

NEWSLETTER

EASTER TERM 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of our Academy newsletter!

What an exciting and eventful term we have had! Packed to the brim with enriching experiences, memorable achievements, and important learning opportunities for our pupils. Our newsletter is full of memories from our trips to Paris, Winmarleigh & London and events such as World Book Day, International Women's Day, the National Fashion Icon Competition and Greek week.

In football news, Year 7 footballers put on an incredible performance in the Preston Cup, demonstrating skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament. Meanwhile, our Year 8 football team had a fantastic run of results in their fixtures, showing great sportsmanship and dedication on the field. Well done to all the players for their commitment and hard work!

At the end of this term we sadly say a very fond farewell to Mrs Neale, our brilliant Teacher of Food Technology, who is moving to a school much closer to home. Thank you for bringing such enthusiasm to Fulwood and supporting many events with your wonderful food. We wish you every success in the future, Good Luck!

When we return after the Easter break we welcome some new members of staff to our Fulwood family Mr Butler, Deputy Director of Learning for Science, Ms Hareem, Cover Supervisor and Mr Desai, Apprentice Business Support Administrator.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of our dedicated staff, whose hard work, care, and commitment make everything we do possible. Whether it's organising trips, after school intervention, leading clubs, planning lessons, or providing support to pupils day in and day out, their contribution is invaluable. We are truly grateful for everything you do to make Fulwood such a positive and inspiring place to learn.

With the half-term break approaching, we hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved rest and quality time with family and friends. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to a successful remainder of the spring term, celebrating the hard work, growth, and achievements of all our pupils.

Mr Galbraith
Principal



PE THIS TERM

The Boys' Preston Cup fixtures have returned once again, and the Year 8 football team continued to defend their trophy with fierce pride.

In round 1, they advanced to the second round with ease, securing a commanding 8-0 victory over Moor Park.

Meanwhile, the Year 7 boys put on a strong performance in their first-round match against Eden Boys, winning comfortably 10-1. However, they were defeated by a talented Archbishop side in round 2.



Year 7 and 8 pupils have been participating in the Boys Preston Schools Basketball Tournament this half term and have worked really hard to improve their skills and knowledge. Year 7 beat Longridge in their first game 6-0 and then lost 8-2 to Ashton.

Year 8 had a tough opening game working extremely hard throughout, eventually losing their first game but they will continue their journey against Corpus Christi.

Training for all sports including Badminton, basketball, volleyball and football continues to bring in good numbers and provides opportunities to learn new sports for all Fulwood pupils.



The U14 and U16 girls' badminton tournaments took place this half term, the girls performed exceptionally well, showing great commitment each week. The U14 team secured an impressive 3rd place at the end of the tournament. A huge congratulations to all the students who participated!



Year 10 Health and Fitness pupils took the opportunity this term to visit UCLAN for a day filled with both practical and theoretical sports sessions.

They gained valuable knowledge to reinforce their classroom learning and had the chance to engage in a variety of activities, including badminton, boccia, and wheelchair basketball. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and their behaviour throughout the day was exemplary.





School Trip to Paris: A Journey of Discovery and Wonder!

A group of enthusiastic students embarked on an unforgettable trip to Paris, immersing themselves in the culture, history, and excitement of France's iconic capital. The adventure began with a magical visit to **Disneyland Paris**, where students experienced the thrill of exhilarating rides, breathtaking parades, and the enchanting world of their favourite characters. From the adrenaline rush of Space Mountain to the timeless charm of Sleeping Beauty's Castle, the day was filled with laughter and excitement, creating memories to last a lifetime.

Next stop was the **Château de Versailles**, a breathtaking display of opulence and grandeur. Walking through the Hall of Mirrors, students marvelled at the intricate artwork and gilded decor that once hosted French royalty. The beautifully landscaped gardens provided the perfect setting for reflection on the rich history of the palace and its significance in shaping European politics.

There was also a visit to the world-renowned **Musée du Louvre**, home to some of the greatest masterpieces in art history. Standing before the enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa and the dramatic beauty of the Winged Victory of Samothrace, students were captivated by the sheer scale and artistry on display.

This extraordinary journey offered students a perfect balance of fun, learning, and cultural enrichment, leaving them inspired and eager for future adventures. Paris truly proved to be the perfect classroom beyond the school walls, creating memories that will last a lifetime! ✨ A huge thank you to everyone who made this incredible journey possible. We can't wait for the next adventure!



