



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

Here we are at half term already! The school year is certainly flying by. This week's newsletter has several reminders in, so do please check those out and, in particular, the World Book Day events that are coming up after half term. I'm looking forward to seeing some of your book-inspired creations that you make over half term!

Looking ahead, we will be repeating our walk/scoot to school week and, over half term, we are having some 'scooter pods' installed by the school gate so that scooters can be parked securely.

As always, I want to take a moment to thank our wonderful staff, parents, and pupils for their hard work and enthusiasm this term. It's been fantastic to see the children embracing their learning, whether in the classroom or through our enrichment activities.

I hope everyone enjoys a well-earned break over half term and comes back refreshed and ready for the exciting opportunities ahead!



Stars of the week!

Eve Ludlow, Florence Worrall, Jude Beeston, Erin Appleton, Sammy Ricketts, Whole class, Freddie Blackmore, Kailen Keay, Avery King, Lola Johnson, Whole class, Jack Faircloth, Iris Corfield, Harvey Harrington, Sam Mok, Harvey Harrington, Sam Mok, Amaiah Seedhouse, Lucy Young, Ellis Leighton, Isabella Ward, Rex Smale,

Marla Lewis, Amelia Adams, Harriet Cooper, Orla Haigh, Max Clift, Max Clift, Orla Haigh,, Paige Dixon, Pippa Madeley, , Arthur Derry, Leo Goodall, Rose Meunier, Evie-Leigh Hunt, Jaxon Wright, Oliver Jackson, Grace Wright, Ginny Keogh, Alfie Harris, Isabelle Edwards, Alfie Benton, Lillie-Rose Owen,

Jesse Appleton, Vinnie Williams, Sarayah Dingle, Luca Bott, Oscar James, Jayden O'Mara, Nolan Lloyd, Thomas Heming, Tess Hollins, Thomas Heming, Tess Hollins, Thea Bynt, Oliver Jarvis, Cameron Jenkins, Toby Rock, Max Mudhir, Sofia Jackson, Skylar Johnson-Cashmore, Florence Watson, Jacob Gilbert, Alfie Compton

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!

24th January – 30



31st January – 2FH – 99.3%



7th February – 4S – 100%



Are you an Attendance Hero?

**HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME**



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

PE at Fulfen – Spring Term

Wow! Well, haven't the children been busy in PE. Take a look at what we've been up to over the last half term ...

Gymnastics



Balance



Teamwork



Encouragement



Sequence



Agility



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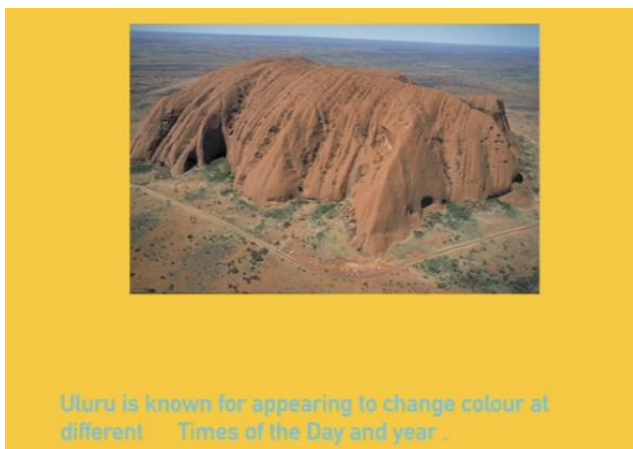
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Year 2 – Geography Videos

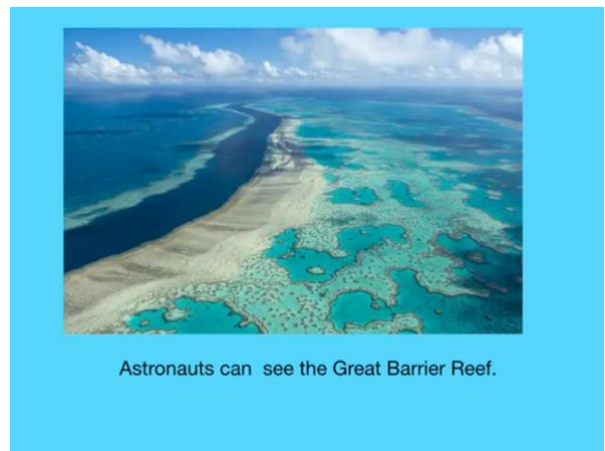
Our year 2 children have been very busy! After and comparing Australia to the UK and then learning about Uluru and the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, they have made these amazing videos comparing the two famous physical features on the other side of the earth. Click on the images to watch the videos created by Elsie, Fynn, Florence and Evie & Freddie:



Astronauts can see the Great Barrier Reef from the moon



Uluru is known for appearing to change colour at different Times of the Day and year .



Astronauts can see the Great Barrier Reef.



Did you know?

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



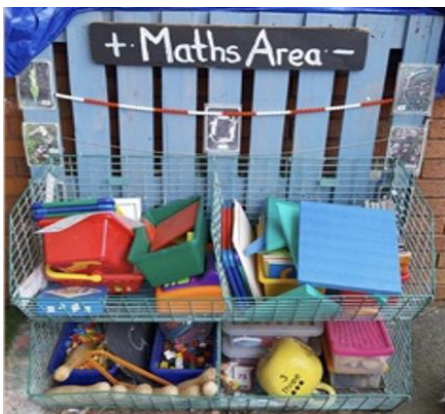
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EYFS Focus – where our young LEADers take root!

At Fulfen, we believe every child deserves the very best start to their education. That's why our dedicated Early Years team goes above and beyond to create a nurturing, engaging and inspiring environment where children can thrive.

Our purpose-built setting is designed to spark curiosity and a love for learning. Children don't just sit and listen—they actively explore, investigate, and make choices about their learning through play. Whether they're constructing in the outdoor area, discovering nature in Forest School, or developing skills in PE, every day is packed with exciting opportunities tailored to their needs and interests.



Recently, we've been busy relocating our Pre-School 2 classroom to make our space even more inviting and accessible. Our weekly Forest School sessions help children build confidence, resilience, and essential life skills, while PE lessons develop physical ability, problem-solving, and teamwork. These carefully planned experiences ensure our children grow into independent, capable learners with a strong foundation for the future.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

EYFS Focus continued...

We believe learning extends beyond the classroom, which is why parents play a crucial role. Our 'Active Bags' and 'Reading Buddies' bring learning home, creating special moments between children and their families.



At our school, Early Years isn't just a phase—it's the foundation of a lifelong learning adventure; after all, the most extraordinary journeys start with these first small steps.



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Sports News

This week, some of our upper KS2 children attended an athletics tournament at Chase Terrace Academy.

Wow! We are so proud of these children participating in today's athletics tournament. They excelled in soft javelin, standing high and long jump, plus thrilling relay races.



Goodbye Miss Ryan, Hello Mrs Kellett!

We wish Miss Ryan all the very best as she finishes for her maternity leave on Friday. She will be missed by all the children and staff, but we're sure she'll soon have her hands full when her little bundle of joy arrives.



Meanwhile, we welcome Mrs Kellett into year 1. She is a very experienced Key Stage 1 teacher and will be a great addition to our team.



Mrs Kellett has already met the children and is spending quite a bit of time with them this week to get to know them and ensure a smooth transition. She's really looking forward to all the exciting things they are going to be learning about after half term!



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Year 3 Focus – Volcano News Reports!

MASSIVE ERUPTION

25 August, reported by Emily

Yesterday evening on the 24th August 79CE, Mount Vesuvius erupted. People were suffocated by all the ash falling from the sky. Over 2000 people died and 200 people survived. By the ash the whole city of Pompeii was covered and destroyed by boulders rowing everywhere, lava eating buildings and people grabbing all their belongings and running for their lives.



Explodes like fireworks

Before the enormous disaster people were going around their day to day lives. Then 1pm a tremor happened. There had been tremors before so people didn't worry about it. But then 2pm came around. Ash and smoke started jumping out of the as people thought gentle mountain called Mount Vesuvius. Lava began flowing out and one side of the mountain blew up. Rocks were flying everywhere and people were screaming, shouting and running for their lives.

The day after the disaster the ash stopped flowing out of Mount Vesuvius and everything cooled down. Then all the ash started to fall, people suffocated because they couldn't escape in time.

We spoke to some who witnessed who managed to escape the scene. "I heard a ginormous explosion, the windows on my house cracking and people screaming as high as they could go," explained one witness.

"I was just playing with my friends outside then we started to wobble, all of a sudden everyone started to shout and scream," said another.

The people who managed to survive, are now in a nearby city. Please don't enter Pompeii until you have been told to. If you are hurt or need support call 08100 6500.



The explosive eruption

ONCE A GENTLE MOUNTAIN, NOW A VICIOUS VOLCANO

MASSIVE ERUPTION

25th August, Reported by Chloe

Shocking news, yesterday August 24th 79CE At Pompeii Roman people got ash suffocating them because Mount Vesuvius erupted destroying the city. 2,000 people died also 200 people survived. The terrifying horrendous and deadly ash was 7 meters deep. Everyone ran for their lives.



The eruption of Mount Vesuvius

Suddenly the side of the volcano exploded in a scream and flames ripped upwards to the sky. A huge cloud of rock and gas hurtled down the slope of Pompeii. The day before the disaster, tremors had been reported by locals but not taken vigorously and locals just got with their daily lives. When it ended the roads of Pompeii were covered with ash the ash was 9 foot tall.

The following day, 25th August the volcanic cloud reached its peak at an estimated 30km in the air. Reports have indicated that extremely hot gas and volcanic ash came down the people were unable to escape the silent city. The ash was 9 foot tall.

After the horrendous eruption, We managed to speak to some lucky survivors from the explosion. "I heard a gigantic explosion windows shattering and people squealing," explained one witness. "All of a sudden I saw people running for their lives they also looked scared to death" said another.

The 200 survivors are safe and have moved to a nearby city. Please stay away from the area until all of the authorities have said that it is safe to return. For support following this event, please call 02134 657896.



When it explodes at night time.

DANGER!

GENTLE MOUNTAIN AWAKES!!

25th August, reported by H Jones

On the 24th of August, in a beautiful city Pompeii, Naples in south Italy a dreadful disaster happened. It was a volcanic eruption happened by their beloved Mount Vesuvius.

Leading up to this disastrous event, tremors were reported in the city, however these were not rare so the citizens of Pompeii continued with their usual lives. Suddenly, a vicious ash cloud erupted and the citizens of Pompeii did not know what to do but the ash cloud rapidly grew to 20km above Pompeii. Soon after panic erupted rocks and debris fell from the sky the worst is yet to come.

The next day, hot gases, ash and volcanic rock filled the sky completely. The ferocious speed of the rocks were so fast it could of killed somebody. 20,000 citizens lost their poor lives. Luckily some people survived.



This is the eruption.

"All of a sudden I saw a flash in the sky and the sea looked like a sea of lava," explained Lyvia. "All of a sudden the ground started shaking like it was tearing apart and I was running for my life," explained Franjo.

The few survivors are safe and have moved to a nearby city. Please stay away from the area until all of the authorities have said it is safe to return. For support following this event, please call 0008811.

The Fulfen Times

SAVED OR FORGOTTEN!

30 August, by S Long

Yesterday afternoon, in a stunning city of Pompeii the South of Italy, a devastating event took place a terrific volcano burst with lava and ash once a protector now an Enemy.

Stepping up to this tremendous tragic, tremors were announced to the city, despite these were usual so the citizens carried on with their daily bases as normal. Suddenly a skyscraper ash cloud exploded from the mad mountain, bursting ash 20 kilometres above the city. The people were in panic, and desperation and in pain. Falling from the mountain was rock and debris that everybody was dodging but little did the locals know worst was waiting.

The next morning, The suffocating ash and volcanic rock covered the city like a



Volcano- Mount Vesuvius.

blanket. Even though the speed was so swift some people escaped this terrifying volcano. Sadly 20,000 citizens lost their lives. The lava was gushing down like a river in the wind.

We had a chat with some successful survivors who escaped this hazard. "I could nearly see in all the ash but I made it to a boat in time," said Lyvia. Another witness told us "one minute I'm relaxing the second minute running away from a Jurassic volcano," called Franjo. Our last witness said "where is my family? I got lost in all the ash when the ash left they were nowhere in sight," sobbed the lady.

All survivors have been transported to a nearby area for safety. Stay away from the area for safety issues you may come back when fixed. For support following this event, please call 09116310.



Pompeii while the explosion

Y3 wrote newspaper reports about the devastating event at Pompeii. They had to write in a formal way, include interviews and create headlines.

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 3 – Volcanic Art!

Our pupils have been exploding into action with this amazing artwork:

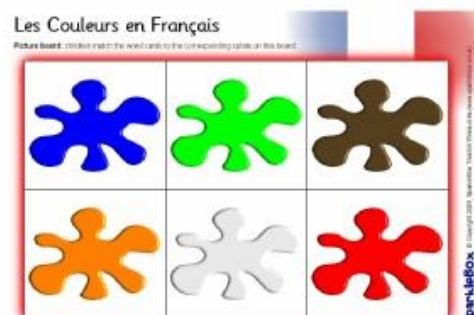
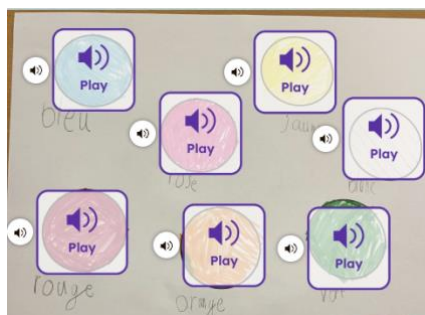


Click on these images to watch us at work:



Year 3

We have been learning the colours in French! Click on the images below to hear Henry reading each colour and to listen to class 3O sing their colour song:



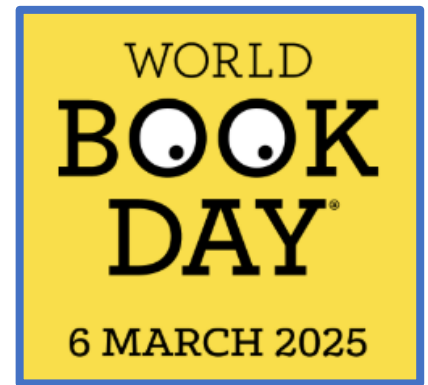
Useful Information & what's coming up

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

We have so many activities coming up!
Here's what you need to know:

Dressing Up:

Children are encouraged to dress as a book character of their choice. For low-cost ideas, check out [this guide](#).



Book Tokens:

As always, each child will receive a book token, which can be swapped for a World Book Day book in bookshops and supermarkets until 23rd March.

Sharing a Book (Reception to Y6):

Older pupils will visit younger classes to read a story after lunch.

- Older children can bring a book from home that they'd like to share.
- They'll be encouraged to read expressively and engage younger readers.

Exciting Activities Throughout the Day:

- **KS2 iMovie Trailer Competition** - Children will have opportunity to create a book trailer using iMovie, with winners featured in the school newsletter.
- **KS1 Book Character Scavenger Hunt** - Children will find book characters hidden around the school and match them to their books.
- **Footy & Booky Quiz (Years 4-6)** - A fun, football-themed reading quiz hosted by famous footballers and authors! Children will take part in two exciting rounds, with chances to win prizes.

Half Term Challenges:

- **Potato Challenge** – Decorate a potato as a book character or create a book scene using potatoes. Photos of your creation should be uploaded to Seesaw in the special WBD class (or Dojo in EYFS). They will also be put on display in school.
- **Photo Challenge** – Take a photo reading in an unusual place. Who can find the strangest place to read their book? An activity will be set in the WBD class on Seesaw.

Winning entries will be featured in the newsletter and prizes will be awarded!

We look forward to a fantastic day celebrating books and reading! 📖 ✨

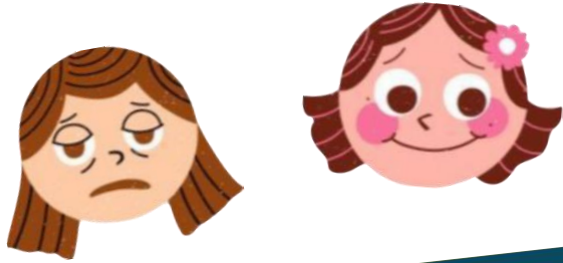
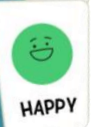
Useful Information & what's coming up

Is your child Emotionally Literate?

Can your child recognise, understand and express their feelings effectively? This is a crucial skill that can strengthen a child's wellbeing. Here are some top tips to help cultivate this essential skill:

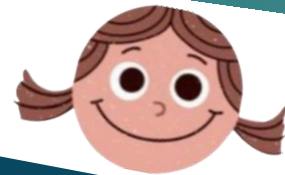
1 NAME THE EMOTION

Encourage children to identify and name their emotions. This helps them understand what they're feeling and why. Use simple language and relatable examples to make it easier for them to share their emotions. This builds a foundation for emotional understanding and open communication.



2 MODEL EMOTIONAL EXPRESSION

Demonstrate healthy emotional expression by sharing your feelings visibly. When children see adults properly displaying how they're doing and what they're thinking, they learn to do the same. Discuss how you handle emotions in different circumstances, providing a real-life framework for young ones to follow.



4 MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES

Teach children mindfulness practices to help them stay present and manage their emotions during more challenging moments. Activities like deep breathing, meditation or yoga can reduce stress and enhance emotional regulation. Regular practice can improve focus and emotional stability, which can significantly help children both as they're growing up and throughout their adult life.



3 ENCOURAGE JOURNALING

Suggest keeping a journal to make note of thoughts and emotions, as writing can provide an outlet for self-reflection and emotional processing. Encourage children to write about their daily experiences and feelings, helping them gain insight into their emotional world. Do this alongside them, so they can see and experience how to do it effectively.



5 PRACTISE EMPATHY

Teach children to consider others' views and emotions – and to explore why they might think or feel this way. Role-playing and discussing various scenarios can enhance their ability to empathise. Understanding others' emotions helps children to develop compassion and improves their social interactions.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Online Safety – WhatsApp Alert

We want to remind parents about the importance of online safety, particularly regarding WhatsApp.



While the app has a minimum age of 13, we are aware that some of our pupils may be using it. Unfortunately, we have been made aware of instances of inappropriate use, including unkind messages and unsuitable content being shared, particularly in group conversations.

Please monitor your child's online activity and talk to them about responsible messaging.

Encourage kindness, respect, and the importance of speaking up if they see or experience anything upsetting. For guidance on online safety, visit our [online safety page](#) on the school website. Thank you for your support in keeping our children safe online.

Early Collection Procedures – Please Read

Please notify the school office in advance if your child needs to be collected early from school. This includes informing us when sending another approved adult to collect your child.

Early collections without prior notice can impact both learning and our safeguarding procedures. A quick call or email to the office will ensure a smooth and safe dismissal for your child. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Parents' Evening – Wednesday and Thursday

Our teachers love the opportunity to share your child's progress during parents' evening. We value the strong relationships we have with families and appreciate the ongoing communication through our open-door policy, newsletters, social media, Seesaw and Dojo.

Our teachers work incredibly hard to create engaging and personalised learning experiences for every pupil. They are dedicated professionals who care deeply about your child's education. If you have any concerns, please share them in a respectful and constructive manner. Kindness and understanding help us maintain a positive school environment. Thank you for your support in making parents' evening a valuable experience for everyone.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Feel Good Friday – focus on disabilities – 14th February

Our next Feel Good Friday is this week and will be a special day of learning, focusing on disabilities as a protected characteristic. Children will explore what it means to have a disability, both visible and invisible, and how we can show respect, understanding, tolerance and empathy.

In Key Stage 1, children will be learning some Makaton through songs and rhymes, while Key Stage 2 will continue their first aid training. Across the school, we will be reading *Susan Laughs*, a book that encourages discussion about abilities and inclusion.

We will also learn about inspiring people with disabilities, including Paralympians and famous figures like Chris McCausland and Rose Ayling-Ellis. Through carefully chosen activities, such as writing with our non-dominant hand or navigating without sight, pupils will gain insight into some of the challenges people with disabilities may face. **Children can come to school in non-school uniform on Friday 14th February and there is no charge for this.**

Vacancy – Lunchtime Supervisor

We are looking for a **friendly, hardworking Lunchtime Supervisor** to join our committed team. This permanent role involves supporting pupils during lunch under the direction of the Senior Lunchtime Supervisor.

Key Responsibilities:

- Assist children with meals
- Supervise and engage pupils in the playground and other areas
- Provide basic first aid (training provided)
- Organise games and activities
- Clean dining equipment and manage spillages
- Set up/clear away tables and chairs as needed

Fulfen Primary is a large, thriving school in Burntwood, progressing rapidly through new initiatives. Join us and be part of a supportive team!

Please call us on 01534 226070 or email office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk to apply.



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Feel Good Friday – Feel even better!

Every child who walks to school on Friday will get a pack of sweets!

February 14th ❤️ your journey to School

Air Pollution and lack of activity are two of the major causes of heart disease in the UK

Join us on St Valentine's

Friday 14th February

Love your heart and choose an ACTIVE mode of travel to school that day, or one day that week

British Heart Foundation

air aware Staffordshire

Staffordshire County Council

Road Safety Week

Our Road Safety Week will start on Monday 3rd March. During this week, our Ambassadors will be at the school gates to hopefully deter parents from parking inconsiderately. The local council and police will be supporting us with this initiative.









Useful Information & what's coming up

Forever Seven Challenge!

Fulfen Primary School is supporting staff member Karen Scott in raising funds for a "Chatshak" shelter in memory of Max, a beloved pupil who passed away in November. This shelter will give children in school somewhere to come together.

Karen will take on **7 challenges in 7 months**, including:

-  **7 Park Runs in 7 weeks**
-  **Fradley 10K**
-  **7-hour static bike ride**
-  **5K Tough Mudder**
-  **Velocity Zip Wire**
-  **Sky Dive**
-  **Welsh 3 Peaks in 24 hours**



Please click on the image below to donate:

Forever7 Challenge

Please help me to complete
7 challenges in 7 months
in memory of Max & my
Brave Mum



JUNE ★
Skydive

JULY ★
Welsh 3
Peaks in
24 Hours

MAY ★
5K Tough
Mudder

MAY ★
Velocity Zip
Wire

MARCH ★
Fradley 10K
Run

APRIL ★
7 Hour
Static Bike
Challenge

JAN/FEB ★
7 Parkruns
in 7 Weeks

gofundme



Scan to donate to Karen's fundraiser
"Forever7 Challenges"

Can you collect your crisp packets?

The National Schools Crisp Packet Challenge



We only have one world, so it deserves all our love! We are working with Shropshire Ironwork Sculpture Park in an effort to save our fish and ocean mammals, and at the same time helping to provide survival blankets for the homeless.

We will be collecting crisp packets and are asking our pupils to collect as many as they can. There will be a Coop shopping trolley in the reception area for them to put them in. All the packets collected will be returned to the Ironworks Sculpture Park who will make them into survival blankets for homeless people. This is a national competition and as always Fulfen would like to win!



After School Clubs – Spring 2

As well as an exciting range of lunchtime activities run by Mr Gill, these are our after school sports clubs for after half term:

Monday – Netball Y5 & 6

Tuesday – Handball Y1,2 & 3

Wednesday – Football Y4,5 & 6

Thursday – Girls' Football – Y4, 5 & 6



Useful Information & what's coming up

Click on the poster or scan the QR code:



Arnold Clark

ENGLAND v WOLVES



**2 adults go free
when you purchase
10 children's tickets**

Come and support the future lionesses in a friendly fixture against a strong Wolves XI

England U15 Schoolgirls v Wolves XI
Hednesford Town FC, Keys Park
Friday 21 February 2025
KO 19:00



2 adults go free when you purchase 10 children's tickets online prior to the game, using the QR code on this poster

Ticket prices:
Adults £5
Concessions £2



Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary

Thursday 13th February – Parents' Evening

Friday 14th February – Feel Good Friday (no school uniform)

Friday 14th February – ♥ your journey to school – walk if you can!

Friday 14th February – Pre-School Stay and Play

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February – HALF TERM (Club is open)

Monday 24th February – Return to School

Tuesday 25th February – Phonics Meeting

w/c 3rd March – Road Safety Awareness Week

w/c 3rd March – Women's History Week

Tuesday 4th March – Gymnastics at EDA

Thursday 6th March – Y5 parent meeting about residential

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Thursday 6th March – Deadline for WBD competitions – 'Potato Challenge' and 'Photo Challenge'

Monday 10th March – Dentist visiting Pre-School

w/c 10th March – British Science Week

Tuesday 18th March – Packington Farm visiting Reception classes

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief

Monday 24th March – Police visiting Pre-School

Wednesday 2nd April – School Discos

Friday 4th April – Reward Day!

Tuesday 8th April – Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 8th April – Y6 Final Paris Meeting

