



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

These last few weeks have been quite strange and emotional for me. Having been headteacher at Fulfen for a good many years, there have been many times when I've reflected that this will be the 'last time I'll do this'.

As always, the last few weeks are jam-packed with events and the children have been incredibly busy. There is a wonderful atmosphere around school at this time of year, with plays, trips, sports days, celebrations and special events filling the calendar. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils embracing every opportunity with such enthusiasm, confidence and enjoyment.

Our Year 6 children are now preparing for the next stage of their education. They have been excellent role models throughout their time at Fulfen and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. While we will be sad to see them leave, we know they are more than ready for the exciting challenges and opportunities that await them in secondary school.

As you will see throughout this newsletter, there is much to celebrate. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we have created a school community that our children can be proud of, and one that I will always look back on with great fondness.



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Stars of the week!

Jude Mullinex, Daisy Evans, Esme Woodhouse, Frankie Arbury, Blake Wheeler, Remi Kalsi, Dalton Meakin, Tommy Pate, All of year 1, Aidan Mumford, Florence Worrall, James Smith-Hickman, Nika Oleinic, Ronnie Rhodes, Dolly Drennan, Oliver MacGregor-Ivors,

Freddie Blackmoore, Leo Everiss, Hartley Shenston, Eleanor Jackson, Maddison Taylor, Theo Hatfield, Iris Corfield, Hunter Smith, Ella Eaton, Florence Atkins-Mann, Fynn Pitcher, Luka Williams, Holly Scandrett, Raiven Meszaros, Emily Watton, William Breen, Megan Smith, Euan Blower,

Riley Brookes, Seb Lodge, Maya Cockayne, Freddie Hems-Fish, Phoebe Bourne, Ava Lappage, All of 5B, Romany Meszaros, Olivia Odejimi, Callum Murray-Ferris, David Stefan, Nolan Lloyd, Max Hall, Avery Bennett, William Breen, Megan Smith, Euan Blower, Riley Brookes, Seb Lodge, Maya Cockayne, Freddie Hems-Fish

Attendance Heroes!

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time



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Attendance Heroes

Date	11-15 May	18-22 May	01-05 June	08-12 June	15-19 June
KS1	2P	R2	2O	2P	2P
KS2	6FH	6FH	6FH	3C	4M

Overall Term Winners

KS1	2O
KS2	3FH



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Perfect Paris Trip!

Year 6 had an amazing time in Paris this year and were an absolute joy to take away. They enjoyed a fun-packed week and here are a few of the highlights.

We visited Brie-Comte-Robert, where the children worked together to follow clues and learn more about the town. They also had the opportunity to do some shopping at the local market and practise their French.



The children ate well throughout the trip and some children and staff even tried snails for the first time! The crepe making evening was another highlight and the results were delicious!



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Paris continued...

We created memories to last a lifetime during a wonderful day in Paris. Everyone climbed the Eiffel Tower before enjoying a relaxing boat trip along the River Seine. This was followed by a visit to a French supermarket, where plenty of sweets were purchased and another dip in the swimming pool when we returned to the centre.



For many, the highlight of the week was our visit to Disneyland Paris, where everyone enjoyed a truly magical day. Some children even experienced their first roller coaster ride!

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Our Young Artists Achieve National Success!

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the success of two of our talented young artists, Thomas (Y5) and Eva (Y3), whose artwork has been selected for the prestigious Royal Academy Young Artists' Summer Show 2026.



The exhibition receives around 25,000 entries from young people across the country, with only 500 pieces chosen to be exhibited. This year, Thomas and Eva's artwork was among those selected – an outstanding achievement.

The Young Artists' Summer Show runs alongside the world-famous Royal Academy Summer Exhibition, a tradition that has been showcasing art for over 250 years. The exhibition features work from renowned artists across the globe and attracts many distinguished visitors, including members of the Royal Family. The exhibition opens on 8th July, with 200 artworks displayed at the Royal Academy itself and a further 300 featured in the online exhibition.