Winmarleigh 2025

Year 7 students embarked on an action-packed residential trip to **Winmarleigh Hall Outdoor Centre**, where they embraced new challenges, developed teamwork skills, and built lasting friendships in a fun and supportive environment.

Upon arrival, students were met with the stunning countryside surroundings and a warm welcome from the centre's instructors. The itinerary was filled with exciting outdoor activities designed to push personal boundaries and encourage resilience. From scaling the **high ropes course** to zooming down the **zip wire**, students overcame their fears and discovered newfound confidence. The canoeing session on the lake tested their coordination and teamwork, while the **problem-solving challenges** encouraged creative thinking and cooperation.

One of the highlights of the trip was the **team-building assault course**, where students worked together to navigate obstacles, wade through muddy terrain, and support one another through each challenge. The evening activities, including **campfire storytelling** and **orienteeing**, provided opportunities to bond as a year group and reflect on the day's adventures.

Beyond the physical challenges, the trip fostered independence, resilience, and friendships, with students supporting one another throughout. It was wonderful to see them step outside their comfort zones, embrace new experiences, and grow in confidence.

The Year 7 residential at Winmarleigh Hall was an unforgettable experience, setting the foundation for a successful and united year group. Students returned home tired but full of enthusiasm, already looking forward to their next outdoor adventure!

We care, We Challenge, We Commit!



🌟📖 Blind Date with a Book 🌟📖

Pupils had an amazing time celebrating World Book Day with **"Blind Date with a Book"**! There was real excitement as pupils unwrapped their mystery books, discovering thrilling adventures, heartwarming tales, and exciting new journeys.

It was wonderful to see their curiosity and love for reading grow through this fun and engaging activity!

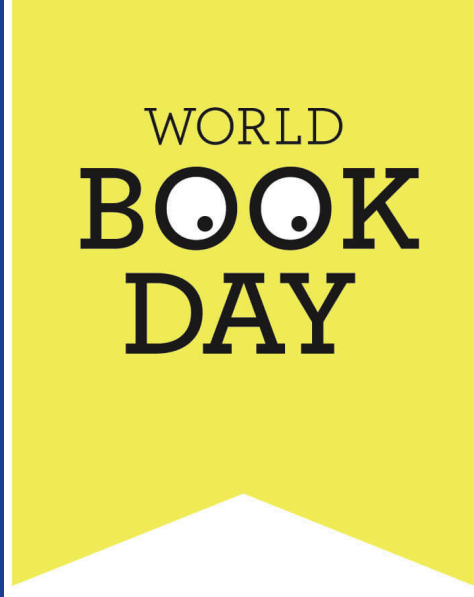


Library Opening

A Big Thank You to everyone who attended the Library Reopening!

We are thrilled to have shared such a special moment with so many of you.

Here's to many more stories of adventures, and great memories to be made in our newly reopened library.



Author Visit

Another Huge Thank You to **Chris Martin**, the incredible author of the beloved **Inky Stevens** series! 🌟📖

We are so grateful for the time Chris spent with us, sharing his journey and inspiring our young readers. His storytelling and passion for writing truly captivated everyone, and we're beyond excited to dive deeper into his books! 🎉📖

Thank you, Chris, leaving us all inspired and for making reading such an adventure 🌟



International Women's Day

International Women's Day 2025 was a resounding success. Over 150 girls from Key Stage 3 year groups came together to celebrate strength, resilience, and empowerment.

The afternoon was filled with inspiration, reflection, and the shared determination to uplift one another.

A highlight of the days event was our Guest Speaker, Wenda— the highest-ranking officer in the Territorial Army and a breast cancer survivor.

Her incredible journey of resilience and strength left us all truly inspired. Wenda spoke candidly about overcoming challenges in her Territorial role, breaking barriers in a male-dominated field, and fighting through personal adversity with courage and determination.

Her personal words resonated deeply with the pupils, reminding them that perseverance and self-belief are key to overcoming any obstacle!

The event was not just a celebration but a powerful reminder of the impact of resilience and the importance of lifting each other up.

As the afternoon came to a close, the energy in the room was undeniable—each pupil walked away feeling empowered, motivated, and ready to embrace their own journeys with strength and confidence.

