



Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, this is the last time I'll be writing the foreword for our newsletter.

Looking around school, I feel incredibly proud of the positive attitudes, enthusiasm and kindness shown by our pupils every day, and of the dedication and commitment of our amazing staff. The final weeks of the summer term are always among my favourites, filled with productions, performances, sporting events, celebrations and special memories. It's a joyful time, and there is so much to celebrate. I hope you enjoy reading about just some of the fantastic experiences our children have shared in this final newsletter of the academic year.

As the summer holidays begin, I wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe break. You'll find a couple of useful articles in this edition that may help you over the holidays.

It has been an absolute privilege to serve as Headteacher of Fulfen. I have so much to be grateful for and will always treasure the memories, friendships and achievements we have shared. I know that, as I pass the reins to Miss Sturch, the school is in very safe hands and will continue to flourish.



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Stars of the week!

All of reception,
Savannah Brown, Class
1B, Charlie Hunt, Eve
Ludlow, Ben Scandrett,
Tommy Blackmoore,
Teddy Allcutt, Ethan
North, Arthur Adams-
Clarke, Mallorie
Appleton, Aidan
Mumford

Jack Corbett,
Emily Heming,
Zac Edwards, Evie-Lou
Poxon, Skye Thomas,
Grace Wright, Lottie
Lightfoot, Nathan
Simpson, Tess Hollins,
Kellan Anderson, Jessica
Barratt, Florence Allcutt

Poppy Jones, George
Lyndon, Freddie Floyd,
Ava Aydi, Ava Aydi,
Freddie Floyd, Elana
Woodhouse, Paige
Ranger, Bella Sage,
Harvey Harrington,
Harry Startin, Arthur
Roadnight, Pippa
Madeley, Bobby Knowles

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 – Winning Classes 2025-2026

Here
Everyday
Ready
On time



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Attendance Heroes Winning Classes 2025-2026



20 - Picnic and Ice Cream!

3FH - Picnic and Ice Cream!



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

A Personal Thank you

As many of you know, I will be retiring at the end of this term after the privilege of serving as Headteacher of Fulfen Primary School for over 13 years. It is difficult to put into words what this school has meant to me. Being part of the lives of so many wonderful children and families has been an honour that I will always treasure. Every day has brought its own challenges, laughter, proud moments and memories that I will carry with me long after I leave.

What a brilliant way to end my time at Fulfen than with our wonderful Fulfest at Burntwood Memorial Community Centre. Seeing our incredibly talented children take to the stage alongside members of staff, each supporting and encouraging one another, was everything I could have hoped for. The confidence, joy and sheer enthusiasm on display made it a truly unforgettable evening. I even had the chance to step out of my comfort zone and perform Titanium with some of our fabulous pupils dancing alongside me - a memory I will treasure forever! Every staff performance was equally entertaining, and together we created an evening full of laughter, talent and community spirit. It was the perfect celebration of everything that makes Fulfen such a special place.

Leaving will be incredibly emotional, and I know there will be more than a few tears over the coming weeks. At the same time, I am looking forward to a new chapter. After many years of seeing school life from this side of the gate, I will soon be joining many of you on the other side - enjoying school runs, helping with homework and making precious memories with my beautiful grandchildren. It will be a very different role, but one I am excited to embrace.

I would like to thank every parent and carer for the trust, kindness and support you have shown me and the staff over the years. The partnership between home and school has always been at the heart of what makes Fulfen such a special place, and together we have helped our children grow into confident, caring and resilient young people.

Although I may be retiring, I certainly won't be saying goodbye forever. I hope to pop back for future productions, celebrations and special events, because once you've been part of the Fulfen family, it will always hold a special place in your heart.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your children's journey. I leave with immense pride, a heart full of gratitude and countless wonderful memories.

Miss Davies

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Our Growing Orchard

We're thrilled to have received another generous grant from Kingspan, which has helped transform our orchard into an even more special place for our pupils.

The funding has created a beautiful meandering pathway, attractive arbours and picnic benches, expertly installed by Cherry Orchard Garden Services. Even more exciting, this September we'll be adding a living willow dome – a peaceful new space where children can read, chat and enjoy the outdoors.

Watch this space for more exciting developments!



A Blooming Success!

Our Garden Club pupils have been hard at work growing a wonderful selection of summer plants in the school polytunnel. Their efforts certainly paid off, with our recent plant sale raising over **£100!**



The children thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and were so proud to see their plants finding new homes. A huge thank you to all the parents and grandparents who came along to support us.



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Magnolia Café Visit Blooms at Fulfen

Our Fulfen Garden Club was delighted to welcome 30 guests from the Magnolia Dementia Café for a very special morning. Visitors enjoyed coffee and delicious cakes before being treated to songs and dances from our talented Year 6 pupils' end-of-year production.

Our Garden Club members were wonderful hosts, proudly showing guests around the allotment, polytunnel and our beautiful orchard. It was a fantastic opportunity for different generations to spend time together, and everyone enjoyed a truly memorable morning.



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Author Workshop

Ten lucky Y5 pupils were chosen to attend an assembly and a workshop with A.M.Dassu, a former World Book Day author and internationally acclaimed author of 13 children's books, including *Boy, Everywhere* and *Fight Back* and *Kicked Out*.

