



Fulfen Newsletter

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Foreword

This is a short newsletter just to updated you on some important reminders for after half term as we have several changes taking place and want to ensure that we keep our community fully informed!

Our full Newsletter edition will be coming out after half term, packed with the usual celebrations, but this week we're focusing purely on 'need-to-know' information. Please do take the time to read about the upcoming changes and also find out about our parent governor vacancies. We really value our parent governors, who play a vital role in shaping our school's direction by bringing a parent's perspective to key decisions affecting our children's education and the wider school community.

It's been an incredibly busy few weeks and the children really are thriving at the moment. With parents' evenings underway this week, our teachers are looking forward to sharing your children's successes with you before we all pause for a well-earned break over half term.



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End of Day Collection Arrangements

During half term, we are having new fencing installed around our Key Stage 1 playground to further improve security during the day and safety at pick-up times.

From the start of half term, there will be a few small changes to our end of day collection:

Reception and Key Stage 1 children will continue to be dismissed as normal at the usual times.

Key Stage 2 teachers will now bring their classes to the Key Stage 1 playground to be dismissed:

- Year 3 & 4 will exit from the large double gate next to the KS2 playground
- Year 5 and 6 will exit from the far corner of the playground, near the tyres.

As the KS1 playground will be busier than usual, please:

- leave the site promptly once you have your child to ensure that other children can easily locate their adult.
- keep younger children with you at all times - the school field and any school play equipment will not be accessible after school.
- If you're collecting KS2 children (particularly Year 3 or 4), please be mindful of the Year 1 dismissals at 3:25 and allow space for them to find their adult.

We appreciate your patience as everyone gets used to the new routine – we're confident it will run smoothly within a few days! A diagram is included on the next page to show where different year groups will be released.



Useful Information & what's coming up

End of Day Collection Arrangements:



Morning Drop-Off Arrangements

Our morning drop off will continue as it always has.

Please note that the gate between the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds will be opened at 8:45am. There will continue to be an adult on the door should you need to pass on a message to the class teacher and haven't done so via Seesaw.

Pre-School arrangements are completely unaffected by any of these changes.



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Snack is going Cashless!

This is just a reminder that snack will be cashless after half term!

To pay for snack, families will need to pre-pay funds into Parent Pay ***in advance*** and top up the balance as needed (please do try to keep your account topped up!). Each day, the cost of any snack ordered on that day will be deducted from your Parent Pay account.

Pupil Premium children will continue to receive their snack as normal.

Please note: Snack must be paid for in advance – *preferably 24 hours before* - to ensure funds are available the next day. If there are insufficient funds in your ParentPay account, your child will not be able to order snack until the balance has been topped up.

You can visit Parent Pay now and pre-pay ready for after half term. The item will appear in your Parent Pay account as “Breaktime Snack”.

Thank you for your support with this change. We're confident it will be a smoother and more convenient way for everyone to enjoy their morning toast!



Remembrance Day

Mrs Ashcroft has put out a plea for parents to send in any photos, medals, letters, artefacts or family stories linked to WWI or WWII or current service in the forces to add to her display by the school hall to honour those who have served.

Please send them in no later than 7th November, labelled with your child's name and class. Artefacts will be handled with care and returned promptly.



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Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have two vacancies for Parent Governors on our school's governing body. I am writing to inform you of the election arrangements and to invite you to stand for election. Parent Governors are appointed for a period of up to four years, irrespective of whether their children remain at the school during that time.



Parents who are willing and eligible to stand as a candidate should complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/sY6QxwNTjH>

Please include a brief statement outlining what you would bring to the role. This statement will be shared with parents to help inform their vote. You will also need to provide the names of two parents who support your nomination.

Parents of all children currently registered at the school are entitled to stand for election or to nominate others. For these purposes, the term 'parent' includes a step-parent, guardian, or any other person with parental responsibility. *Please note: if you are employed at this school for more than 500 hours per year (i.e. more than one third of full-time hours), you are not eligible to stand for election. You are, however, still entitled to vote.*

Completed nomination forms must be returned to school **no later than Monday 17th November 2025.**

Following the closing date, all parents will receive a link to a ballot paper via School Spider, which will include details of each candidate. Parents will then be invited to cast their vote. To comply with statutory regulations, the ballot will be confidential.

The results will be shared with parents as soon as the votes have been counted.



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Dates for your diary



Thursday 23rd October – Parents' Evening

Friday 24th October – Feel Good Friday – no school uniform
Mental Health

Monday 27th October – HALF TERM BEGINS (Fulfen Club is open – bookings now closed)

Monday 3rd November – Snack goes cashless!

Friday 7th November – Deadline to bring in artefacts linked to WWI, WWII or current service in the forces

Monday 10th November – Y3/4 Football

Tuesday 11th November – Y1 Animal Man Visit

Wednesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day (to support Anti-Bullying Week)

Thursday 13th November – Packington Farm in school (EYFS)

Friday 14th November – Children in Need – Wear Spots – £1 donation

Monday 17th November – deadline for Parent Governor nominations

Tuesday 18th November – Y3 School Trip

Tuesday 18th November – Reception Open Morning – booking required

Wednesday 19th November – Y5 School Trip

Friday 21st November – Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 25th November – Pre-School open afternoon for prospective parents.