Congratulations to Thomas and Eva, and thank you to Mrs Ashcroft for inspiring and nurturing the creativity of our pupils. We look forward to following their artistic journeys in the years ahead.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

STEAM WEEK

Last week, we celebrated STEAM Week across the school. Children took part in a wide range of activities linked to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics, all centred around our key theme: *'Curiosity: What is your question?'*

Pupils from Pre-School to Year 2 were delighted to welcome a special visit from Chase Terrace Community Fire Station. Firefighters arrived at Fulfen with their fire engine and equipment, providing the children with an exciting and informative talk about their work and the important role they play in the community.

We also enjoyed our STEAM Careers Day, during which children came to school dressed as a variety of professionals working within STEAM-related fields. The creativity shown and the diverse range of careers represented never fail to impress us. It was wonderful to see so many children inspired by the possibilities that the future may hold.

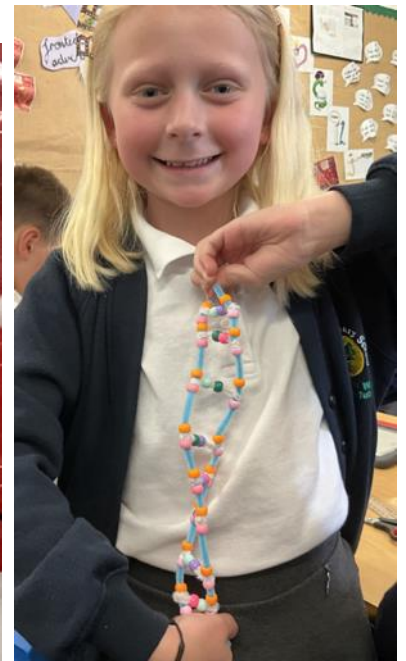
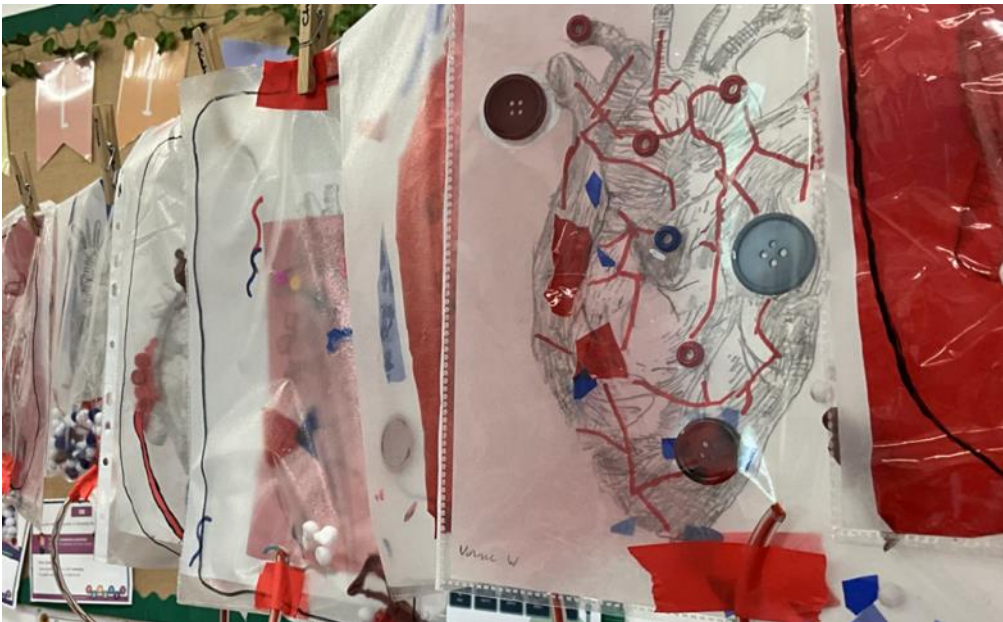


Celebrations - what we've been up to

Making the Invisible Visible

As part of STEAM week, Year 5 explored how science helps us understand the parts of our bodies that we cannot see. Focusing on the heart and circulatory system, the children learned about the vital role blood cells play in keeping us healthy.

Using art as a way to communicate scientific ideas, pupils carefully sketched the human heart and created imaginative blood bag artwork. This exciting work with Mrs Ashcroft combined scientific investigation with creativity, helping children to see how art can bring complex ideas to life and make the invisible world inside our bodies visible for everyone to understand.



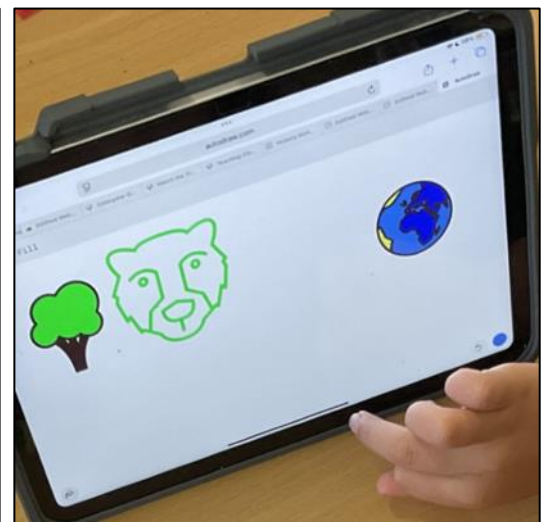
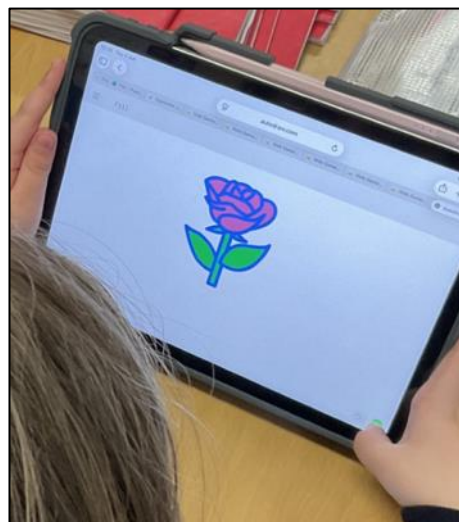
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AI Awareness Day 2026

As part of AI Awareness Day, pupils across the school joined thousands of children nationwide in developing their understanding of artificial intelligence. The aim of the day was to build AI literacy through simple but meaningful activities, encouraging everyone to 'Know it. Question it. Use it wisely.' Through lessons, discussions and assemblies, children explored how AI is used in everyday life, as well as its opportunities, limitations and responsibilities.

Children took part in a range of activities, alongside live online assemblies delivered by Barefoot Computing. From EYFS pupils learning the difference between humans and machines, to older children critically evaluating AI-generated content, spotting flaws in AI systems and considering the environmental impact of AI, every year group engaged thoughtfully with the technology that is increasingly shaping our world.

Here are some of our Year 3 children using Autodraw to assist them with creating images.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

FULFEST – A Day to Remember!

Fulfest was a fantastic celebration of the incredible talent we have at Fulfen! The event was a sell-out and there wasn't a seat to spare. Children from across the school took to the stage and wowed the audience with a wide range of performances, from singing and dancing to displaying some truly amazing geographical knowledge. Every act brought something special and kept the audience thoroughly entertained throughout the evening.

It wasn't just the children showcasing their talents either. Several members of staff bravely stepped into the spotlight, with the EYFS team certainly 'making a splash' with their performance and Miss Davies giving a performance to remember as she enjoys her final term at Fulfen.

Our judges had an incredibly difficult task choosing a winner from such a strong field of contestants. After much deliberation, they crowned Year 5 singers Lily and Olivia as Fulfest champions for their beautiful rendition of *Die on This Hill*. See a video snippet by clicking on the image at the bottom of the page.

The rain certainly wasn't going to stop the fun. Our evening outdoor 'festival' went ahead with food, face painting, nail art and a bouncy castle, ensuring there was something for everyone to enjoy. A wonderful time was had by all!



Did you know?

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



FULFEST winning act:



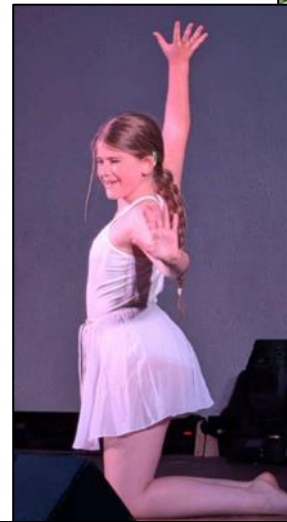
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FULFEST 2



Celebrations - what we've been up to

FULFEST 3



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Sports Day Success

Years 4, 5 and 6 took part on Monday, followed by Years 1, 2 and 3 on Tuesday. Across both days, pupils showed fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship as they competed in a wide range of events.

From obstacle races that tested skills, balance and resilience, to sprint races and field events including archery, bean bag throw and the ever-popular welly wanging, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Every child took part in every event, working hard to earn valuable points for their team: **Ash**, **Beech**, **Spruce** or **Oak**.

The atmosphere was fantastic, with pupils cheering one another on and celebrating each other's achievements. Well done to everyone who took part!

A huge thank you must go to the sports leaders from Chase Terrace Academy, who supported both Sports Days with enthusiasm.

Winning teams will be rewarded with a **non-uniform day on Friday 26th June**:

KS1 – **SPRUCE**

KS2 – **BEECH**



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 4 Visit Ingestre Hall

Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic time during their residential visit to Ingestre Hall. Throughout their stay, the children worked in four different groups: Art, Drama, Dance and Music, creating and performing work inspired by the theme of the water cycle.

The children embraced every challenge with enthusiasm and determination. Many had the opportunity to play instruments they had never encountered before, while others stepped outside their comfort zones through performance, movement and creative expression. We were incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and teamwork shown by every child.

Ingestre Hall provided a truly inspiring setting for the residential. The children were amazed by the beautiful surroundings and the historic building, and they showed great respect for both the venue and the staff throughout their stay.

It was a memorable experience that allowed our pupils to develop their creativity, confidence and independence, while creating lasting memories with their friends.



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Useful Information & what's coming up

Welcome Mr Eke!

Those who attended Fulfest may already have spotted our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Eke, who kindly joined our judging panel for the evening. Mr Eke will be joining us in September and brings a wealth of experience to his new role as Deputy Head. He will be a great support to Miss Sturch as she begins her headship after the summer.



Together, they are looking forward to building on Fulfen's many strengths, continuing the school's journey of success and ensuring that every child receives the very best opportunities to thrive, achieve and enjoy their learning. The Governing Body also extends a very warm welcome to Mr Eke as he joins the Fulfen team.

Mr Eke is really looking forward to joining us:

"Hello! My name is Mr Eke and I am delighted to be joining the Fulfen Team as Deputy Headteacher in September.

Throughout my teaching career, I have held Senior Leader positions in three very different schools, including my current role as Assistant Headteacher at a school in Lichfield. Alongside my school leadership role, I have also had the privilege of supporting aspiring and new teachers through facilitating as part of an Initial Teacher Training course on behalf of a Teaching School Hub, as well as delivering a programme that supports teachers in their first two years of teaching across North Birmingham. Before moving to the Midlands, I worked at a primary school in North Yorkshire.

I had the pleasure of coming along to Fulfest, which gave me a wonderful insight into what makes Fulfen such a special place, and I was so impressed by the sense of community, enthusiasm and pride shown by the children, staff and families. I may need to start thinking about any hidden talents that may need to make an appearance in the future!

I am incredibly excited to be joining the school and cannot wait to get started in September. I am really looking forward to getting to know the children, families and wider Fulfen community and becoming part of such a fantastic team."

Mr Eke

Useful Information & what's coming up

Lockdown Procedures and Practice

As part of our ongoing commitment to the safety and wellbeing of all children and staff, we would like to inform you that we will be carrying out a planned practice of our school lockdown procedures on the afternoon of Monday 29th June.

Just as we regularly practise fire drills, schools are also required to ensure that children and staff know what to do in the unlikely event of other emergency situations. These procedures follow Department for Education (DfE) guidance and form an important part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities.

We understand that the idea of a lockdown practice may feel unsettling; however, please be reassured that this will be a calm, carefully planned exercise designed to help us review and improve our procedures so that we can keep everyone as safe as possible should we ever need to use them in a real situation.

The practice will be explained to the children in an age-appropriate, sensitive and reassuring way. Staff will ensure that children feel safe and supported throughout, and their responses and wellbeing will be closely monitored at all times. To help children understand the purpose of the practice in a non-threatening way, staff may use familiar examples, such as explaining that an animal has wandered onto the school site and everyone needs to stay safely inside the building until the situation has been resolved. This helps children understand that lockdown procedures are simply another way we help keep everyone safe.

During the practice, children will:

- Return to their classroom (or the nearest safe room if they are not in their usual space);
- Secure classroom doors;
- Practise quietly moving to a safe space, such as under tables or away from windows;
- Close blinds;
- Sit calmly and quietly with familiar adults.

These actions help children understand what they may need to do in the unlikely event of an unexpected situation on the school site.

Our aim is always to ensure that children feel safe, prepared and reassured, knowing that these procedures are in place to protect them. We will continue to practise lockdown procedures periodically, in the same way that we regularly carry out fire drills.

You may wish to speak with your child about the practice beforehand in a calm and reassuring way. For example, you might say: "Sometimes, just like we practise fire drills, the school practises what to do if everyone needs to stay safely inside the classroom for a short time. It's only a practice to help keep everyone safe, and your teachers will be with you the whole time."

There is no need to go into detail, and we encourage parents and carers to keep conversations simple, positive and reassuring. The practice will be presented to children as another routine safety procedure, similar to the drills they already experience regularly in school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Changes due to Hot Weather

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, we have made some changes:

- **Year 3 Base Camp** has been rescheduled to **24th–25th September** (with Mrs Fierro-Hammond and Mrs Cooper).
- **Year 6 Alton Towers Trip** has been cancelled and will be replaced by **Water Pistol Mayhem on Thursday 25th June**.
- **Pre-School and Reception Sports Days** have been rescheduled to **Friday 3rd July**.

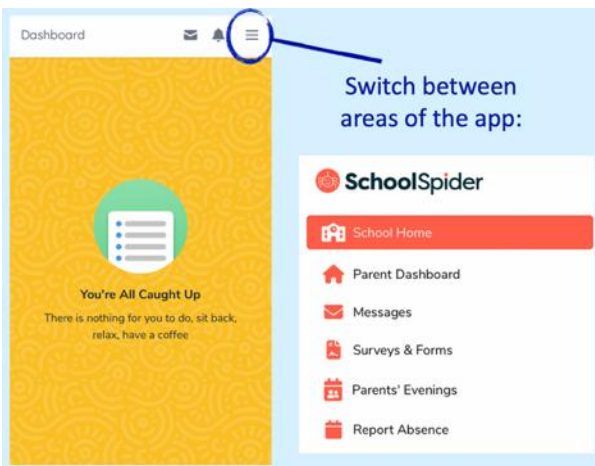
Any QR code tickets already issued for the original Sports Day date will remain valid. If you require a new ticket, please use the link that was emailed to EYFS families on 16th June.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we prioritise pupils' safety.

Using the School Spider App






The School Spider app helps us to keep you informed of what's going on in school for your child. You can also access your School Spider account via the 'parent login' at the very bottom of our school website.

Once in the app, you can navigate to each different section for your needs.



On the home page, you'll be able to access our latest Newsletters.