Chase Terrace staff were keen to share with us that they were wonderfully behaved and a credit to our school.



Supporting Burntwood Foodbank

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated to our Foodbank Basket this term. Thanks to your generosity, we have once again been able to deliver another full basket of food to Burntwood Foodbank, helping to support local families in need.

Please continue to donate once we come back to school in September.

Thank you for helping us make a difference
in our local community!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 6 Production

Our production of **Star Warts** was an out-of-this-world success, with audiences laughing, clapping and thoroughly enjoying every minute. The singing was a real showstopper, while the fantastic acting and energetic dancing proved our cast had talent from every corner of the galaxy. *Star Warts* boldly went where no school musical has gone before, leaving everyone ready to fasten their seatbelts, set phasers to fun and remember that... the sauce was definitely with us!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Published Poets in Year 4

In May, Year 4 wrote some poems and many of them have been published in a poetry anthology.

The theme was "I have a dream..."

Here are some proud Y4 pupils holding their poetry books:



Fulfen Awarded Platinum School Games Mark!

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme, launched in 2012 and facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust, which recognises schools for their commitment to developing competition, sport and physical activity across the school and within the wider community.



We are absolutely delighted to have been recognised at Platinum level for our commitment to school sport, teamwork, participation and giving our children opportunities to shine through physical activity.

Celebrations - what we've been up to

Wimbledon Fever Hits Fulfen!

Year 3 and Year 4 enjoyed an exciting trip to Chase Terrace, where they took part in a tennis taster session. The children had the opportunity to learn a range of tennis skills, including serving, rallying and ball control, before putting their new skills into practice through a variety of fun activities.

Everyone showed fantastic enthusiasm, listened brilliantly to the coaches and gave every challenge their best effort. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces throughout the session, and the children represented Fulfen School brilliantly.

A fantastic day of learning, teamwork and sporting fun!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Music Takes Centre Stage!

Our end-of-term musical presentations were a wonderful celebration of the children's hard work and growing confidence. It was fantastic to see so many pupils performing, with many taking to the stage in front of an audience for the very first time.

Every child should be incredibly proud of themselves for showcasing their talents with such enthusiasm and courage.

At Fulfen, we love music, and it was a joy to see our young performers shine!



Celebrations - what we've been up to

Goodbye Year 6!

Our talented Mrs Ashcroft (or Mrs Art'n'Craft as she's fondly known by many children) has painted portraits of our Y6 children:



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Celebrations - what we've been up to

Goodbye Year 6!



Y6 – Treats – Water Fights and Inflatables!



Useful Information & what's coming up

Summer Reading Challenge!

We're excited to invite your child to take part in this year's **Summer Reading Challenge** "Read to the Beat" – completely FREE at your local library from 4th July-14th September 2026! It's fun and helps keep up reading skills over the holidays!



- Visit your library and register to receive your reading booklet Set a reading goal
- Read whatever they like – books, eBooks, audiobooks Earn stickers as you read and visit the library
- Complete your challenge at the library to receive your certificate, medal and pop badge.

You can also take part in events & activities and help your school win the schools challenge cup trophy by completing the challenge! It's a great way to boost confidence and make reading fun!

Summer Reading Challenge Events

Visit the library or call 01543 334466 to book

Wednesday 29 th July 2:00-3:00pm	Decorate a Wooden Whistle	Come along and get creative by decorating a wooden whistle	FREE, Booking Required. Ages 4+
Thursday 6 th August 9:30- 11:30am	Rubbish Rockstars with Dan from Veolia	Making music with recyable items!	FREE, Booking Required. Ages 4+
Wednesday 13 th August 10:00-11:30am	Hector the Hermit Crab: Storytime & Craft	Join local author Iona Chisholm in the enchanting story of Hector the Hermit Crab and make your own hermit crab to take home	50p per child, Booking Required. Under 8's
Wednesday 19 th August 2:00-3:00pm	Decorate a Hand Bell	Come along and design a wooden hand bell	FREE, Booking Required. Ages 4+
Wednesday 26 th August 2:00-3:00pm	Decorate a Wooden Maraca	Read to the beat by decorating your own wooden maraca	FREE, Booking Required. Ages 4+
Thursday 27 th August 10:30-11:30am	Mindful Music: A Wellbeing Workshop with Natasha of Sparkling Leaf Mindfulness	Supporting children's emotional wellbeing through mindfulness, self-kindness and empowerment	Donations appreciated, Booking Required. Ages 5-11 years

Useful Information & what's coming up

Stay Safe This Summer

Water Safety

As the weather gets warmer, it's important to remember that rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs and ponds can be far more dangerous than they appear. Even on hot days, the water can be extremely cold, and hidden currents, deep water and slippery banks can quickly put people at risk.



Please remind your child that they should only swim in supervised swimming areas and never enter open water with friends. If they see someone in difficulty, they should call 999 immediately and tell an adult – they should never enter the water themselves to try and help.

By talking about water safety before family days out, we can all help children enjoy a fun and safe summer.

