Fulmer Infant School **Friday 23rd October 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of the first half of the Autumn Term, we have been reflecting on what a lovely term we have had so far and how much the children have already achieved. Yesterday we all enjoyed taking part in an African Drumming Workshop. It was great fun and we would like to say a huge thank you to Friends of Fulmer who funded this great experience for the children. The children were brilliant and we have some talented drummers in school! The photographs that follow show some of the wonderful learning that has been happening in school over the last two weeks.

Reception





Reception class have enjoyed activities from the story Owl Babies by Martin Waddell. Each of the children painted their own owl for our class display. We think they are very cute!



Year 1







In English, the children have been learning about fiction and non-fiction texts. They have looked at what type of text each has, for example fiction books have made up characters, sometimes animals that can talk and illustrations and non-fiction books are real information which normally have photographs. The children were given a range of books and sorted these into fiction and non-fiction books by looking at the features of them.





In PSHE, the children have been thinking about what makes a happy classroom. They worked in groups to design their own classroom and included key elements that were important to them. They thoroughly enjoyed this activity! 😊

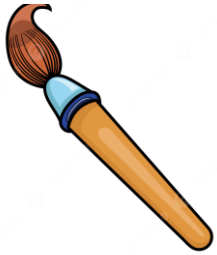
The children enjoyed their African drumming session where they played the djembe drums from West Africa. They played a range of beats and linked these to different animals on safari. What a musical bunch! 👏🏽



Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their colour and shape art unit this term where they learnt about the artists Picasso, Calder and Matisse.





Celebrating our Achievements

At the end of every week school staff choose two children to be the Stars of the Week in their classes. These awards can be made for some special work, for demonstrating good learning behaviours or for demonstrating our school values. Certificates are presented in our Friday Celebration Assembly and the children are congratulated. The Stars of the Week this week are:

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Stars of the Week:-

Year R *– Hasan*
Year R *– Sia*

Year 1 *– Saanvi*
Year 1 *– Sofia*

Year 2 *– Fatima*
Year 2 *– Theodore*

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Stars of the Week:-

Year R *– Nora*
Year R *– Kimmi*

Year 1 *– Annabel*
Year 1 *– Ishika*

Year 2 *– Ayman*
Year 2 *– Zayn*

Achievements Outside of School

We love to hear about the children's achievements outside of school and to celebrate these in our Celebration Assembly. If your child receives a certificate or award for something they do outside of school, please do send it into school and we will celebrate it during our Friday Celebration Assembly.



Top Doodlers

Our award-winning Doodlers this half term are:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2
Azaiah	Amor	Aviraj
Halle	Elijah	Ayman
Naina	Ishika	Xavi
Sofia	Zane	Zayn
Top Doodler	**Top Doodler**	**Top Doodler**
Hasan	Daisy	Adam

Friends of Fulmer

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THANK YOU

We can hardly believe it is half term already! Thank you to everyone who donated towards Read a Story Day, Autumn Crafts and purchased refreshments at the Harvest Festival assembley. Next half term we will be holding our Winter Disco as well as other exciting events.
Have a lovely break and thank you for supporting Friends of Fulmer.



What are we fundraising for?

* Little City Workshop
* Classroom items
* African Drumming Workshop
* Book Author Visit
* Climbing Frame repairs
* Doodle Maths
* Books for Year 2
* Forest School
* PE equipment

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open every day from 7:45am. There is no need to book, you can just turn up on the day. Each session costs £7.00 and you can pay by cash or card. Breakfast is served until 8:30am for children attending this session.

Early Drop Off

Early drop off arrangements are:

8:15am drop off, no breakfast provided. Cost £3.00

8:30am drop off, no breakfast provided. Cost £2.00

Please note that if your child requires breakfast the full session cost of £7.00 will be payable.

When dropping your child off at breakfast club, please walk them to the hall and wait until they are marked in by an adult.

The breakfast club menu includes:

- Cereals
- Fruit
- Toast
- Eggs
- Beans
- Milk
- Water
- Hot chocolate

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Attendance at School

We all know how important it is for children to attend school regularly. To help with this, please avoid booking any holidays in term time because we need children learning in school every day. We have a school target of 96% and ask you to help us achieve it. 90% attendance may sound quite good, but it actually means your child is missing the equivalent of:

- One half day each week
- Nearly four weeks every school year
- Over one year in a school career

Best classes for attendance are:
Week ending 16.10.26: Year 2 at 99%
Week ending 23.10.26: Reception at 98 %
Well, done Year 2 and Reception

If your child is absent from school, please advise the school office by telephone or email by 9:30am on each day they are absent. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The importance of arriving at school on time

School starts at 8:55am. The children come into school and begin their phonics lessons as soon as the register is taken. This means the first lesson of the day starts at 9:00am. If your child arrives late to school, they are missing the beginning of the first lesson of the day.

Please speak to Mrs Matton if you are experiencing any specific issues with arriving at school on time.



Diary Dates



Date	Event
Friday 23rd October	School closes for half term holiday at 3pm
Monday 2nd November	School open
Wednesday 4th November	Flu Immunisation (see emails)
Wednesday 11th November	Yr 2 Roman Workshop (see emails)
Wednesday 18th November	Tempest Individual Photos (details to follow)
Thursday 3rd December	Reception Height & Weight Screening (details to follow)
Tuesday 8th December	10am Nativity for parents with siblings/babies (all years)
Wednesday 9th December	10am Nativity for parents (all years)(details to follow)
Wednesday 9th December	5.30pm Nativity for parents (all years)(details to follow)
Thursday 17th December	9.15am Festive Carols at Fulmer (details to follow)
Friday 18th December	School closes at 1pm for holidays

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Julie Matton
Headteacher