Then you can switch between the various areas of the app to find what you need. In the next few weeks, there will be various forms that we require you to complete as we start preparing for next year – so keep your eye out!

 Parent Dashboard	 Messages	 Surveys & Forms	 Parents' Evenings	 Report Absence
Items you need to action (surveys to fill out, messages to read etc)	Messages from the school (important messages will also be emailed to you)	Any surveys or forms we need you to fill in	Book appointments for parents' evenings when they become available	Is your child ill? Let us know why they are not at school

The 'Absence Report' is for illnesses only. If your child has a medical appointment or holiday, please contact the school office.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Classes for Next Year

Here are the classes for next September:

Current Class	Moving to Class	New Teacher in September	Support Staff
PS1 (Miss Pretty)	R1	Mrs Darby	Mrs Carter Miss Shuck Mrs Willows Mrs Moore Miss Holloway
PS2 (Miss Cook)	R2	Miss Chapman	
R1 (Mrs Darby)	1RK	Miss Ryan & Mrs Kennedy	Mrs Russ Mrs Beaman
R2 (Miss Chapman)	1B	Miss Barnett	
1RK (Miss Ryan/Mrs Kellett)	2O	Mrs Owen	Mrs Kilgallen
1B (Miss Barnett)	2K	Mrs Kellett	
2P (Mrs Thompson)	3FH	Mrs Fierro-Hammond	Mrs Evans
2O (Mrs Owen)	3C	Mrs Cooper	
3FH (Mrs Fierro-Hammond)	4M	Miss Morgan	Mrs Connock
3C (Mrs Cooper)	4S	Ms Shermer	
4S (Ms Shermer)	5B	Mr Bennett	Mrs Turton
4M (Miss Morgan)	5P	Mrs Parker	
5B (Mr Bennett)	6G	Miss Greenfield	Miss Green
5P (Mrs Parker)	6FH	Mrs Fierro-Hammond	

During our Transition Morning next Tuesday, children will spend time with their new teacher in their September classroom. This is an important opportunity for pupils to become familiar with their new learning environment, meet the adults who will be supporting them and begin building confidence ahead of the new academic year.

The morning is designed to help children feel excited about the next stage of their school journey and gives teachers the chance to begin getting to know their new pupils and ensures that everyone is well prepared for a smooth transition in September.

Useful Information & what's coming up

FULFEN CLUB HOLIDAY CLUB – A Summer of Fun!

Our Summer holiday club will be running from Tuesday 25th July till Friday 21st August 2026. As always there will be plenty of fabulous activities on with a different theme each week!

Open from 8:30am–3:30pm, each day will offer a fantastic mix of fun, friendship and new experiences, including:

- Daily sports and games with Progressive Sports
- Arts, crafts and creative activities
- Cooking sessions
- Special themed "WOW" days
- Outdoor adventures and games

Our Holiday Club provides a safe, welcoming environment where children can have fun, stay active and spend time with friends during the summer break. As well as creating lasting memories, children have opportunities to build confidence, develop new skills and make new friendships.

Bookings are now open, and places are expected to fill quickly. If you would like your child to join us this summer, please use the booking link: [BOOK HERE](#)



HAF Places

We are also pleased to be offering HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) places again this summer. Families whose children are eligible for benefit-related free school meals will be able to book up to 16 funded sessions. Eligible families will receive a separate email with booking information. **Scan or tap the QR code to find out more about HAF places.**



Useful Information & what's coming up

Keeping it COOL in the Hot Weather!

With temperatures set to remain high this week, we wanted to reassure families that we have carefully assessed the conditions and that school will remain open as normal.

The safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff is always our top priority.

While the hot weather presents some challenges, we are confident that the measures we have in place will allow children to continue learning safely and comfortably. Closing the school would only be considered if conditions became unsafe.

To help keep everyone cool and safe, we are:

- Keeping classrooms as cool as possible by closing blinds and curtains and using fans where available.
- Adapting or reducing outdoor activities during the hottest parts of the day.
- Encouraging regular water breaks throughout the day.
- Making use of shaded areas during break and lunchtime wherever possible.
- Monitoring children closely for signs of overheating, tiredness or dehydration.

Please support us by ensuring your child brings:

- A named water bottle filled with water.
- A sun hat or cap.
- Sunscreen applied before school (and, where appropriate, a named bottle for independent reapplication).

Optional Early Pick-Up

As it gets hotter during the day and younger children may get tired, we are offering the opportunity for parents to collect their child at 1:30 on particularly hot days. A message will be sent out to parents as early as possible on any days this is applicable. This is entirely *optional* for families: School and Fulfen Club will remain open as usual.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to keep everyone safe, comfortable and ready to learn during this spell of hot weather.



Useful Information & what's coming up

Last Chance To Dance!

Our Summer term discos are on Wednesday 15th July! Please purchase tickets via ParentPay.

It's only £3, including a drink.

Wednesday 15th July:

Year R/1/2 – 5:00-5:45 pm

Year 3/4/5 – 6:15-7:00 pm

Year 6 – 7:30-8:15 pm



Plant Sale

Our Garden Club will be having a plant sale on **Thursday 9th July**. You'll find us at the top of the drive. All plants are 50p to £1 and all proceeds will go to Gardening Club.



End of Term Ice Cream

To celebrate another fantastic year at Fulfen, we will be welcoming the ice cream van to school on **Friday 17th July** for a special end-of-term visit!

Children will be able to choose either an **ice cream** or an **ice lolly**, and payment for this will be available via **ParentPay**.

We're sure this will be a popular way to round off the school year and give everyone something to look forward to as the summer holidays approach!



Useful Information & what's coming up

World Cup Themed School Dinners

Here is our themed menu for Tuesday 7th July. If your child would like a school dinner on this day, please log in to ParentPay and make your selection.

Please note that any meal choices previously booked for this date have been cleared following the menu update, so all families wishing to order a school meal will need to make a new selection.

MENU

Tuesday 7th July

Option 1 - USA

NEW YORK STYLE HOT DOG
AND FRIES

Option 2 - Canada

VANCOUVER VICTORY GRILLED
CHEESE SANDWICH

Option 3 - Mexico

MEXICO CITY INSPIRED QUORN
TACOS SERVED WITH HOMEMADE
SALSA, GUACAMOLE AND FRIES

All served with a selection of fresh
vegetables or salad, with bread from
the basket

Desserts

Belgian style waffle served with ice cream
English sticky toffee pudding and custard
World cup winning chocolate cake
Hydration break freshly made fruit salad

Useful Information & what's coming up

Dates for your diary



~~Wednesday 24th June EYFS Sports Day – moved to 3rd July~~

~~Thursday 25th June – Y6 Trip – Cancelled~~

~~Thursday 25th – Friday 26th June – Y3 Camp – postponed~~

Thursday 25th June – Y6 Water Pistol Mayhem

Friday 26th June – No school uniform for Spruce (KS1) and Beech (KS2)

Monday 29th June – Lockdown Practice

Tuesday 30th June – Transition Morning – meet your new teacher!

Thursday 2nd July – Pre-School Graduation 9:30am

Friday 3rd July – EYFS Sports Day 9:15-10:15 – tickets required

Tuesday 7th July – Gymnastics Event

Tuesday 7th July – World Cup Themed Menu – book via ParentPay

Thursday 9th July – Plant Sale – straight after school

Thursday 9th July – Y6 Production 6pm – tickets required

Friday 10th July – Y6 Production 2pm – tickets required

Friday 10th July – School Reports out

Monday 13th July – Feel ‘Marvellous’ Monday

Tuesday 14th July – Y6 Inflatables

Tuesday 14th July – Class Attendance Reward Afternoon

Wednesday 15th July – School Discos

Friday 17th July – Y6 Leavers’ Assembly

Friday 17th July – Ice Cream Van Visit – please pre-purchase on ParentPay

Friday 17th July – LAST DAY OF TERM

