



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

We've only been back in school for a few weeks, but already so much has been happening – and there are plenty of exciting events to look forward to. I'm particularly excited about *Fulfest* in the summer and will be spending all day on Tuesday watching the auditions (please see the article in the Newsletter for further details).

This edition of the newsletter is packed with wonderful photos and videos, as well as a special mention of the installation of our *Forever-7* trim trail, created in memory of Max. I hope you enjoy reading about everything we've been up to.

I would also urge you to take the time to read the article on safe parking around the school. Inconsiderate parking can be extremely dangerous, especially at peak times when hundreds of children and families are arriving and leaving the site.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for the many ways you work with us to make our school such a positive, safe and happy place for our children.



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Forever 7: A Trail to Remember Max

We are delighted to share that the installation of the trim trail is now complete, and we are currently preparing for the official opening, which will take place before half term. Our previous LEAD Ambassadors dedicated a great deal of time and effort to this project, with the aim of creating something special for the children of Fulfen for years to come. Alongside this, they wished for the trail to serve as a meaningful memorial to Max, a brave and much-loved member of our school community whom we sadly lost last academic year. Their vision was to create something joyful and lasting – a fun and loving space to remember Max and celebrate the happiness he brought to so many. This is how the 'Forever 7 Trail' came to be.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the project so far and would especially like to recognise Mrs Ricketts, who organised a 'Walk for Max' event and raised an incredible £3,000, which she very kindly donated to the project. This generosity is greatly appreciated.

During the wetter months, use of the trail will be limited to help keep children safe and to prevent damage to the grassed surface. Our continued aim is for the Forever 7 Trail to have an all-weather surface so that it can be enjoyed throughout the year. As shared previously, this comes at a significant cost. We are incredibly proud that our current LEAD Ambassadors have already contributed to this goal by raising £526 through their Christmas raffle. We remain fully committed to the project and to securing the next stage of development.

We are excited for the Forever 7 Trail to be a place for play, laughter and remembrance, created with love by our school community.

If any parents or local businesses would be interested in supporting or sponsoring the surfacing of the trim trail, please do get in touch with the school office.





# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Young Voices

The Fulfen Choir had an amazing time performing in the Young Voices Concert at the BP Pulse Arena in Birmingham on 13th January. We sang as part of a massed choir of over 5,000 pupils from all over the Midlands and beyond. Everyone had a fantastic time and we were so proud of each and every pupil. We can't wait for next year already!!



Keep your eyes peeled for details of the next concert for the Fulfen Choir...



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Young Voices continued...

The amazing atmosphere can be sampled by these two videos from the event. Just click on the image to watch each short video.



## Thank You!

A huge thank you to all the families that provided cakes and goodies for our Macmillan coffee morning!

All the pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed tantalising their tastebuds while raising money for this worthwhile cause.

In total we raised £380! Well done everyone.

**WOW**

Our World's Biggest Coffee Morning raised a wonderful

**£380.00**

to help make sure everyone affected by cancer has a Macmillan team in their corner

**THANK YOU AGAIN FOR COMING**



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Gymnastics in 20...



**Tuck**



**Dish**

20 were exploring different shapes using the apparatus. Look at those pointy toes!



**Star**



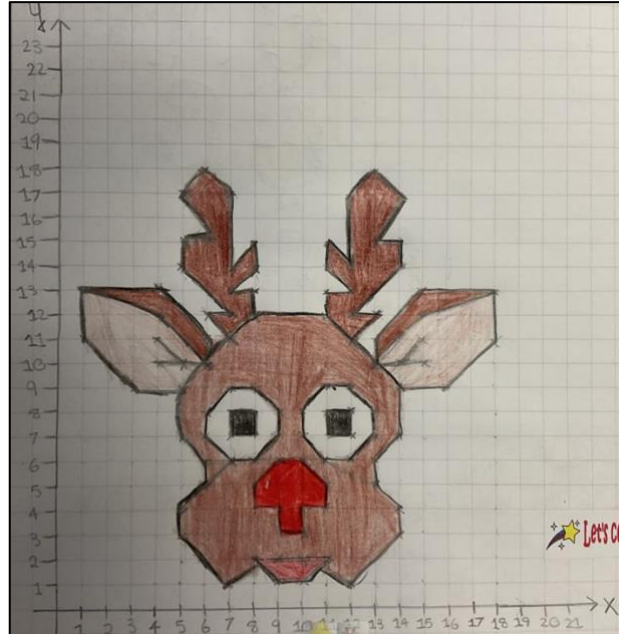
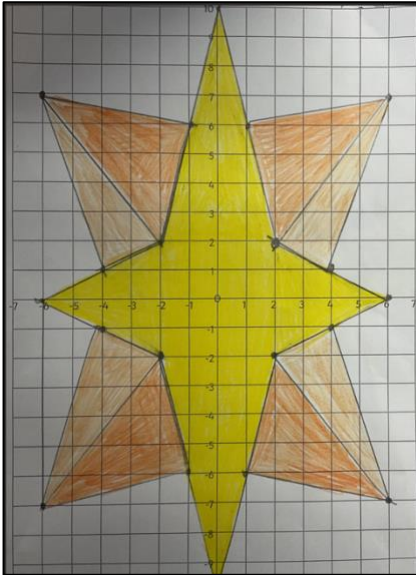
**Pike**



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Catching up with Christmas!

Year 6 wanted to share their Christmas co-ordinates and their amazing Grinch work in English. The children thoroughly enjoyed the visit from the Grinch to inspire their writing!



### How to Steal Christmas

Have you ever had an evil smirk on your face thinking about how to destroy Christmas? I suppose, like me, you want to wipe the Christmas spirit out of the Whos? Well luckily, I have the perfect idea for you. For decades and decades I have suffered all those festive fantasies. It must stop! Not to mention all those corny carols and disastrous decorations. So here begins my 'grinchy', cold-hearted, wicked plan - the best guide to stealing Christmas itself, crafted with all the sneaky sparkle and tremendous tricks.

**Materials and Equipment**

- a silent vacuum present cleaner that gathers presents in seconds.
- a snow bomb to use to magically disappear (only for emergencies).
- a loyal accomplice to help with the wicked plan (optional).
- a shrink ray to shrink yourself to fit in the chimney.
- a large sack to store thousands of presents.
- a net launcher to make stealing Christmas trees easier.

**Instructions**

1. Firstly, start by wearing a convincing festive disguise. Then you must add a candy cane spray to trick the Whos into thinking you are a candy cane. Warning: be careful they may attempt to eat you. To complete the illusion you must position yourself where you would normally find a candy cane. The disguise may be uncomfortable but you must remain still. Always.
2. Next, gather the resources that you need to steal with. You will need a snow bomb. This is important if people might spot you. You will also need a silent vacuum present cleaner. It will make stealing presents quicker. You may need a sleep cone. Just in case a child wakes up. You must have a large sack to store presents. Speaking of that, you will also need a net launcher. You will need it to steal Christmas trees.
3. After that, you need to find some good accomplices (maybe a dog and a reindeer). You will need them to help you in your vicious plan.
4. At this point, you must start working on your vehicle. You must add plastic reindeer with magnets inside. Use them to steal all the decorations. You will also need a massive sack at the end of your sleigh to get as a decoy if anyone wakes up and sees your sleigh. They will think you are Santa. Then you must add a button to camouflage if anyone may see your costume.
5. Here are things you need to avoid: cookies (these may be traps made by children) and milk in a glass cup (you may be thirsty but you must not drink it). You must also avoid presents wrapped beautifully.
6. Then, it's time to break in. There are multiple ways to get in, like the key hole or the windows but the best way to get in is in the chimney. It's not the quickest way but it's not as risky as the other options.
7. After this, you can complete the heist without a trace. This will leave the Whos thinking where all the presents are. At this point you can explain that Christmas has failed to arrive because of their naughty behaviour.

**Conclusion:**  
If you have followed my steps carefully then you have successfully stole Christmas. Remember, a clever Grinch always relies on careful planning, evil tricks and accomplices. You lift off in the night with a sack full of gifts and presents and an evil smirk on your face.

### CHRISTMAS

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## New Parent Governors

We start 2026 by giving a very warm welcome to our three new parent governors. Thank you so much to all those who applied to join our governing board – we were extremely impressed by the high standard of applications. A total of 134 parents took part in the election, so thank you to everyone who engaged with the process and cast their vote.



Our new parent governors are Mark Rollason, Emma Stretton (Rees) and Kay Pyatt. We are very much looking forward to working with them and to the skills, experience and fresh perspectives they will bring to the governing board. Parent governors play a vital role in supporting and challenging the school, and we are grateful to Mark, Emma and Kay for volunteering their time to help our school continue to move forward.

## Welcome back to Miss Ryan



Following her maternity leave, Miss Ryan will be returning to teach in year 1 from next week. She has been keeping in close contact with Mrs Kellett throughout her time away and they will continue to work closely together in class 1RK for the remainder of the year, ensuring consistency and continuity for the children.

Miss Ryan will be teaching Monday to Wednesday, with Mrs Kellett teaching on Thursdays and Fridays.

We are delighted that Mrs Kellett will be staying on with 1RK, and the children will benefit greatly from having two experienced teachers who know them well and are fully aligned in their approach. We are confident this arrangement will provide a smooth and positive experience for everyone.



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# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Snow Day! What fun we had...

There are far too many photos and videos to share – here are just a few snippets of what our pupils got up to in the snow:



On Friday When we had a snow day off school, me and my family walked over the field from our house . We took it in turns going down the hill and decided to build a ramp.



We made a snow man.



Frosty the snowman



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## More Snowflakes and Smiles!



In this picture we are playing in the snow whilst its snowing.



This is one of the snow angels we made in the snow.





# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Fulfen Holiday Club – February Half Term

Our popular Fulfen Holiday Club will be running again at half term, from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February and is open to all Fulfen children aged 3 years and above.

We're there every day from 8:30am - 3:30pm and have a jam-packed week planned, full of winter-themed fun, exciting activities, and plenty of opportunities to learn, play and explore. It's a fantastic way to keep children active, engaged and smiling during the chilly February half term!

### Booking Information

Places must be booked using the online form:

👉 <https://forms.office.com/e/xVZaia4xep>



A **non-refundable £10 deposit** is required for each booking. Once Mrs Scott has received your completed booking form and it is ready for invoicing, the deposit will be requested.

*The £10 deposit will be deducted from your final balance.*

### Prices

- £32.00 per session
- £140.00 for the full week (saving £20!)

Book now to secure your spot!



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Focus – Games!

We all know that our kids enjoy playing games and there's a good website that has been set up to help parents decide what games are suitable for their children. They have reviewed over 3000 video games and nearly 200 board games – which may come in useful for parents trying to navigate the world of gaming. Click on the image to take a look at the website.



### Popular Apps and Games for Children A Handy Guide for Parents



You can also download a handy guide that looks at the more popular apps and games used by young children that has been put together by Online Safety Specialist, Alan Mackenzie. Click on the image to the left to go to his website and download the guide.

## Did you know?

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



## FULFEST – auditions next week!

If your child wants to audition for our Fulfest competition, they will need to sign up to take part. Miss Davies and Mrs Shermer will be running auditions on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January. The few selected to go through to Fulfest in the Summer will perform live on stage to all the children and parents attending our celebratory festival in the summer!



We can't wait to see the talent! You can sign up with a description of your child's act on School Spider – look out for the form later this week!

# Useful Information & what's coming up

We Need  
You!

## Fulfen Primary School

We are looking for some additional Volunteer Readers to come into school for one or two afternoon per week.

We would welcome, mums, dads, carers, grandparents, aunts and uncles.

If you would like to find out more about our volunteer reading scheme, please call the office and ask to speak to Mrs Steele.



*Thank you*

### After School Sports Clubs

Did you know that we've got Sports Clubs available every day after school? These are bookable through Fulfen Club.

In March our timetable will be:

Monday – Hockey (Y1-3)

Tuesday – Hockey (Y4-6) & Cheerleading

Wednesday – Athletics (Y1-3) & Football

Thursday – Athletics (Y4-6)

Friday – Football skills (Y1-6)

Booking forms for March will be emailed out on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February.



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## Important Notice About Parking By Our School



**ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!**

**Inconsiderate and illegal parking**

There is concern about inconsiderate and illegal parking in this area, which can contribute to accidents and injuries. We ask car users to take responsibility for their impact on the local community.

**DO NOT stop or park:**

- × near a school entrance
- × anywhere which prevents Emergency Services access
- × opposite or within 10 metres of a junction, except in authorised parking spaces
- × opposite a traffic island or, if this causes an obstruction, another parked vehicle
- × where the kerb is lowered to help wheelchair users and powered mobility vehicles
- × on a bend

Our school office are being overwhelmed by local residents complaining about poor and inconsiderate parking near our school. The police have been informed, as this behaviour is dangerous for our pupils, parents and members of our community.

Please do not obstruct pavements, park near junctions, or block driveways. We kindly ask all families to park considerately and legally, allowing safe access for pedestrians, pushchairs and emergency vehicles. Where possible, please consider parking a little further away and walking the final part of the journey.

By working together and showing consideration for our neighbours, we can help keep everyone safe and maintain positive relationships within our local community. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Please help us help you by reporting parking problems [here](#).



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Easter Egg Hunt – 24<sup>th</sup> March

Tickets for our eggciting 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 24<sup>th</sup> March 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 treats 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!



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Fulfest Auditions (details coming soon!)

w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb – Y6 Paris Meeting, 6pm

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Reception & Y6 heights & weights

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Y5/6 Basketball

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y3/4 Football

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening 3:45-6pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Parents' Evening 4:45-7:30pm

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Feel Good Friday

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February – Pre-School Stay & Play

## HALF TERM



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Y2 Great Fire visit to school

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – Pre-School Open Morning 9:30-10:30

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – dress up!

w/c 9<sup>th</sup> March – HERstory week

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March Y6 Harry Potter Trip

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> - March Feel Good Friday

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Egg Hunt

