Fulfen Newsletter

Leading the way to a brighter future

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Foreword

A very warm welcome back to all of our Fulfen families! I hope you have all had a wonderful summer and that the children have returned feeling refreshed, excited and ready for another fantastic year of learning.

It has been lovely to see the children back in school and settling into their new classes so well. Mr Eke, our new Deputy Headteacher, has already fitted straight into the Fulfen team and we're delighted to have him with us!

Thank you to the parents and carers who have attended our Meet the Teacher meetings. We really value the opportunity to share what lies ahead for your child and to work together from the very beginning of the year.

Please do take a few minutes to have a read through this newsletter. There's lots happening across school, but towards the end you'll also find some important information and reminders about keeping our children safe. This includes driving and parking around school, our approach to technology and being an allergy-aware school.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Here's to a happy, exciting and successful year ahead at Fulfen!

Stars of the week!

Luna Buckley, Lucas Roberts, Bonnie Tomlinson
Henry Pickering, Lewis Thompson-Fisher, Frankie Hickman, Nelly Wootton, Alexander Pitt, Vince Radasci, Nellie Rose, Lucas Rollason, Arthur Adams-Clarke, Oliver Coles, Orla O'Farrell, Thomas Townhill, Georgie Waterhouse, Charlie Hunt
Isaac Bacon, Nika Oleinic,

Hartley Shenston, Elizabeth Lodge, Archie Watts, Maisie Ansell, Ava Green, Charlie Taylor, Iris Corfield, Ted Worrall, Fynn Pitcher, Elana Woodhouse, Marla Lewis, Ollie Manning, Olivia Freeman, Henry Roberts, Maya Iosipesu, Adam Butler, Jack McGeown, Ada Legood, Arthur Roadnight, Theo Thorpe, Lucy Young

Orla Haigh, Leo Goodall, Adam Aydi, Tommy Holmes, Leo Jones, Evie-Leigh Hunt, Billy Berry, Zac Edwards, Corbyn Seedhouse, Leo Richie, Niall Jones, Ginny Keogh, Elissa Dafforn, Belle Taylor, Hettie Goldsmith, Thomas Watton, Alfie Harris, Belle Taylor, Corbyn Seedhouse, Ginny Keogh

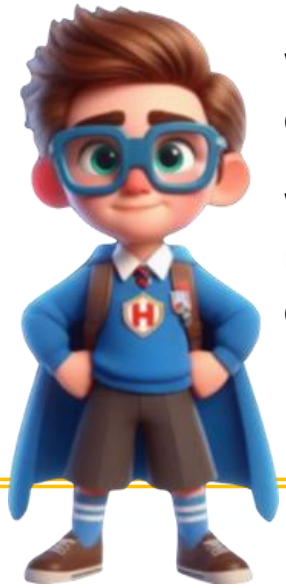


Attendance Heroes!



Every day at school counts!

The primary years are such an important time for children to learn, grow, build friendships and develop their confidence, and being in school regularly gives them the very best opportunity to make the most of every moment.



We'll be keeping a close eye on our attendance this year and celebrating the fantastic efforts of our children and families.

Watch this space! 👀 We've got some exciting ideas coming up to recognise our Attendance Heroes and celebrate the classes who are making attendance a real priority.

Remember, **every day really does count!**

First Trip of the School Year!

Year 6 had an amazing day out at Packington Farm, where they had the opportunity to develop their teamwork skills through a range of practical and challenging activities. Working collaboratively to solve a variety of problems, many children discovered new strengths in leadership, project management and communication, demonstrating impressive resilience and cooperation along the way.

The afternoon brought some friendly competition, as the children put their teamwork and problem-solving skills to the test in a shelter-building challenge. Their mission was simple: construct a shelter capable of keeping them as dry as possible when the rain came! There was plenty of creativity, determination and laughter, with the winning team being the one who managed to stay the driest during the shower.

It was a fantastic day filled with fun, new friendships and memorable experiences.









Celebrations - what we've been up to

World Cup Success for Ben from Year 5!