Sun Safety



We all look forward to spending more time outdoors during the summer holidays, but it's important to stay safe in the sun. Children can become dehydrated or suffer from heat exhaustion if they spend too long in high temperatures without taking precautions.

Encourage your child to drink plenty of water throughout the day, wear a sun hat and lightweight clothing, and apply sunscreen regularly.

Whenever possible, seek shade during the hottest part of the day and take regular breaks from energetic activities.

A little planning can make a big difference, helping everyone stay healthy while making the most of the summer weather.

For more information and advice see the [CDOP poster here](#).



Useful Information & what's coming up

Where to Find Support This Summer

While the summer holidays are a time for rest, fun and family activities, we know that some children and families may find the longer break more challenging. Changes to routine, reduced contact with friends and worries about home or school can sometimes affect a child's wellbeing.

One of the most important things parents and carers can do is keep communication open. Taking time to talk, listen and spend quality time together can make a real difference. Encouraging children to stay active, maintain a regular sleep routine and keep in touch with friends can also help support positive mental health throughout the holidays.

If you notice changes in your child's mood, behaviour, appetite or sleep, don't ignore your concerns. Starting a gentle conversation is often the first step, and it's important to remember that support is available if you need it.

If you feel your child or family would benefit from additional advice, there are a number of organisations that can provide support during the summer holidays, including:

- **Staffordshire Mental Health Hub** – 0808 196 3002 or email mhsi.staffordshire@mpft.nhs.uk
- **Stay Well** – <https://staffs.staywellcyp.org/> - 01782 418518
- **Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD)** – 0300 111 8033
- **Staffordshire Family Hubs** – <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/family-hubs>
- If you are concerned about **your child's** mental health, you can also contact your GP, who can discuss appropriate support and, where necessary, make referrals to specialist services such as CAMHS.
- **NSPCC** – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/> offers a wide range of advice and support for both parents and children.

These services provide guidance, practical resources and emotional wellbeing support for children, young people and their families.

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child during the holidays, please don't wait until school reopens. If a child is at immediate risk of harm, always contact the police by calling **999**.

Remember, asking for help is a sign of strength and there are people and services ready to support families whenever they need it.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Menu Improvements Next Academic Year!

We're always trying to improve our school dinners and healthy eating is always at the forefront! From September school dinners will cost £2.70 and should be pre-ordered on ParentPay.

OUR SCHOOL MEALS

Exciting changes are coming to our school menus this year!



New School Food Standards are bringing positive changes to school lunches

**GROWING
HEALTHY
FUTURES**

How you can help

You can make a real difference by:

- 🌱 Encouraging your child to try something new
- 🌱 Talking positively about school meals
- 🌱 Exploring new foods together at home
- 🌱 Celebrating when they try a new fruit or vegetable—even if they don't love it first time!

Don't worry....

We know children have favourite meals!

Our team will introduce new dishes gradually, keeping some favourites while making them healthier and just as tasty.

What this means for your child:

- ✓ More freshly prepared meals
- ✓ Even more fruit & vegetables
- ✓ Less sugar, salt & saturated fat
- ✓ Balanced meals to help children learn
- ✓ Foods to help concentrate and grow
- ✓ New recipes developed with children in mind

Useful Information & what's coming up

Lots on at Lichfield Cathedral



Ocean Photographer of the Year Thursday 23 July - Monday 31 August 2026

Dive into the world's best ocean photography at Lichfield Cathedral this summer. Celebrate the beauty, diversity, and fragility of our marine ecosystems, from tiny hidden creatures to vast underwater landscapes rarely seen by the human eye.

Over 100 award-winning photographs from the Ocean Photographer of the Year 2025 collection are on display.



Click the images for more information.

FIN-TASTIC FAMILIES

Thursday 23, Thursday 30 & Friday 31 July | 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00

Monday 3 & Thursday 6 August | 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00

Monday 10 & Thursday 13 August | 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00

Monday 17 & Thursday 20 August | 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00

Monday 24 & Wednesday 26 August | 10:00–12:00 & 14:00–16:00



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Dates for your diary

Thursday 16th July – please respond to the survey about your child's school report by 4pm today.

Friday 17th July – please respond to the survey on Parental Consents by the end of today.

Friday 17th July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly

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

Friday 17th July – Last Day of School – no school uniform!

Monday 20th July – INSET DAY

Monday 20th July – Seesaw will close for the summer.

Tuesday 21st July – Fulfen Club OPEN for 5 weeks!

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Monday 31st August – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 1st September – INSET DAY

Wednesday 2nd September – INSET DAY

Thursday 3rd September – Welcome Back to School!

Monday 7th September Y1 – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 8th September Y2 – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 8th September - 6FH – Trip

Wednesday 9th September – 6G – Trip

Wednesday 9th September – Flu Immunisations

Wednesday 9th September Y3 – Meet the Teacher

Thursday 10th September Y4 – Meet the Teacher

Monday 14th September Y5 – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 15th September Y6 – Meet the Teacher

Wednesday 16th September – Reception Curriculum Information Meeting

Thursday 24th-25th September – Y4 – Base Camp

Friday 25th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning

