



# Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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## Foreword

Welcome to our May newsletter. It has been another busy and exciting few weeks at Fulfen, with lots of memorable experiences for our children. From the opening of the Forever 7 Trail in memory of Max to Year 1's visit to the Black Country Living Museum and some fantastic digital work, our pupils continue to make us proud through the way they live out our LEAD values every day.

One event we are especially looking forward to is FULFEST on Thursday 11th June at Burntwood Memorial Hall. A huge amount of work has already gone on behind the scenes to make this a truly special event for our children and families, and we cannot wait to bring the Fulfen community together for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon. With food vendors, entertainment, performances from our children and plenty of activities for families to enjoy, we hope FULFEST will create lasting memories for everyone involved. Thank you in advance to the staff, volunteers and supporters who have already dedicated so much time and effort to making the event possible. Tickets are available now on ParentPay and we would love to see as many families there as possible.

As we head towards the final half term of the academic year, I would like to thank you for your continued support. There is still much to look forward to over the coming weeks and we are excited to share these moments with you all.



# Stars of the week!

Quinn Challinor, Alex Pitt, Marta Tinica, Zack Mallalieu, Raeya Cahill-Deathridge, Harrison Baker, Finley Smith, Leo Jagielski, Poppy Pyatt, Ethan Bamborough, Dior Cheshire, Eddison Talbot-Gault, Whole of Y1, Sammy Ricketts, Georgie-Rae Waterhouse, Livvie Doughty, Mia Watts, Astrid Critchley, Harley Smith, Frankie Knowles, Ethan North, Olivia Atherton, Amelia Morris, Eden Tomlinson, Aurora Birch, Mallorie Appleton, Nancy Smith, Ronnie Rhodes, Robyn Millard, Maisie-Jane Wagstaff, Sullivan O'Hanlon, Kailen Keay, Robyn Millard, Lainey McDaid,

Flora Westwood,, Ava Aydi, Adela Mihailov, Rosie Breen, Orlaith Doherty, Luca Irons, Freddie Phillips , Harley Upton, Lola Johnson, Taylor Douglas, Evelyn Henaughan, Raine Meehan, Archie Watts , Joel Copper, Avery King, Lillie Rhodes, Finn Saunders, Isaac Deane, Lacey Cope, Ella Eaton, Sam Mok, Harvey Harrington, Amber Kaur, Harvey Harrington, Bella Sage, Eleanor Jackson, Ted Worrall, Harry Sprason, Leo Read, Annabella Stilgoe, Cole Donaghy, Amaiah Seedhouse, Millie Delamont, 4M, Paige Dixon, Max Clift, Harrison Upton, Freddie Webster,

Adam Butler, Paige Dixon, 4S, Oliver McGeown, Ollie Manning, Rex Smale, Avah Harris, Rex Smale, Orla Dalloway, Oliver McGowan, Freyja Critchley, Bodhi King, Hettie Goldsmith, Nathan Simpson, Holly Collinge, Tommy Holmes, Lucas Koller, Maisy Moore, 5P, Zac Edwards, Evie-Lou Poxon, Lottie Lightfoot, Sophia Hickman-Smith, Ginny Keogh, Chloe Warner, Penelope Harrington, Leo Goodall, Leo Jones, Isabelle Jones, Jessica Watson, Cory Fleming, Mason Capewell, Callum Murray-Ferris, Lenny Geens, 6G maths group, Max Hall, Tess Hollins, Nolan Lloyd, Thea Bynt, 6G

## 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!

Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On time



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Everyday  
Ready  
On time



# Attendance Heroes

Date	13-17 Apr	20-24 Apr	27 Apr- 1 May	4-8 May
KS1	R1	R1	20	20
KS2	4S	3FH	3C	3FH

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Sense-ational Forest Adventures with Year 1!

Year 1 had a wonderful adventure in the school forest this week, bringing their English lesson to life through imagination and exploration. Inspired by *Little Red Riding Hood*, the children stepped into the role of the famous character as they journeyed through the woodland, using their five senses to experience the setting in a meaningful way.

The focus of the lesson was to support the children in writing rich and detailed setting descriptions. As they walked through the forest, they carefully observed what they could see, hear, smell, touch and even imagine tasting. From the rustling leaves and chirping birds to the earthy scents of the woodland floor, the children gathered fantastic ideas to use in their writing. The children embraced the activity with enthusiasm, eagerly sharing their ideas and recording their thoughts for each of the five senses.



## Garden Update

Year 5 have joined Garden Club this year. We have already planted our potatoes, pumpkins and garden peas and have potted our sunflower seeds, sweetcorn, chillies and peppers. This week the gardeners worked in the polytunnel planting tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce as well as making some apple birdfeeders.

After half term we will be organising a plant sale and a lovely afternoon tea when we invite Magnolia Dementia Café into our garden to show them our hard work.



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Trim Trail – Adventure Starts Here!

On Thursday 17th April, we were delighted to officially open our new trim trail, *Forever 7 Trail*, in memory of Max O'Farrell. The trail was formally opened by Max's dad Mark in front of our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils, making it a very special and memorable occasion for all involved.

Our LEAD ambassadors had the honour of being the first children to use the trim trail, followed by Miss Davies and Mrs Fierro-Hammond, who enthusiastically joined in.

The whole school has enjoyed a two-week trial period and we are pleased to say that the official rota has now begun. Feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive - they are thoroughly enjoying this fantastic new addition to our playground.

We look forward to making the most of the trim trail, especially as we hope for plenty of good weather in the weeks ahead.



"I love that we can use the tyres now!" Avah  
Corbyn: "The roll-over bars are my favourite."  
"Now it's better because we have more to do." Mia



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## What a Bostin' Day!

Year 1 had a wonderful and memorable trip to the Black Country Living Museum, where the children were able to step back in time and experience what life was like in the past.

One of the highlights of the day was exploring toys from long ago. The children were fascinated to see how different toys were compared to those they play with today. They discovered that many toys were handmade and much simpler, yet just as enjoyable. It sparked lots of conversations about imagination and how children entertained themselves without screens or technology.



The visit to the old-fashioned school was another exciting part of the trip. The children experienced what a school day would have been like many years ago, including practicing handwriting and following strict classroom rules. They quickly realised how different school life used to be and showed great enthusiasm in taking part.

A visit to the traditional toy shops allowed the children to see a variety of vintage toys up close. They enjoyed browsing the shelves and learnt about how toys were made and sold in the past. It was a fantastic opportunity to link their learning to real-life experiences.

Throughout the visit, the children showed curiosity, excellent behaviour, and a real interest in exploring the past. It was a valuable learning experience that will support their understanding of history and how life has changed over time.

We are very proud of Year 1 and how they represented the school during this trip.



# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## A Musical Journey Through Time and Space!

Last week, our children were treated to a wonderful musical performance by talented musicians from Entrust, who took us on an unforgettable journey through time and space! From the dramatic opening of 2001: A Space Odyssey to the infectious rhythm of the Time Warp, the programme was packed with variety and excitement. Along the way, we enjoyed beloved classics including Dr Who, Fly Me to the Moon, Jurassic Park, Greensleeves, Aladdin, Mozart and lively Samba music.

The musicians showcased an impressive range of instruments – piano, flute, clarinet, piccolo, violin, ukulele and saxophone – bringing each piece to life in a truly captivating way. Our children were brilliant, demonstrating just how much they had taken in by confidently answering questions throughout the performance. It was a fantastic celebration of music that left everyone feeling inspired!



Is your child interested in learning a musical instrument next year? See the article later in the Newsletter about how to express your interest!

## Easter – Guess the Weight Competition

Nathan won the entire stack of chocolate at Easter after correctly guessing the weight of this very strangely assembled creation at our Easter Egg hunt just before we broke up for the Easter holidays.

Well done Nathan - although we are all wondering... have you managed to eat it all already?!