We are incredibly proud of Ben, who travelled to Hungary in August to compete in the Kickboxing World Cup, with support from Burntwood Rotary.

Ben had an amazing tournament, winning his preliminary bout by seven points before a dramatic quarter-final that went to extra time and sudden death! In the semi-final, he faced the world No. 3 and narrowly lost by just one point after a fantastic battle.

Ben returned home with a well-deserved bronze medal, competing against some of the very best young kickboxers in the world. What an incredible achievement!

We were delighted to welcome Ben back to school this week and celebrate his success with him. Well done, Ben - we are all very proud of you! 🥉

Matty Takes on an Incredible Challenge!

We are incredibly proud of Matty, who recently took on an amazing challenge in memory of his much-loved Dad. Alongside his family, Matty walked an incredible 32 miles over three days, from their home in Burntwood to Pride Park Stadium, the home of their beloved Derby County FC.



The challenge was undertaken to raise money for the Intensive Care Unit at Burton Hospital, where Matty's Dad spent his final few weeks. We are delighted to share that Matty and his family have already raised an incredible **£1,500** for this important cause.

What an amazing achievement, Matty! Your determination, courage and kindness are an inspiration, and we are incredibly proud of you.

Year 3 iPad Grand Reveal!

What an exciting week it has been for Year 3 as we had our very own iPad Grand Opening Day!

Thanks to the hard work and organisation of Mrs Malcolm, our brand-new iPads arrived, ready for the children to use to support their learning. The excitement was huge as the children eagerly unboxed their iPads and enjoyed helping with the initial set-up.

It has been wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children have been about using this new technology in the classroom. We are already looking forward to exploring the many ways our iPads can enhance our learning, from researching and creating to practising new skills and sharing our work.

We can't wait to see where our new iPads take our learning this year!







Celebrations - what we've been up to

Year 6 Creating Movies on How to Dribble a Basketball

Our Year 6 children have started learning Basketball skills and have made some videos teaching us how to do it. Why don't you grab a ball and have a go! Here, we have Evie-Lou and Hetties' video and Vinnie and Nathan's. It's trickier than it looks!