International Women's Day was more than just an event; it was a catalyst for inspiration and change.



FASHION ICON COMPETITION



We want to tell you how incredibly proud of our amazing Yr9 Textiles pupil, who's stunning dress design was one of just 10 in the UK selected to reach the final, of the national **Fashion Icon Competition** 🎨👗

Together with her friends she had an amazing time at the Competition final at the NEC in Birmingham! 🎉👗

Seeing her incredible design come to life on the catwalk was a truly special moment—what a truly amazing achievement! 🌟👏

We are so proud of her creativity, talent, and hard work. **A huge well done!**



Greek Week in Food Tech!

Year 8 pupils explored the rich flavours of Greek cuisine during an exciting Greek Week in Food Technology. They perfected traditional dishes such as lamb koftas and souvlaki, learning about Mediterranean ingredients and cooking techniques. The hands-on sessions encouraged teamwork, creativity, and an appreciation for global cuisine. Tasting their delicious creations was a highlight, and it left pupils inspired to bring Greek flavours into their own kitchens at home. The aromas in our kitchen were incredible! 🌿🔥



LEGO Therapy! 🧱

LEGO Therapy continues to be a popular support intervention with pupils beaming with joy after another successful session of teamwork, creativity, and fun! 🌟🧱

In LEGO Therapy, every pupil has a chance to shine, taking on unique roles and working together harmoniously to construct amazing LEGO models. It's more than just building—it's about fostering social interaction skills and building lifelong friendships.

Here's to another week of growth, collaboration, and endless possibilities! 🌟



**GIRLS
IN TEC#!**

Girls in Tech Take London 2025

The Girls in Tech group had an unforgettable trip to London, packed with magic, inspiration, and hands-on learning!

The group visited Harry Potter World – where they explored the enchanting world of spells, set design, and a look behind-the-scenes wizardry

On Day 2 the girls visited Sky Up Academy – where they got creative, learned about media production, and got a taste of life behind (and in front of) the camera.

A truly magical and inspiring experience for all!



The Brilliant Club - Scholars Programme

A huge congratulations to our amazing pupils who Graduated from the Brilliant Club 'Scholars Programme'

Since the start of October the pupils have attended training tutorials and worked hard to successfully complete a University standard 3000 word assignment. Their efforts were rewarded with a special graduation day hosted at Manchester University.

The achievements of these pupils is outstanding and we are extremely proud. Well done!



YEAR 11 & ASSESSMENTS

HALF TERM INTERVENTIONS

Intervention sessions – Easter Holidays (Week 1)

Date	Day	Morning Session 10am to 12pm - Subject, Staff, No. of Pupils, Room	Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 2.30pm - Subject, Staff, No. of Pupils, Room	Online Subject & Time Subject & Time
5/4/25	Saturday			
6/4/25	Sunday			Maths 7.30pm (MHA)
7/4/25	Monday	English (English Classrooms)	English (English Classrooms)	
8/4/25	Tuesday	Health and Fitness CMA IT1	Science - Foundation/Higher/Triple (Chemistry Paper 1) GEM SC4 ,PMI SC3	
9/4/25	Wednesday	French, HLI MFL3	French, HLI, MFL3 Spanish KSM MFL1	Drama 7pm (HBI)
10/4/25	Thursday	Drama HBI MA6 Maths (Higher FHA MA5) (Foundation SKE MA1)	Geography Paper 2 - JLA GG1	
11/4/25	Friday	Geography paper 1 – CMO, CJO GG3	Religious Studies RCL RE3	
12/4/25	Saturday			
13/4/25	Sunday			Maths 7.30pm (MHA)

Intervention sessions – Easter Holidays (Week 2)

Date	Day	Morning Session 10am to 12pm - Subject, Staff, No. of Pupils, Room	Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 2.30pm - Subject, Staff, No. of Pupils, Room	Online Subject & Time Subject & Time
14/4/25	Monday			
15/4/25	Tuesday			History 6pm
16/4/25	Wednesday	Art & Design CHU AR1 Photography CWH IT1 Science – Biology (Triple and Set 2 only) SPA SC2	Art & Design CHU AR1 Photography CWH IT1	Drama 7pm (HBI)
17/4/25	Thursday	Art & Design CHU AR1	Art & Design CHU AR1	
18/4/25	Friday			
19/4/25	Saturday			
20/4/25	Sunday			Maths 7.30pm (MHA)

Reminders

GCSE Assessment Dates

- Thursday 8th May 2025 to Thursday 19th June 2025
- <https://www.gcsepod.com>

AP3 Dates

- YR 7 - 9th June - 20th June
- YR 8 - 9th June - 20th June
- YR 9 - 12th May - 19th May
- YR 10 - 12th May - 23rd May

Upcoming Dates

- Tues 22nd April - Return to School
- Mon 5th May - School Closed - May Day
- Mon 26th May - Fri 30th May - May Half Term

Home Learning Plans Updated for AP3! 📢

All Home Learning Plans on the Fulwood Academy website have now been updated to support your child's learning in preparation for AP3. 📖🌟 To access these: **1** Click the Education tab on our website. **2** Select the Curriculum tab. **3** Choose a subject from the list of all the fantastic subjects we teach at Fulwood Academy. **4** Find the updated Home Learning Plans under Term 3. These resources are designed to help pupils stay on track and succeed in their studies. Check them out today! 📚📖

INFORMATION

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Attendance Banding

Taking Early Action Matters – No Learning Lost!

What is Banding?

All pupils are placed into an attendance band depending on how often you come to school. It helps us spot when someone might need support – and to celebrate great attendance too!

Band	Attendance %	What does this mean?
1+	97 – 100%	WOW amazing attendance – you are on track to meet the attendance rewards trip criteria.
1	95 – 97	Amazing! You're on track – keep it up! Push that little bit harder and you will meet the attendance reward trip criteria
2a	93 – 95	Nearly there – a few small changes can get you to Band 1. You will be assigned a School Attendance Champion to help look at what is stopping you from coming into school every day.
2b	90 – 93	Time for a check-in – we want to help you get back on track. You will be assigned a School Attendance Champion to help look at what is stopping you coming into school every day.
3	90 – 85	We'll work with you and your family to improve things. You will now be assigned to the Attendance Monitoring Team, led by Miss McQueenie.
4	85 – 80	We will meet you are your parents
5	80 – 75	Home visits are one of the ways we show care and support, especially if you are finding it hard to return to school
6	75 – 70	You will need medical evidence if you are absent.
7	70 – 65	We will offer support to get you back into school.
8	65 – 60	Our goal is to help you get back on track, but if you don't come to school regularly, the council might need to step in using something called a legal intervention.
9	60 – 55	We'll be doing everything we can to help you re-engage with school. You will be assigned to the Pupil Welfare Officer who will help support you are your family.
10	55 – 50	
11	50 and below	

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How We'll Support You

- If you move up a band, you'll get to pick a prize!
- Maintain or improve your attendance – invited to our celebration events
- If you're in Band 2 or below, we'll check in with you to see how we can help
- You'll have someone looking out for you and cheering you on!

What You Can Do

- Try your best to be here every day
- Talk to someone if you're struggling – we're here to help
- Keep track of your attendance and see how close you are to moving up a band!

Do you know what your attendance means over the year?

	Days Absent		Days Absent		Days Absent		Days Absent		Days Absent
100%	0	90%	19	80%	38	70%	57	60%	76
99%	2	89%	21	79%	40	69%	59	59%	78
98%	4	88%	23	78%	42	68%	61	58%	80
97%	6	87%	25	77%	44	67%	63	57%	82
96%	8	86%	27	76%	46	66%	65	56%	84
95%	10	85%	28	75%	48	65%	66	55%	85
94%	11	84%	30	74%	49	64%	68	54%	87
93%	13	83%	32	73%	51	63%	70	53%	89
92%	15	82%	34	72%	53	62%	72	52%	91
91%	17	81%	36	71%	55	61%	74	51%	93

Uniform, Equipment & Homework Expectations

A reminder that pupils must adhere to the school uniform policy at all times. All pupils must bring a bag to school every day. Pupils may wear only one pair of studs and a watch. False eyelashes, false nails and blemish patches are not permitted. Additionally, several pupils are without ties—these are available from the equipment shop for £6.50 and should be replaced as soon as possible.

For Key Stage 3 pupils, homework deadlines each week are as follows:

Maths – Deadline 8am Monday morning

English – Deadline 8am Tuesday morning

Science – Deadline 8am Wednesday morning

Pupils have one week to complete each homework task. Failure to complete homework on time will result in a one-hour after-school detention. Please encourage your child to manage their time effectively and complete their assignments punctually.

PE Extra Curricular Time Table

PE - Extra-Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fixtures
All Years Tennis Club 3.05pm-4.05pm	All Years Rounders Club 3.05pm-4.05pm	All Years Softball Club 3.05pm-4.05pm		Boys Preston Cup Football Basketball Fixtures
				Girls Preston Cup Rounders Fixtures
All Years Cricket Club 3.05pm-4.05pm			Year 11 Intervention Health and Fitness Dance 3.05pm-4.05pm	

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Safeguarding

Educating our pupils on how to keep safe is a priority for the safeguarding team and all staff at Fulwood Academy.

In the Spring term, all pupils have received additional safeguarding training around online safety; as well as the usual safeguarding assemblies.

Pupils have also all had the opportunity to respond to our Pupil Safeguarding Survey – the results of which will be published at the start of next term.

We understand that our work on safeguarding will always need continue, but here is a snippet of some of the comments received:

“School deals amazingly with unkind behaviours”

“It is safe and fun to learn in school”

“It is a very good school for dealing with hate”

“Fulwood Academy is a place where I feel safe with a community I can look up to and rely on”

At the start of the Summer term, we will be inviting parents to book onto our Safeguarding Parents' Evening. In addition to our open door policy, we are providing an optional evening for any parents who would like to discuss concerns or seek advice on keeping their child(ren) safe at home or online. If you would like to book an appointment, please look out for the email which will be out in the first week of the Summer Term.

Get in Touch!

We aim to stay informed about any significant events in our pupils' lives that may have occurred during school holidays. We will be sending out an optional form to fill in which will help us provide appropriate support for pupils as they return to school. If you have any updates, concerns or indeed positive news to share with us – please look out for the form which will be emailed out towards the end of the Easter holidays.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Preston Safeguarding Hub: **0300 123 6720** or out of hours **0300 123 6722** (5pm - 8am)

Food banks: Salvation Army - **01772 555425**, Luv Preston - **01772 298107** Noor Food Bank - **07921 887383** or **07764 432643**

Kooth is an anonymous site which helps children and young people to feel safe and confident in exploring their concerns and seeking professional support. Log on to [Kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com)

Childline - Get help and advice about a wide range of issues, call us on **0800 1111**, talk to a counsellor online

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Trustee Update

Sir Charles and the Trustees are eager to strengthen Fulwood's connection with the local community by fostering closer ties with our primary schools. To support this vision, the Trust has appointed **Andy Hunt** as a part-time **Director of Education**. His role will focus on building strong partnerships with local primary schools to ensure a smoother transition for pupils and a more cohesive educational journey.

Key benefits of this collaboration include:

- Stronger relationships between schools and families, leading to increased parental involvement and improved educational outcomes.
- A greater sense of belonging for pupils, helping them feel more connected to both their school and the wider community.

We look forward to this new programme resulting in a seamless and supportive experience for our pupils.

Andy has over 20 years' experience working in a range of primary schools, across the North West of England, Cumbria, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire. He has extensive knowledge of all aspects of primary school improvement and has taken on extra roles such as a Lead Headteacher for Wigan's local authority, as well as delivering leadership coaching to school leaders in Bradford.

Andy has successfully led on many roles, in four different schools; both maintained and academy. He is able to specifically adapt his support to the requirements of all settings, to ensure improvements are sustained and tailored to each school. He has a particular interest in developing leaders at all levels and has a proven track record of this.

Andy's impact has been significant across all of the schools in which he has been a senior leader; moving schools from Requires Improvement to Good and Good to Outstanding.

As Headteacher of Golborne Community Primary School for over 11 years now, Andy successfully led the school through four inspections within his first two years and turned one of the lowest performing schools in Wigan, to now being one of the highest-achieving.

Andy has successfully completed both the NPQH and NPQEL. Annually, he delivers a wide range of training at Edge Hill University, to both the Early Years and KS1/KS2 trainees. Andy is also a lead inspector for Ofsted which brings invaluable experience to his roles.

He is extremely excited by the opportunity to develop **'The Dunstone Primary Partnership'** across all schools and ultimately, deliver the best possible outcomes for all children.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter break!

Joan Dean
Chair, Dunstone Education Trust