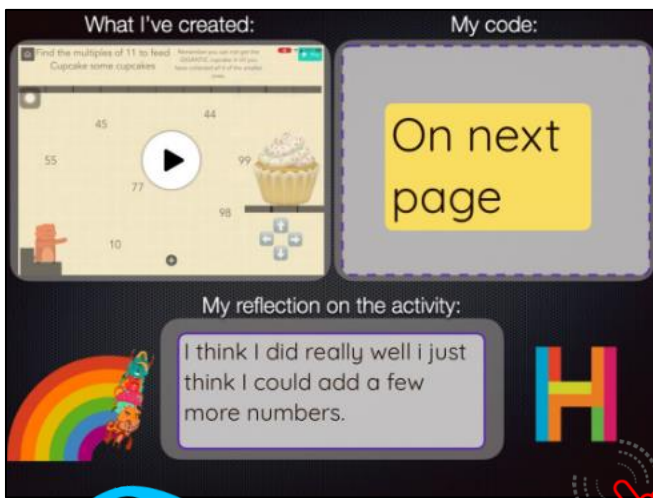
# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Design, Debug, Develop: Y5 coders in action!

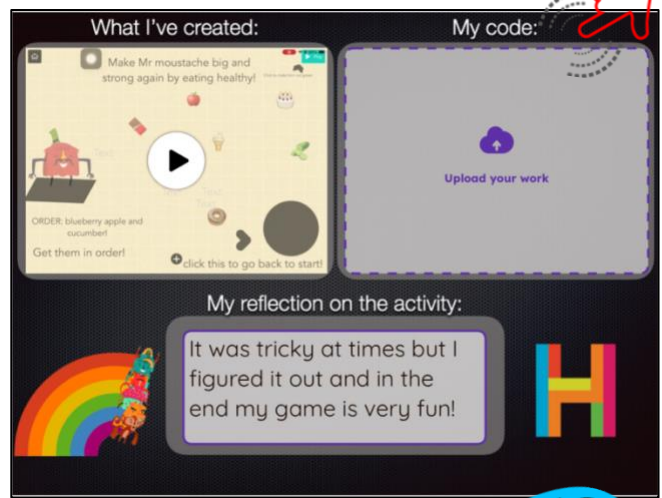
In Computing this half term, Year 5 have been using the Hopscotch app to decompose problems and create their own interactive programs and games.

This work has provided a fantastic opportunity for children to develop their critical thinking, creativity and problem-solving skills, while learning how coding works in a fun and engaging way.

The children also reflected thoughtfully on their creations, considering what worked well and how they could improve their programs further. Click on the images below to see their games in action:



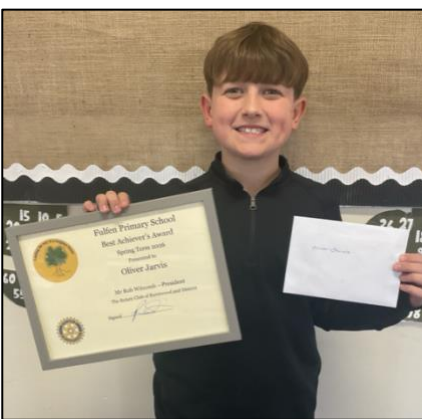
Chloe



Lottie

## Best Achiever Award – Spring Term

Oliver looks very proud of himself – and so he should, having won the best Achiever award!



He has an amazing attitude towards learning! He goes to intervention groups and booster groups with a smile on his face and actively participates to his fullest. His infectious smile and positivity towards all lessons, encourages others to try their best - just like he does. He is the first person to help others out and do jobs around the classroom without being asked. It is impossible to imagine how Oliver could work harder or have a better attitude towards learning.

He is an absolute pleasure to have in Year 6 and he will go far in life with his positive outlook and can-do attitude. Well done Oliver!

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Running to Success!

Team Fulfen enjoyed a fantastic evening at the Year 5/6 Cross Country event, showing great determination and resilience throughout. Every member of the team successfully completed the course and represented the school brilliantly.



Some particularly impressive performances included Isabelle placing 1<sup>st</sup> and Florence placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Year 6 Girls category and Leo placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Year 5 boys category – these are tremendous results!