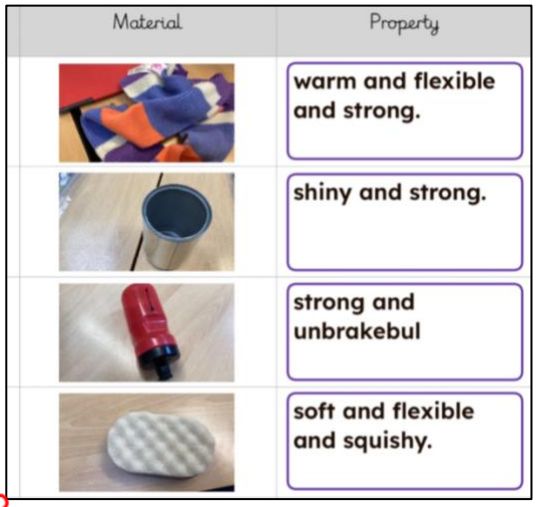


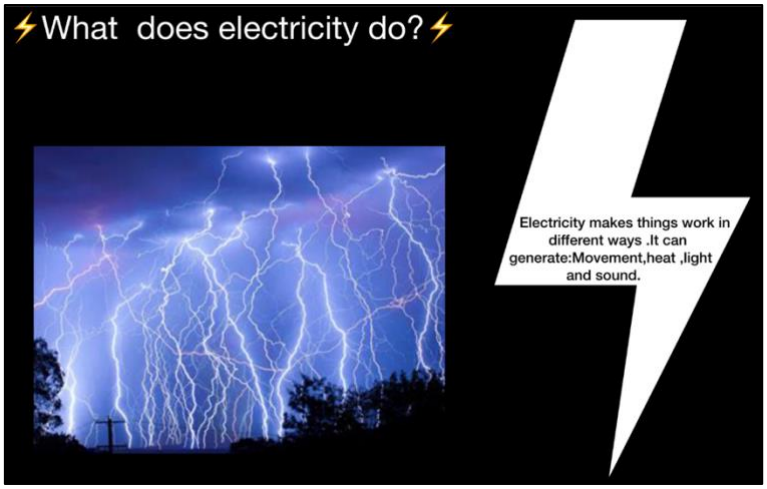


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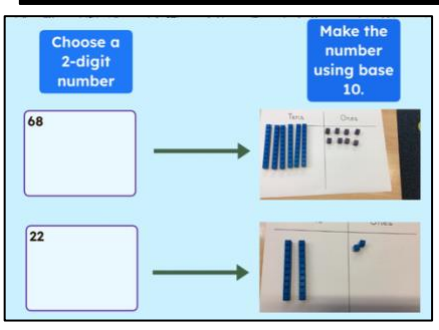
Parts of our newsletter are interactive! Try tapping on the images above to watch the videos!

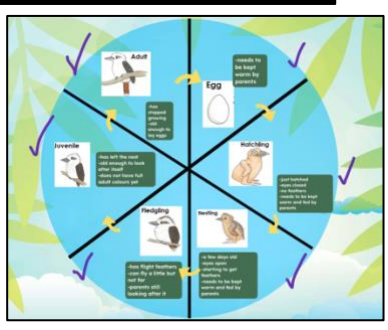
A Sample of Digital Work so far this year











Nature Inspired Art!

Our budding artists have been busy creating observational drawings of horse chestnuts, carefully looking at their shapes, lines and textures.

Our drawings will help inspire our upcoming Johnny Conkers poetry too!

Some very proud artists in 2O! ☆

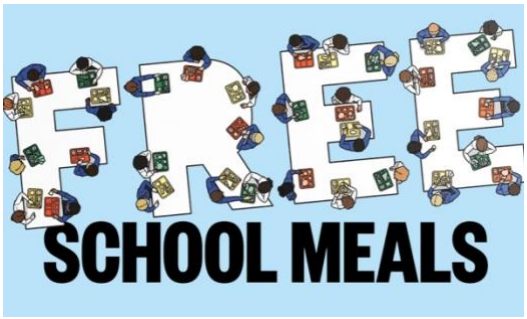






Useful Information & what's coming up

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – how to claim



Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time.

School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please can you follow this link to apply. You will be given a decision immediately. Please let the school know if you are successful:

Apply Now For Free School Meals (you will need your NI number).

If you would like us to apply on your behalf, please call the office and we will help you.

Free school meals for reception, year 1 and 2 children

From September 2014, if you have an infant age child (those in reception, year 1 or year 2), they can receive free school meals even if you don't meet the entitlement criteria and without completing an application for them. Your child will receive these automatically.

European Language Day

On **Friday 25th September**, we'll be celebrating European Day of Languages with this year's theme of 'Connections'. Children will enjoy a range of fun activities exploring different European languages and discovering the connections between them.

To help us celebrate, children are invited to come to school wearing the colours of a European country of their choice.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Child with SEND?

Staffordshire County Council provide a free service for children aged 0-18 with special educational needs and disabilities living in Staffordshire. This programme is designed for children with additional needs who cannot access universal activities in the same way as their peers. Visit the website here (or click on the image below) to view activity listings and book places directly for your child.

Aiming High - Short breaks and activities

MacMillan Coffee Morning – Friday 25th Sept – Please Support!

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning is taking place on **Friday 25th September** from 8.15am. Make sure you arrive early with plenty of change to buy cakes!

We're still looking for lots more delicious donations to help make our morning a sweet success.



If you can, please bring cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, traybakes or any other sweet treats to the school office as soon as possible.

Every donation, big or small, will help us raise money for a fantastic cause. Thank you for your support!



Useful Information & what's coming up

End of Day Arrangements

A quick reminder about our end-of-day arrangements: once children have been released to their parents or carers, they are the responsibility of the adult collecting them and should not return to the school building.

We encourage all children to use the toilet before leaving school. If your child does need to use the toilet after they have been released, please speak to the school office, where a member of staff will be able to help.

Once children have been collected, we also ask that they do not use or play on any of the school's equipment as you make your way off the school site. This is particularly important around the EYFS outdoor areas, where equipment is often close to the route home.

Thank you for your support in helping us to keep children safe and ensuring that our end-of-day routines run smoothly.

Progressive Sports Pickleball Enrichment

Next week, coaches from Progressive Sports will be working with our KS1 and KS2 children, introducing them to the exciting sport of pickleball!

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the days below so they can get involved and have a go. We're looking forward to seeing some budding pickleball players in action!

Monday 28th September: 1B, 2O, 4S, 5B, 5P and 6G

Tuesday 29th September: 1RK, 2K, 3C, 3FH, 4M and 6FH

Football Try-Outs

Our school football season is due to start! If your child is interested in representing the school, they can come to school in their PE kit and try-out during lunchtime:

Y4/5/6 GIRLS – Monday 28th September

Y5/6 MIXED – Tuesday 29th September



Useful Information & what's coming up

How do you get to school?

Walking to school is a great way to boost children's health and wellbeing, while reducing traffic around the school gates and improving local air quality. Take a look at the walking routes below and consider whether you could walk all or part of your journey to school.

Planning your journey

Plan your school journey using the map provided. If you have a School Crossing Patrol on your route, use these for safe crossing points along with other areas to cross.



Get Involved

Throughout the school year, your school will be encouraged to take part in travel campaigns e.g. walk to school, be bright be seen, bike week, scooter competitions and many more activities. We will also ask for information on how children travel to and from your school to help set initiatives.



Active Travel

Active travel on your journey to and from school, either walking, scooting or cycling, will provide your child with half of their recommended daily exercise.

They are the easiest ways to get moving and active and suitable for all ages. Active travel:

- helps children develop road safety skills.
- keeps the local air clean and streets traffic free.
- gets children arriving at school more alert.
- is free! Think of how much money you can save by leaving the car at home.

Air Aware

Air pollution can be a problem around all schools due to idling engines at pick up and drop off times.

Park away from school or choose active travel to reduce air pollution around your school.

http://iwillnotidle.doingourbit.info

air aware Staffordshire

Walk, Cycle, Scoot to School

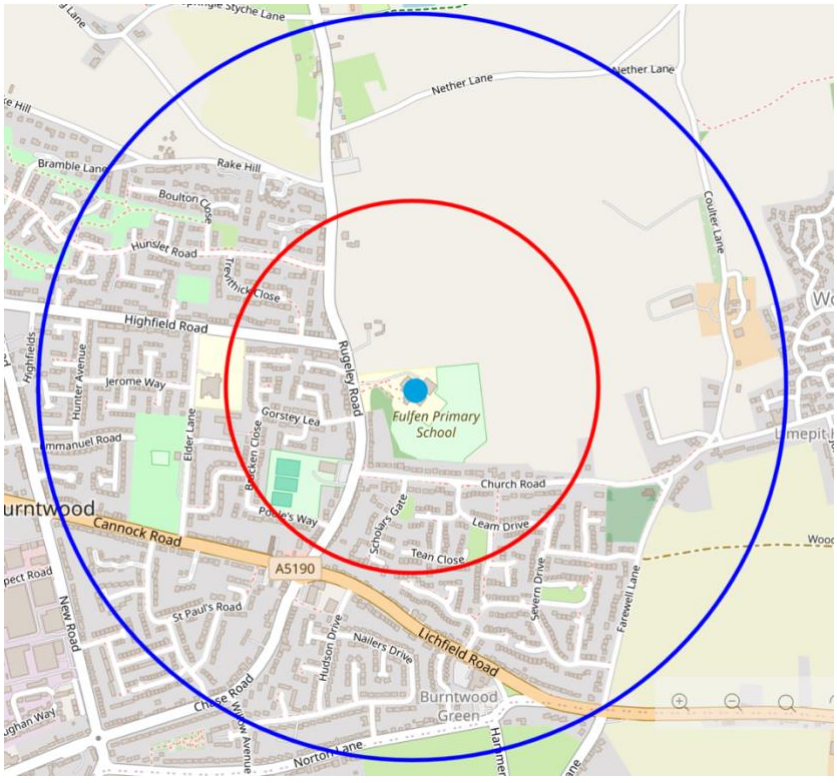
Walking, cycling and scooting is quick and easy. Here are some top tips to help you plan your journey to school:

- Whilst walking, be safe and be seen by wearing visible clothing and looking always when sharing roads or paths with other users.
- Plan and practice your route, using cycle paths where they are available.
- Check your bike or scooter and secure it safely.
- Bikeability training is available in schools, ask your school for more information and check out **www.bikeability.org.uk** for more top tips.



Park and Stride

Even if parents must drive some of the journey to school, it is possible to finish the last part of the school journey by foot, or even scooter enjoying the benefits of active travel.



Use this map to help you plan your route to and from school.

Fulfen
400m (5min walk)
800m (10min walk)

Even just a short walk promotes good health and mental wellbeing for you and your child and also gives you chance to have a chat about the day.

Useful Information & what's coming up

Keeping Our School Community Safe



If you do come to school by car, please take extra care when parking and driving around school at drop-off and collection times**.** Please park considerately, avoid blocking driveways or restricting residents' access and keep your speed down around the school and surrounding roads.

We have received a heartfelt message from a local resident, which we are sharing below as a reminder that our school community extends beyond our gates.

We need YOUR help please

Our children and grand-children are precious. Let's protect them by thinking about the speed we drive near school particularly at those busy times for the morning drop off and the collections later in the day.

I am nan to two pupils (yr 2 & yr 5) and am shocked by the speed some drivers approach the school from the Nags Head side of Rugeley Rd in particular.

Year 5 pupils are allowed to walk to school by themselves (with parental consent of course). From a distance we have been watching our granddaughter to ensure her safety. She is sensible and is eager to prove she can walk to school on her own

Please note that the 30 mph sign is just a few metres before the Nags Head Pub coming down the hill from Charley. Some drivers ignore this totally and continue to speed, only slowing down when approaching the bend before Highfields Rd. The situation is worsened by the overgrown state of the hedgerows making the path very narrow. I am currently lodging a complaint with Staffs County Council & supplying photos etc.

Having been told there are "a lot of doors to knock on" by school, I will also be investigating how to complain about this issue of speed. I am more than happy to "knock on doors" and would welcome your comments please via school. I don't use Facebook at the moment but may do if that's the best way to move forward.

On a practical note I'd like to know your thoughts on high-vis jackets, perhaps with a 20 or 30 mph road sign printed back and front.

When I was young I remember the TV advert "Speed kills". Unfortunately its as relevant today as when I was at school. *

Many thanks for taking the time to read this.

Sue Carter.

* Let's hope we are not put in that situation by a speeding driver near our school

Please help us to keep children, families and our neighbours safe by driving carefully and parking considerately.

Thank you for your support.

If you see any irresponsible parking near our school, you can report any irresponsible parking around the school directly to: parking.enforcement@stoke.gov.uk



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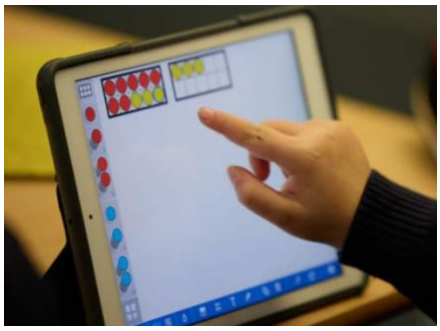
Technology at Fulfen: Learning First, Screens Second

There has been lots of discussion over the summer about children and screen time, so we wanted to remind everyone how we approach technology at Fulfen.

For us, it's not about how much screen time children have – it's about what they are doing with it. Our iPads are learning tools, not entertainment devices. They are used purposefully to make learning more effective, creative, collaborative or engaging – never simply to fill time or passively consume content.

Our approach is simple: pedagogy first, technology second. Teachers start with what they want children to learn and then decide whether technology will genuinely enhance that learning. Children might use their iPad to practise, research, create, explain their thinking, receive feedback, collaborate or demonstrate what they know.

Importantly, iPads are never used during breaktimes or dinnertimes, ensuring children have plenty of opportunities for physical activity, play, rest and face-to-face interaction.



As a digital school, we want our children to become confident, responsible and creative users of technology – while making sure that every minute in the classroom has a clear purpose. It's not screen time for the sake of screen time; it's technology being used to help children learn.

Phones & Smartwatches in School

With new national guidance around mobile phones in schools, we wanted to reassure parents that our existing Online Safety Policy and daily routines already reflect these expectations.

Any mobile phones brought into school must be switched off and handed to the class teacher for safekeeping until home time. Smartwatches with cameras, messaging, calling or independent internet access should not be worn in school. If brought onto the premises, they must also be handed to the class teacher until the end of the day.

These routines are already well established at Fulfen, helping us to maintain safe, focused and purposeful learning environments where children can learn, play and interact with each other throughout the school day.

Keeping our Children Safe: Our New Anaphylaxis Kitt

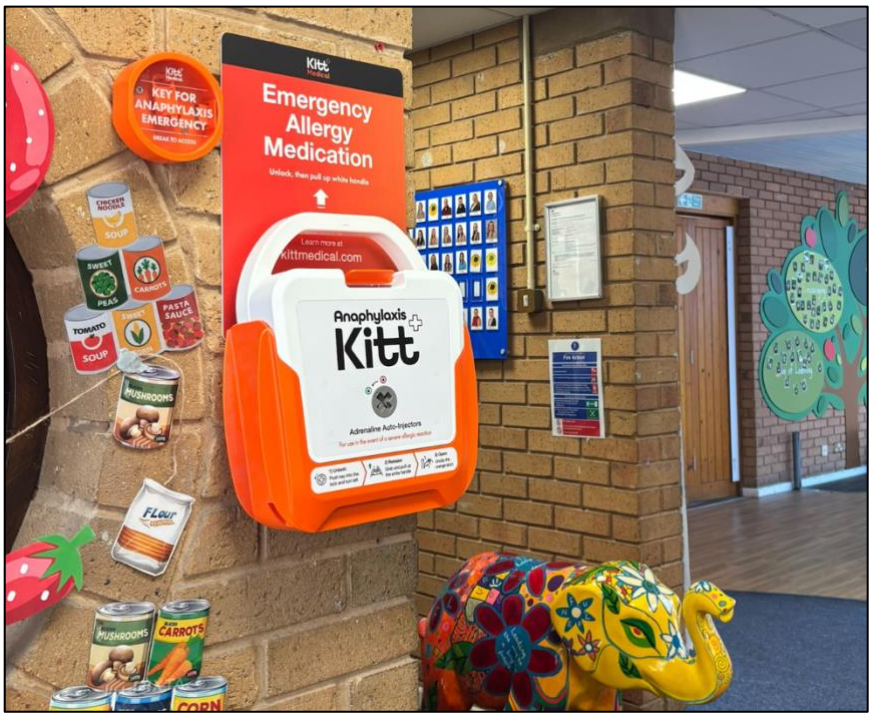
We are delighted to have recently installed a Kitt Medical Anaphylaxis Kitt at Fulfen Primary School, further strengthening the measures we have in place to keep our children safe.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that can develop very quickly, and the prompt administration of adrenaline can be lifesaving. Our new Kitt provides a clearly identifiable, secure location for emergency adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs), ensuring that they are readily accessible should they ever be needed. The Kitt also forms part of a wider system that supports medication management and staff training.

This is particularly timely as Benedict's Law and the new statutory guidance on allergy safety in schools came into effect from September 2026. The guidance strengthens the expectations on schools around allergy awareness, emergency preparedness and the management of allergies.

At Fulfen, the safety and wellbeing of every child is always our priority. Installing our Anaphylaxis Kitt is another important step in ensuring that we are well prepared to respond quickly and confidently in an emergency, giving our children and families additional reassurance.

Every child matters, and we will continue to take every opportunity to strengthen the care and protection we provide for our whole school community.



Fulfen Primary School is committed to being an allergy-aware school and keeping our children safe.

As part of this, we are nut-free. Please ensure that you do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school, including packed lunches or snacks.

Thank you

Useful Information & what's coming up

Reception Open Days – Booking Open!

Click on the flyer to book your place on one of our open days:

FULFEN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RECEPTION OPEN DAYS

THURS 19TH NOV AT 9:15AM & 10:15AM
THURS 3RD DEC AT 2PM
THURS 7TH JAN 2027 9:15AM & 10:15AM

Don't miss this year's school registration to open the door to the best educational opportunities for your child.



Our Head Teacher, Deputy Head, or Head of Early Years will be delighted to give you a guided tour of the school, with some of our Pupil Ambassadors on hand to share what school life is really like.



REGISTER NOW

There are two separate 45 minute slots available to book on each day.

www.fulfen.staffs.sch.uk
office@fulfen.staffs.sch.uk
01543 226070

School Nurse Drop-In Sessions – No Appointment Necessary

Make a note of the date and pop along to chat to a school nurse:

Families' Health and Wellbeing

NHS
Midlands Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust
A Keele University Teaching Trust

School Nurse Community drop in

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For parents/ carers of children aged 5-19

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education.

If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing, please drop in to see us.

From 9-10am on:

Tuesday 8th September

Wednesday 7th October

Tuesday 3rd November

Tuesday 1st December

We provide a confidential and friendly service

Useful Information & what's coming up

Chase Terrace Open Evening



Cannock & District Foodbank
Together with Trussell

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FEED A FAMILY, CHANGE A LIFE



Millions go hungry every day. Your contribution helps us distribute food to families in crisis.

Fulfen Eco Ambassadors and Burntwood Rotary are helping collect food for the Cannock & District Foodbank . The Foodbank are in desperate need of tinned and packet food items. Please can you share any spare food with other families in Burntwood.

We have a basket by the school office where the Ambassadors with be collecting the food.

Thank you

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

Useful Information & what's coming up



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Dates for your diary



Friday 25th September – European Languages Day

Friday 25th September – MacMillan Coffee Morning 8:15-9am

Monday 28th September - Ingestre Hall information evening for Y4 parents

Monday 28th September – Pickleball Enrichment

Tuesday 29th September – Pickleball Enrichment

28th & 29th September – Football Try-outs

w/c 5th October – Black History Week

Tuesday 6th October – Individual School Photograph Day

Wednesday 7th October – School Nurse Drop in Session

w/c 12th October – Walk to School Week!

Tuesday 13th October – Y4 – School Trip

Tuesday 13th October – School Nurse – Height & Weight check R & Y6

Monday 19th October – Pre-School Harvest (tickets)

Tuesday 20th October – Siblings Photographs

Wednesday 21st October – Y3 Harvest Performance (tickets)

Friday 23rd October – Feel Good Friday (no school uniform)

w/c 26th October - HALF TERM

Tuesday 3rd November – School Nurse Drop in Session

Wednesday 4th November – Packington Farm visiting EYFS

Tuesday 10th November – Parents Evening – 3:45-6pm

Wednesday 11th November – Parents Evening – 4:45-7:30pm

Thursday 12th November – Y3 Stone Age Workshop

Thursday 19th November – Reception Open Morning for prospective parents (tickets)

Friday 20th November – Y5 Trip

Friday 20th November – Children in Need

Tuesday 1st December – School Nurse Drop in Session

Thursday 3rd December – Reception Open Afternoon for prospective