



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

What a jam-packed few weeks we've had since half term! Our World Book Day was a huge success and you can see lots of photos and videos below to showcase the creativity of our pupils.

There are many important notices later in the newsletter, so please take the time to read these to see what's coming up! When it comes to our fundraising challenge, I know how supportive our community is, so I'm trying to mentally prepare myself to get doused in custard!

We've been incredibly busy and have got so much coming up over the next few weeks including our Easter Egg Hunt in April.

Looking through our newsletter really does give a glimpse of how wonderful our school is and I'm really proud of all the staff and pupils that make Fulfen what it is!



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# Stars of the week!

Dolly Drennan, Eden Tomlinson, Teddy Allcutt, Ethan Hoccom, Polly Jagielski, Leo Everiss, Adela Mihailov, Ava Aydi, Finn Saunders, Jessica Swanwick, Archie Watts, Freddie Phillips, Amber Kaur, Jett Roberts, Leo Read, Eva Field, Amber Kaur, Jett Roberts,

Leo Read, Eva Field, Chloe Collis, Eve Hancox, Eve Hancox, Chloe Collis, Jack Corbett, Siena Milligan, Evelyn Curry, William Breen, Arthur O'Neill, Euan Blower,, William Fry, Tommy Derry, Lily Vale, Leo Jones, Lucas Koller, Charles Robinson, All of 4S, Jimmy Drennan,

Baxter Sayer, Penelope Harrington, Jesse Appleton, 5G, Kellan Anderson, Cory Fleming, Olivia Odejimi, Callum Murray-Ferris, Emilie Rhodes, Oscar James , Milly Scandrett, Jaxon Lee-Lemm, Gethin Smith, Freya Spears, Lola Jennings, Jessica Sullivan, Emily Mansell

## 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!

w/c 14-02-25 – 1B (whole term!)



w/c 29-02-25 – 4S (joint)



w/c 07-03-25 – 6K



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## World Book Day!

What an AMAZING day we had last Thursday. As the vibrant photos will surely capture, the day was a whirlwind of excitement, creativity and literary magic, with pupils and staff alike wearing spectacular costumes in tribute to our shared love of books:



## World Book Day Competition Winners!

We had sooooo many entries and some really creative ideas!

### Winners of the Potato competition:

Louis, Ethan, Lola, Archie, Euan, Holly, Olivia & Indie

With runners up: Joel, Olivia, Tommy & Maisie

### Winners of the Photo competition:

Olivia, Albert, Lainey, Amber, Chloe, Baxter, Florence & Isabelle.

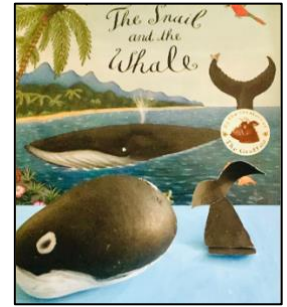
Prizes are being awarded later this week.



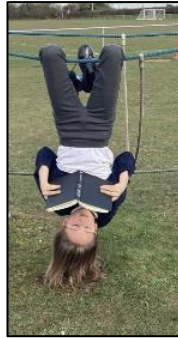
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## World Book Day Competition Winners!

Here are a few more potatoes:

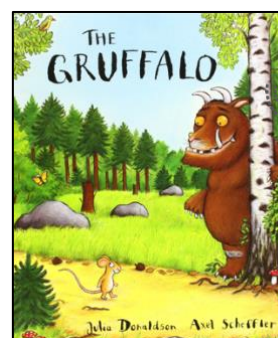
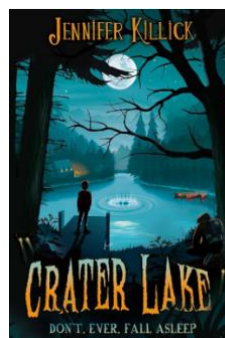
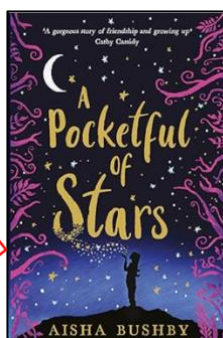
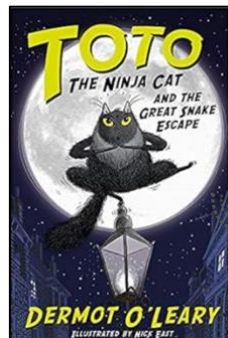
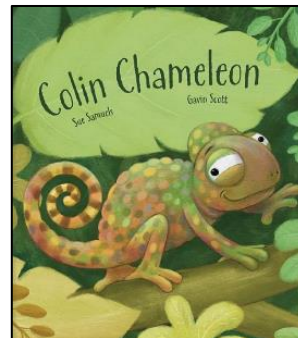
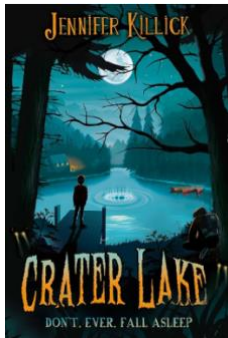


And some rather strange reading spots:



Key Stage 2 also took part in a 'Trailer Competition' to advertise a book of their choice. The standards were incredibly high!

Here are the winning entries from William, Freyja, Lottie, Romany, Callum & Roman, Emily, Alfie and Honey (click on the images to watch the impressive videos created by our pupils, with an interesting take on the Gruffalo!):



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Pre-School Pancake Party!

Children enjoyed designing and decorating their own pancakes last week:



## Year 4 Burntwood Walk



Children in Year 4 totally enjoyed their walk around Burntwood just before half term.

While they were out, they looked at human and physical features along their route.



We spotted the old school house and did you know that Prince's Park is the smallest park in the United Kingdom?!!

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Pre-School 'Play and Stay' for Valentines Day!



## Gymnastics Success!



Fulfen did really well at the recent Gymnastics contest, achieving 2<sup>nd</sup> place in both Individual and Team Creative categories as well as placing in other team categories too! Well done all! Click on the image on the right to watch a video of one of the routines!



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Year 2 have been from the Sea to the Shore!

Inspired by the story "Where the Sea meets the Shore" by Kate Messner, children in year 2 have written their own versions. They celebrated their stories by creating a greenscreen video of themselves reading their favourite part of their writing. Click on the images below to watch the videos. BEWARE – these videos will transport you many miles away to a tranquil beach – please be ready to come back to reality after watching!



Where the sea  
meets the shore.



## It's interactive!

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



## VR Workshop for Year 5!

Year 5 took part in an amazing VR workshop where they learned all about the human body. They got chance to go into inner space and have a memorable audio and visual experience! They were quizzed afterwards about everything they had seen! It was fantastic!

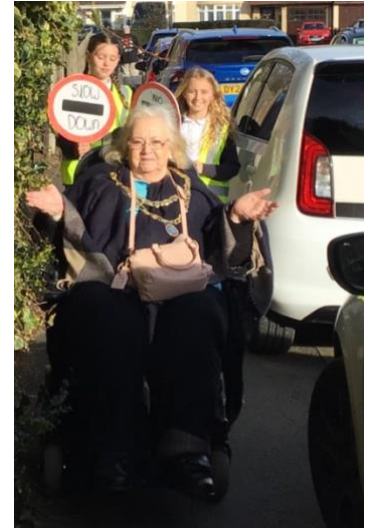


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## Road Safety Week Success!

Staff and children have worked so hard to raise awareness of the importance of parking and driving considerately near our school. We have had so many supportive comments from parents and residents.

On Tuesday, 4th March, Kathy Coe MBE, Chair of Burntwood Town Council, visited our school. She was shocked by unsafe parking, struggling to pass cars blocking the pavement with her mobility scooter. She highlighted the risk to emergency services and the danger to pedestrians forced into the road.

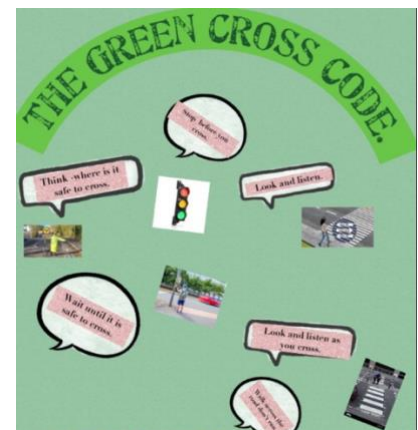


Fulfen School has been recognised as a **Modeshift STARS approved school**, promoting active and sustainable travel.

Following our successful **Road Safety Week**, MP Dave Robertson will visit in May to discuss road safety with our Ambassadors. We look forward to asking important questions about improving safety around our school.



Children in school were also completing work based on our road-safety theme. Here are some messages from our Year 3 pupils:





# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Teacher Challenge Fundraiser – help us get a trim trail!

Exciting news! We are launching a fantastic fundraising event to help raise money for a brand-new trim trail on our school field. This exciting addition to our school grounds will cost over £10,000 and we need your support to make it happen!

Throughout the year, our fundraising events such as school discos, the Christmas raffle, and the Easter egg hunt will all contribute to our ambitious total. However, to kick things off in a BIG way, we are organising a **special challenge event**—and our teachers are in for some fun (or should we say, punishment)!

Each class has chosen a challenge or punishment for their teacher to complete if we can raise enough money and we're sure these will provide plenty of laughs for our pupils! We need your help to reach our target. **Click on the image below** to watch our entertaining video of the punishments that have been chosen for the teachers!



**Donation Deadline: Friday 11th April (Feel Good Friday) - cash only please.**

**Day of Punishment: Friday 2nd May**

Money collection forms have been sent home with the children. Please ask friends and family to donate – every little helps.

If we hit a huge milestone of **£3,000**, Miss Davies and Miss Sturch have agreed to receive a **custard shower in front of the whole school!**

Let's work together to make this happen and give our children an exciting new playground feature to enjoy for years to come.

Thank you for your support.



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## Important: Food Waste Changes in School

You might be aware that, from 31<sup>st</sup> March, schools will have to separate food waste from general waste.

To prepare for this, starting **from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March**, we will be asking all children who bring packed lunches to put their waste (wrappers or leftover food) back into their empty lunch box to take home.

This is actually common practice in many schools as it can be useful for parents to see if their child has left any of their lunch. So, while simplifying waste management for us in school, this change will also keep you better informed at home!

We are also asking children who have school dinners to be mindful of separating their waste once they have finished eating.

## Scooter Pods Are Here!

We have had 3 Scooter Pods installed at the top of the gate. These will help children keep their scooter tidy when they are in school and hopefully will encourage children to scoot to school!

Please can we ask that the children take their scooters home with them every day. If we have scooters left on a Friday night then the children will have to come and get them from the office as we will put them safe for the weekend.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Easter Egg Hunt



Tickets for our egg-siting Easter egg hunt can be purchased on **ParentPay**. They are only £4 and include a chocolate egg for every child joining in the hunt!

The hunt will take place after school on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April for families to join their child to solve the clues.

**All children taking part MUST be collected from school and take part in the hunt with an adult.** If it's raining, bring a brolly – the Easter Bunny will be making an appearance whatever the weather! There are clues suitable for all ages so everyone can take part. Tickets are limited, so get yours before they all go!

If you're feeling peckish, bring some pennies as we will also be selling homemade chocolate chip shortbread and chocolate coated gingerbread on the playground.

You'll also need spare change if you want to enter the competitions that we'll be holding during the event.



NB The staff carpark will be closed for the duration of the hunt to ensure the safety of all our families as they leave with their Easter goodies.

Children who attend **Fulfen Club** will also be able to take part in the hunt – but they will be doing this within Club to ensure that Club staff know exactly where they are at all times.

Tickets are first-come-first-served, so pop onto ParentPay today!

## Information on Parking Safety Outside Schools

- Allow extra time as school areas are busy.
- Avoid parking on or opposite yellow zigzag lines.
- Park considerately, avoiding driveways and access points.



### Fines

Councils issue penalty charge notices (PCNs) for parking on yellow zigzags if restrictions apply. In some areas, police or traffic wardens issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs), enforced through the criminal justice system. Fines vary; stopping in restricted areas incurs higher penalties. Paying within 14 days reduces the fee, and you have 28 days to pay or appeal.

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Update

### Children's Wellbeing in a Digital World:

Internet Matters have released their latest report on children's digital wellbeing. They've discovered that 93% of children are being at least 'somewhat open' with their parents about their online activities, which is really positive. If you want to read the report, you can find it [here](#). For some activities you can do with your child to support their media literacy, click [here](#).

### Wearable Technology:

More and more children now possess technology that can be worn (e.g. smartwatches). There is a lot of useful information for parents on the benefits and potential risks of a whole range of wearable technology [here](#). Here's a reminder of our school policy on smartwatches:



*"If a smart watch has camera facilities, messaging and call services and independent access to the internet, they present the same concerns as mobile phones in terms of safeguarding. Therefore, such devices should not be worn to school. If they are brought onto the premises, they should be handed to the class teacher for safe keeping until the end of the school day."*

### School iPad Update:

We have emailed KS2 parents this week with the good news that pupil iPads are now filtered when used off school premises. This means children can only access the same websites permitted in school, adding an extra layer of protection to our devices.

As always, no filtering system is 100% secure, so we encourage open conversations with your child about their online activity. Please remind them to speak to you if they come across anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

## We're still collecting packets!



Fulfen are competing with other schools to see who can collect the most **crisp and confectionary packets!** If we win, we will get a visit from Coral the clownfish – so please get collecting!

Please send all packets to the school office. Find out more on our [website](#).

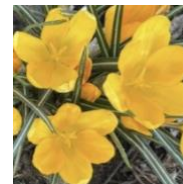
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## Gardening Club Returning Soon!

Spring has sprung and we are excited to announce that Gardening Club will be starting again after Easter! This year, we are inviting Year 3 children to join us and get their hands dirty as they learn how to grow and care for plants.



Our experienced Year 6 gardeners will be on hand to mentor our budding young growers, sharing their knowledge and enthusiasm. There will be 15 spaces and a booking form will be sent out to parents next week.



With our **new polytunnel**, we are looking forward to a fantastic growing season—it's sure to be a **bumper year!** 🌻 🍷 🌱 🌿

## Can you help raise money for our school funds?

School funds are vital now more than ever. Did you know that you can support our school from the comfort of your own home **at no cost to yourself**? There are thousands of online brands (including Morrisons, Screwfix, Just Eat, Etsy, Shein and many more) that will make a small 'thank you' donation to our school EVERY time you shop online and use easyfundraising.

This is FREE, EASY and QUICK and we ask for you to take 2 minutes to register.

All you need to do is:

- 1) Download the easyfundraising app: [for apple](#) or [for android](#).
- 2) Search for the cause: Fulfen Primary School
- 3) Set up your profile
- 4) "Enable Donation Reminder" so that you don't miss the opportunity to donate.



Then, every time you go on a website that participates, you'll get an automatic pop-up for you to confirm a donation with no extra effort from yourself other than a tap of a button.

**TUI's Classroom Commitment  
exclusively for schools**

At the moment, TUI have an offer – if you book a holiday with TUI before 31<sup>st</sup> March through the easyfundraising app, they will donate an extra £100 to our school!


So far, we have raised £779.49 – let's see if we can give this a boost!


# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Fulfen Club Easter Holiday and After-School Activities!

February half-term was an action-packed time at Fulfen Club! Our Winter-themed holiday club was filled with fun, including arts and crafts, cooking, science investigations, and exciting team games.

Now, we're looking ahead to our **Easter Holiday Club**, which will run across both weeks of the holidays (click [here](#) to see the timetable on our website):

 **Week 1:** 14th – 17th April

 **Week 2:** 22nd – 25th April

Alongside our usual holiday club activities, we're also excited to welcome back the **HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme** during the Easter break. HAF codes have already been sent to those who are eligible and our school booking form will go live on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Don't forget - our after-school club also offers fantastic extra activities with external providers:

 **Tuesdays:** Cheerleading with Megan (3:30 – 4:30 PM)

 **Wednesdays:** Football training with Mark (3:30 – 4:30 PM)

Join us for an exciting Easter break and after-school fun at Fulfen Club!



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Walk For Max – save the date!

A walk is being organised in memory of Max at Chasewater on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

The fundraising will go towards a memorial for Max. There will be a family fun afternoon at Burntwood Rugby Club after the walk.



There will also be a raffle. If you would like to buy tickets or have a pack to sell to friends and colleagues, please drop by the school office. We also have sponsorship forms for children taking part in the walk.

Everyone is welcome to join the walk and hopefully we will raise some funds for a fitting memorial for Max.

A graphic with a white background and orange accents. On the left, a tilted orange-bordered box contains the text 'SAVE THE DATE' in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right is a stylized orange sun with a central circle containing the text 'Walk For Max' in white, sans-serif font. Below the sun, the date '5th May 2025' is written in a large, bold, orange, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there is a block of text in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Walk For Max**

**5th May 2025**

Join us for a sponsored walk around Chasewater Country Park  
5th May 2025

Meet at Burntwood Rugby Club from 1pm to start walking at 2pm  
Family fun event at the Rugby Club afterwards

The lap round Chasewater is 5K and is pushchair friendly.  
Everyone welcome

Call out for raffle prizes- please contact Liz Ricketts if you  
have any donations for the raffle 07590 533 522

Support our very own Mrs Scott in her "Forever 7" Challenge! She's now in training ready for the Fradley 10km run this month. Click on the image to donate:

# Forever7 Challenge

Please support me to complete these 7 challenges by donating using the QR code below on behalf of my brave Mum & Max



**Jan/Feb**

7 park runs



**March**

Fradley  
10k run



**April**

7 hour static  
bike challenge  
in school



**May**

Sk Cancer  
Research  
Pretty Mudder



**June**

Skydive

&  
Velocity  
Zip Wire



**July**

Welsh 3 Peaks  
in 24 hours





# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March – Dentist visiting Pre-School

w/c 10<sup>th</sup> March – British Science Week

w/c 17<sup>th</sup> March – “HERstory” week

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Basketball competition

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Packington Farm visiting Reception classes

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 Phonics Meeting

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Police visiting Pre-School

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 Base Camp Meeting for parents – 5pm

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Boccia competition

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Reward Day!

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Y1 - Black Country Museum

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Egg Hunt

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Y6 Final Paris Meeting

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Feel Good Friday

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May – Fundraising Event

w/c 5<sup>th</sup> May – Walk or Scoot to School Week

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Animal Man visits Pre-School

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – School Photographs

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Roman Workshop

w/c 12<sup>th</sup> May – Y6 SATs week