All of the children demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a real credit to the school. Well done Team Fulfen!



## Did you know?

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



## Year 1 – One Small Step for News!

How did people hear the incredible news that humans had landed on the moon for the very first time? Our Year 1 children became radio reporters and have written interviews to discover how families in 1969 followed the historic moon landing of Neil Armstrong. From crackly radios to black-and-white televisions, the children explored how this unforgettable moment was shared around the world. Click on the images below to hear them:



Eve, Heavanna & Dior



Amelia

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Year 3 Roman Workshop

Year 3 have been thoroughly enjoying their exciting Roman theme this term, bringing history to life through a range of immersive experiences. A recent highlight was a fantastic Roman Workshop Day, led by the company Widget, which gave pupils the opportunity to step back in time and experience life in ancient Rome.

Throughout the day, children took part in a variety of hands-on activities. They dressed up as Roman soldiers, learning about the armour and equipment used by the Roman army, and even experienced virtual reality headsets to explore Roman environments in an engaging and interactive way. Pupils also examined replica Roman artefacts, sparking curiosity and thoughtful discussions about how people lived in the past. Creativity was on full display as the children designed and created their own intricate mosaics, inspired by traditional Roman art.



The enthusiasm for learning has extended beyond the classroom, with some Year 3 pupils taking it upon themselves to visit Roman sites in the local area. It has been wonderful to see such curiosity and passion for history, and we are very proud of their dedication and engagement with the topic.

# Celebrations - what we've been up to

## Year 5's Safety Superstars

Year 5 recently visited Chasetown Fire Station, where they took part in a range of important and engaging safety workshops.



The children learned about water safety from a representative of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, banking and online safety from HSBC, the qualities of good citizens from the local PCSO, and fire safety in the home from members of the fire station team.

All children demonstrated Fulfen's LEAD values throughout the visit and were a credit to the school with their exceptional behaviour. We would also like to thank Mr McKenzie and Mr Chadwick for supporting Year 5 staff and helping to safely walk the children to and from the fire station.

## Reminder – School Closed 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET Day

Please be aware that school will be closed on Monday 1st June due to an INSET day for staff training.

Please also note that Fulfen Club will also be closed on this day.



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Rain or Shine – please bring a coat to school!

Ah, the joys of the good old British weather! One minute it's sunshine, the next it's a light drizzle. As the weather continues to be a little unpredictable, please ensure that your child brings a coat or rain mac to school each day.



Even when there is light rain in the air, we aim for children to enjoy some fresh air and outdoor time during the day, so having suitable clothing helps us to keep everyone comfortable and ready for the day ahead.

Thank you for your support!

## Foodbank Challenge!

We have now sent our first full basket of food donations to the local Burntwood Foodbank, who were extremely grateful for the support from our school community.

Our aim is to send a basket every month, and we would love your continued support in helping local families in need.

To encourage donations, pupils will receive one stamp for every food item donated. Once they have collected 10 stamps, they will be able to choose a prize from the Lucky Dip!

- **Tinned Foods:** Meat (meatballs, hot dogs), fish (tuna, sardines), fruit, vegetables (tomatoes, sweetcorn), soup, pasta sauce, and baked beans.
- **Dried Goods:** Pasta, rice, noodles, instant mash, breakfast cereals, sugar, and flour.
- **Long-life Items:** UHT milk, long-life fruit juice, and cooking oil.
- **Spreads & Snacks:** Jam, peanut butter, honey, biscuits, and crisps.
- **Toiletries & Hygiene:** Shampoo, deodorant, soap, dental care (toothbrushes/paste), and sanitary pads/tampons.
- **Household Items:** Laundry detergent, washing-up liquid, and toilet paper.
- **Baby Products:** Nappies, baby wipes, and baby food.

Thank you for your generosity and kindness.



# Useful Information & what's coming up

**FULFEST is Coming – don't miss out!**

Get your tickets now on Parent Pay – we have a jampacked afternoon planned!

A vibrant poster for FulFest 2026. The background is dark blue with yellow stars and musical notes. At the top, a yellow crown with '2026' is flanked by two microphones. The word 'FULFEST' is written in large, bold, yellow letters with a blue outline. To the left and right of the title are yellow stars containing the text 'FUN FOR EVERYONE!' and 'BRING YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!' respectively. Below the title is a circular logo with a tree and the text 'Leading the way to a brighter future'. A white banner with yellow stars contains the date 'THURSDAY 11TH JUNE', and a yellow banner below it shows the time '4PM - 7PM'. A pink banner with yellow stars displays the venue 'BURNTWOOD MEMORIAL HALL'. A white banner with a dashed border contains the ticket information: 'CHILDREN GO FREE!' and 'ADULT TICKETS £2'. Below this, a white banner with yellow stars says 'JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING AFTERNOON OF FUN!'. A row of six activity icons follows: a pink food van, a colorful bouncy castle, a pink glitter star, a boy's face with tiger stripes, a hand being painted with red nail polish, and three colorful glow sticks. At the bottom, a yellow banner with yellow stars says 'ENJOY FANTASTIC PERFORMANCES FROM: A SELECTION OF CHILDREN FROM OUR SCHOOL AND SOME STAFF PERFORMANCES TOO!'. Below that, a white banner with a dashed border says 'FOOD, FUN, MUSIC & MEMORIES!', and a final yellow banner with yellow stars says 'WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!'. The bottom corners feature illustrations of four happy children with their arms raised.

# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Online Safety Updates

As a school, we feel it's so important for our parents to be aware of how they can support their children in the vast online world. We've rounded up some useful information aimed at parents:



### **Roblox – changes you should know about:**

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest user category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. This [link](#) will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

### **Steam – parent controls**

If your child enjoys 'gaming' on a PC, they may be using the Steam platform, which distributes thousands of games. There are parental controls and this [1-minute video](#) from Internet Matters can help you navigate these.

### **Find the right words**

Virgin Media have teamed with Internet Matters to support parents in having difficult conversations with their child around online safety. You can access these materials [here](#).

### **Omoggle – the New Omegle?**

This is a new platform that connects users randomly on live video calls. There is no real age verification and users are rated and ranked using AI based on their appearance. This is something that parents of our older juniors should be aware of and you can find out more by reading this [guide](#).



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Important Reminder

To help keep all of our children safe, we would like to remind parents and carers that we are a nut-free school.

Please do not send any products containing nuts into school, including items in lunchboxes or snacks, as some of our pupils have severe nut allergies. *This includes Nutella and Kinder Bueno.*



We appreciate your support and understanding in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

## Feel Good Friday ... and Monday!

On **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**, we will have our final FGF focusing on BSL and diversity – do look out for the children's videos of them signing about family and hobbies.

Our final "Feel Good Friday" and Reward Afternoon will be on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**. We have some exciting activities lined up for those top dojo earners! As always, both of these days will be no school uniform with no charge involved.

## Group Photos Deadline Looming

The closing date to get your photos delivered for free is Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. You should have been emailed a unique link to order your photographs.

If you need any help ordering, Tempest helpline is your best port of call: 01736 751555 (option 5).

## Year 2 - Year 5 – want to learn to play a new instrument?

Children in years 2 to 5 who could be interested in learning to play a new musical instrument next academic year, please express your interest by [clicking here](#).

Instruments on offer: Guitar, Keyboard, Woodwind, Violin and Brass!



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## STEAM Week 2026

This year's STEAM week will be held w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June and will celebrate the subjects of:

**Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Maths.**

As always, we've got plenty planned for the week and pupils will have plenty of opportunity to ask thought-provoking questions that promote creativity and exploration, making connections to the world around them.

This year, the theme is "**Curiosity: What's your question?**"

As always, Thursday of that week will be dress-up day. On this day everyone is invited to dress up as a person from a STEAM career. This need not be costly - often a few creative accessories is all that is needed!



# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Drop-in sessions in Lichfield



### 'Check in and Chat'

If you a parent of a child or young person with special educational needs and would like to chat to other parents in similar situations, come and join us for our 'Check in and Chat' session.

We started these sessions during lockdown, to help parents who might be feeling isolated, we are starting them up again this time face to face in Lichfield. 😊

There is no set agenda this is just an informal opportunity to chat to other parents, also chat with SENDIASS, make friends, support each other, share tips, cry, laugh or just sit and listen and be listened to.

The first 2 sessions will take place at:  
The Lichfield Family Hub  
Purcell Avenue  
Lichfield  
WS13 7PH

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1pm-3pm



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District Council

# Inspire

## King Edward Sports Centre (WS14 9EE) Thursdays (Fortnightly)

A **free** session every two weeks for children and young people with disabilities, their siblings, and parents. Parents are encouraged to stay, join in, and connect with others.

### Session Dates below;

- Thursday 30 April
- Thursday 14 May
- Thursday 28 May
- Thursday 11 June
- Thursday 25 June
- Thursday 09 July
- Thursday 23 July
- Thursday 06 August
- Thursday 20 August
- Thursday 03 September
- Thursday 17 September

5-6pm - 5-15years

6-7pm - 16-25years



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## Can you support?

One of our school families is raising funds in support of their 8-year-old son Max, who was recently diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. If you are able to donate anything at all, no matter how small, please follow the link below – every contribution is greatly appreciated. Click on the image to read the full story:

## "WE THOUGHT OUR SON JUST HAD DYSPRAXIA – WE NEVER EXPECTED HE HAD DUCHENNE"

When Rich's son, Max, was diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy, they had no idea what lay ahead. After months of tests, and more months trying to come to terms with Max's condition, they're on a fundraising journey and just completed a two-day 100km walk! Rich tells us about Max and their journey.

Click on the image below to donate:



### Support Rich's fundraising

By supporting Rich's efforts, you'll help fund research and support for individuals living with muscle wasting conditions.



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# Useful Information & what's coming up

## What's on in Burntwood?

### Summer plans in Burntwood, Right Up Your Street!



**COMEDY**

**Jonny Cole: Armchair Soldier**



Wednesday 13th May  
Burntwood Memorial Institute

7.30PM  £25

**COMEDY/STORYTELLING**

**Stupidest Super Stupid Show** Olaf Falafel



Monday 25th May  
Burntwood Rugby Club

2PM  £5

**COMEDY**

**Tea with Joyce Grenfell**



Nicola Keen and Malcolm McKee Saturday 27th June  
Ashmole Bowls and Social Club

3PM  PERFORMANCE ONLY: £5  
PERFORMANCE, CREAM TEA & HOT DRINK: £10

**MUSIC**

**LICHFIELD FESTIVAL**  
YOUNG ARTIST

**Palisander**



Tuesday 14th July  
St Anne's Church

6.30PM  £5

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**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

**The Puppet Petting Farm HandMade Theatre**



Saturday 18th July  
Burntwood Leisure Centre

VARYING TIMES  FREE

**COMEDY**

**Tell Tale Twit**



Gav Cross

Friday 31st July  
Burntwood Library

2.30PM  £5

**STORYTELLING**

**War of the Worlds**



Gav Cross

Friday 31st July  
Burntwood Library

7PM  £5

**COMEDY**

**Samrat Mujumder**



Wednesday 15th July  
St Annes Church

6PM  £5



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## Dates for your diary



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Feel Good Friday

**w/c 25<sup>th</sup> May – HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 5<sup>th</sup> June – Y5 Residential

w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June – Y1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – New Reception Meeting – 6pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 Trip

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – FULFEST! Get your tickets on Parent Pay – children go free**

w/c 15<sup>th</sup> June – STEAM week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June – New Pre-School Meeting – 6pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Y4 Residential

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June – STEAM Dress up Day

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June Sports Day – Year 4/5/6

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June Sports Day – Year 1/2/3

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June – EYFS Sports Day

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Y6 Trip

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Y3 Camp

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Transition Morning

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Gymnastics Event

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Production 6pm

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Production 2pm

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Feel 'Marvellous' Monday

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Inflatables

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July School Discos

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly