that all children will be able to swim 25 metres confidently before they leave Fulfen.



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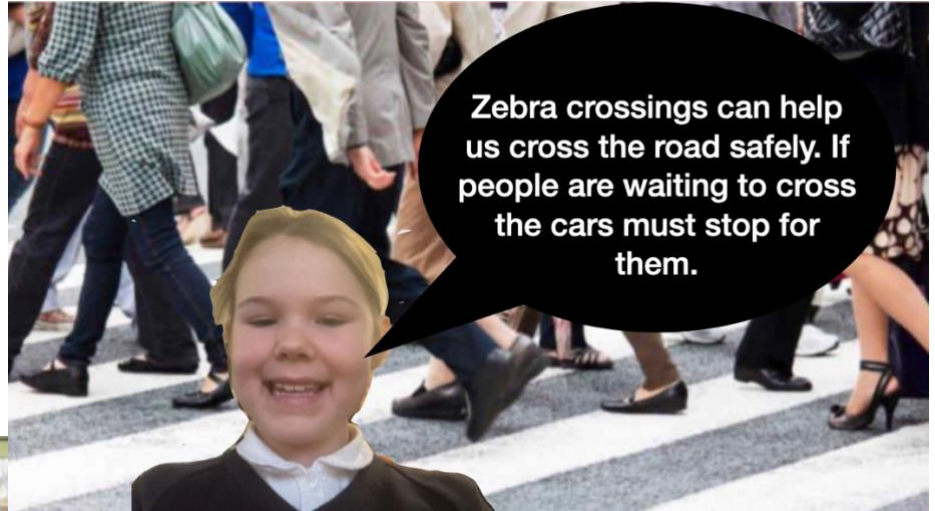


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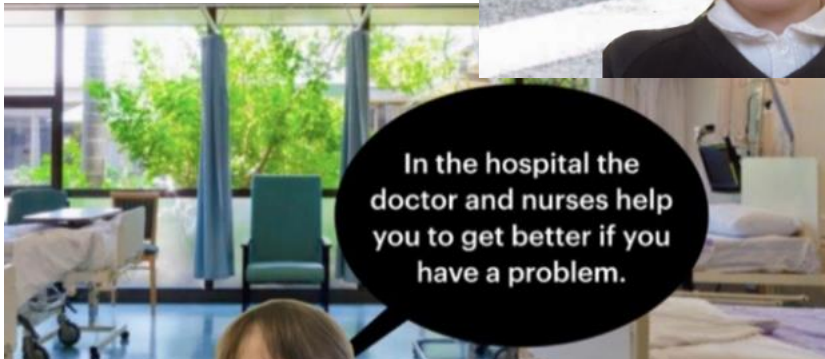
## What helps us stay safe?

As part of their PSHE lessons, year 3 children have been identifying key people who are responsible to help them stay safe and healthy. Take a look at this page for some top tips!

**STAY  
SAFE!**



Zebra crossings can help us cross the road safely. If people are waiting to cross the cars must stop for them.



In the hospital the doctor and nurses help you to get better if you have a problem.

**STAY  
SAFE!**



Adults help you cook and supervise you so you don't get hurt when you're cooking.

**STAY  
SAFE!**



If you go swimming then a lifeguard is there to help in case you drown or if you have a swimming lesson.

**STAY  
SAFE!**

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Attendance – our Little Heroes Campaign!

As you know, we take attendance very seriously! Regular attendance at school has such a positive impact on children – not just with their education, but also their social skills, self-esteem and it also enables them to have better opportunities to achieve their potential.

We are running our Little Heroes campaign to encourage regular attendance with a strong focus on emotional health support.

Can you be:



Every week, the Class Attendance winners will be awarded our coveted attendance trophy along with their class rosette and each child in the class will have earned a sticker to celebrate their success.

But that's not all...

At the end of each half term, the overall winning class will receive a chocolate prize, a superhero-themed class photo (complete with awesome hero masks!), and a special certificate to mark their amazing achievement!

And the biggest reward of all? If the whole school smashes our target of 97% attendance, then everyone will enjoy a fantastic school-wide treat in the summer term.

Let's do this –  
every day counts!



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Don't forget to order your child's school meal!

We would like to remind all families of the importance of booking school meals in advance. To ensure we can provide nutritious meals efficiently and reduce food waste, please remember to place your orders by the night before. You also have the option to book meals several weeks in advance.

Starting next week, if a hot meal has not been ordered in time, your child will be served a jacket potato with a filling.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us manage our meal provision effectively. If you have any questions or need assistance with booking, please contact the school office.

## Parking in our Car Park

Please can we remind parents that you are not permitted through the school barrier during the hours of 8.15am until 4.45pm.



The only exceptions are parents with a car park badge and parents we have asked to come down to collect a sick child. **Thank you**

## Think Before You Book Medical Appointments

As you know, we are prioritising attendance this year. Please remember that while medical appointments are authorised, they do impact your child's attendance record.



To minimise this, we ask that routine appointments be scheduled before or after school, or during the 13 weeks of holidays. However, we understand that some appointments are unavoidable.

Evidence of appointments in school time will be required; without it, absences will be unauthorised.

If you need support, please contact us at 01543 226070.

# Useful Information & what's coming up

**Know anyone who might want a Pre-School place?**

Click on the poster to book to attend our open day:



**Tuesday 4th  
March 2025  
9:30am - 10:30am**

## PRE-SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Was your child born between  
1st Sept 2021 - 31st Aug 2022?  
Are you looking for a Pre-  
School place for your child in  
September?

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 2025

If you are interested  
in attending, please  
follow the link to  
complete the  
Microsoft form  
<https://forms.office.com/e/qVTd6XDcuA>

**Ofsted  
Outstanding**

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www.fulfen.staffs.sch.uk

The poster features five circular images: a child in a black winter coat holding sticks, a child cutting a green leaf, a child in a blue jacket playing with water in a blue tub, a child holding a drawing of a landscape, and a group of children painting on a white surface.

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Be aware of online scams!

Better Internet for Kids (BIK) have put together a really useful guide in relation to games, ads and scams. Click on the image below to find out more from the really useful guide they have put together:

## Be wise – outsmart online ads and traps!



Discover the hidden costs of 'free' platforms



Beware of marketing traps



Know your rights online

## Free Webinar by Internet Matters

This online webinar run by Internet Matters might be of interest for some parents.

If your child is neurodivergent and enjoys gaming, then this is worth looking at.

It's a free webinar and registration is required. You can book a place [here](#) if you're interested.



## Game on: Supporting neurodivergent children in the online world

Free webinar for parents  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
7.30 – 8.30pm

Presented by: **ROBLOX**

 **Ambitious about Autism**

 **internet matters.org**



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Home Time – Polite Reminder

We kindly remind all parents and carers of the importance of leaving the school grounds promptly at the end of the school day once classes have been dismissed.

Recently, we have noticed an increasing number of parents stopping to chat within the school grounds while children continue to play. While we understand that school pick-up time can be a great opportunity to catch up with friends, we kindly ask that these conversations take place outside the school premises.

Ensuring a swift departure helps us to maintain a safe and orderly environment for all. It also allows our staff to complete their end-of-day duties efficiently and prepares the school grounds for after-school activities and maintenance.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us create a safe and smooth transition at the end of the school day.

Thank you for your understanding.

## Would you like to volunteer to help in the community?

Volunteering can be incredibly rewarding and if you have a couple of hours spare a month, this might be worth looking into. You can apply by clicking on the image.

Change Grow Live are looking for volunteers across Staffordshire.



**Make a difference**  
as a volunteer Independent Visitor

- If you'd like to support a young person in foster care in your area, we would love to hear from you.
- As a volunteer Independent Visitor you'll meet with a young person each month.
- You'll become a positive and encouraging role model in the life of a young person.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January – 5pm – Y6 meeting for parents (SATs and Paris)

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Cadet sessions with Year 6

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y5/6 Athletics

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening 4:45-7:30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Pre-School "Play and Stay" (am)

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – 5:30pm – Phonics meeting for Parents

w/c 24<sup>th</sup> February – Cadet sessions with Year 6

w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Women's History Week

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30am – Pre-School Open Morning

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

