

# NEWSLETTER

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER 2025



Dear Fulwood Families,

As the festive season approaches, I am delighted to reflect on the incredible achievements and memorable moments that have defined this term for our school community.

The spirit of generosity has been shining brightly at Fulwood. Our **Festive Calendar of Kindness** has inspired pupils to spread joy, compassion, and goodwill throughout the community, reflecting our core values **"We Care, We Challenge, We Commit"**.

This term, we celebrated Anti-Bullying Week, reinforcing the importance of kindness, inclusion, and respect in our community, through assemblies, workshops, and classroom activities, pupils explored ways to stand against bullying and foster a supportive environment for everyone.

Year 11 pupils have been working diligently toward their GCSEs, taking full advantage of targeted learning and personal tuition opportunities, both after school and during drop-down days. These sessions provide essential support as they prepare for exams. Intervention sessions resume after Christmas, every evening after school. Pupils can utilise the late bus, which departs at 4:00 pm. If you would like your child to access **FREE Tuition** please contact Miss Houston (Head of Year 11)

Our Christmas Concert was a heartwarming showcase of the talent and creativity of our pupils, bringing the community together in festive cheer, a wonderful occasion that united pupils, staff, and families in a celebration of togetherness, and holiday spirit. A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event a success!

On the sports front, pupils have achieved remarkable success, across various sporting fixtures. The commitment, teamwork, and sportsmanship are a testament to the values we uphold at Fulwood. A huge thank you to our talented PE staff who go the extra mile to ensure pupils can access a variety of sporting clubs and local and county wide competitions.

As we move into the spring term, we are sorry to say goodbye to Miss Atkinson-Harling, we would like to thank her for everything she has done to support our pupils and wish her all the best for the future in her new promoted role. In the New Year we will be welcoming Mr Tyson, (Teacher of Science) and Mrs Addison, (Teacher of English) who will both be great additions to the team.

On behalf of the entire Fulwood family, I wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a happy festive break, filled with joy, laughter, and cherished moments together. Thank you for your continued support and partnership in making our school community thrive.

Wishing you a restful holiday and an exciting start to the new year!

**Mr A. Galbraith**  
Principal



It's been another busy half term in the PE dept, with some exciting fixtures for our extra curricular sports teams.

## Rugby

Year 7 had their first ever Rugby fixture this Term, despite the icy conditions their competitive spirit saw them win 2 out of the 3 games. Well done!

A visit to Preston Grasshoppers saw the YR8 boys Rugby team keep a clean sheet across all 3 games, with a triumphant win against Eden Boys.

Year 9 also put in a tremendous performance in their tournament, winning 2 out of the 3 games, they displayed true grit and determination.

## Football

Year 8 continue to impress with their football results and continue unbeaten in their league campaign. Well done on your 3-1 victory against Christ the King this half term.

Year 9 boys sailed through round 2 of the Lancashire Cup with a fantastic 4-2 win against Alder Grange. Well done boys! ⚽

## Badminton

We were proud to host a boys badminton festival, across all age groups over the last couple of weeks. Special mention to the U12 Boys who successfully competed against Archbishop Temple and St Cecilia's, winning the festival.

Thank you and well done to all who took part, from the participants to the sports leader. The event was a great success and we can't wait to host the girls event in the Spring Term.



## SMART DAY - DECEMBER 2025

Year 7 pupils worked on their team building skills during their first ever SMART DAY. Pupils had the opportunity to engage with new sports such as Boccia, a game that requires teamwork, communication, and excellent hand-eye coordination, it also promotes a healthy level of competitiveness

A big shout-out to **Daisy First Aid**, who delivered hands-on first aid training to our Year 8 pupils 🙌. Pupils learned vital skills that could make all the difference in an emergency

### 🌟 Year 9 AI Champions have amazing SMART day with Talk The Talk!

**Year 9** took part in a dynamic communication workshop designed to build confidence, presentation skills and the ability to express ideas clearly — all essential qualities for future digital leaders. 💬🌟

We're so proud of how confidently they stepped up, challenged themselves and grew throughout the session. A huge thank you to @TalkTheTalk for inspiring our students and helping them develop skills that will support their journey as AI Champions! 🤖💡

**Year 10** stepped off timetable to explore powerful, real-world topics. From building resilience to learning life-saving skills, our pupils embraced every opportunity to grow and we were so proud of their engagement. One of the companies that came to join us for the day were Future U who came in to deliver sessions on Work Readiness to Year 10.

**Year 11** pupils had an incredible experience with Humanutopia, taking part in sessions focused on confidence, leadership, and positive life choices. The energy and honesty in the room were amazing!



### Fulwood Christmas Concert

We rounded off the Autumn term with a lovely evening of Music, poetry and readings in our annual Christmas Concert.

The evening contained some fabulous solos, wonderful small groups performances and some absolutely fantastic audience participation in the musical items.

We could not be more proud of the pupils. They really shone like the stars that they are.

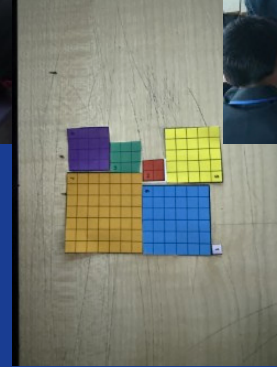
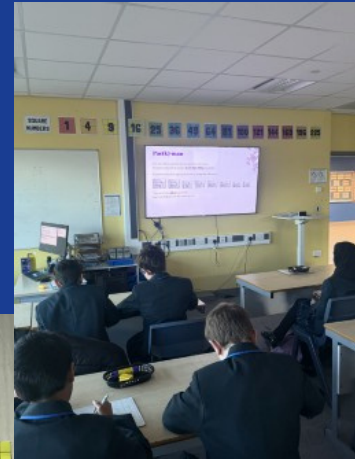
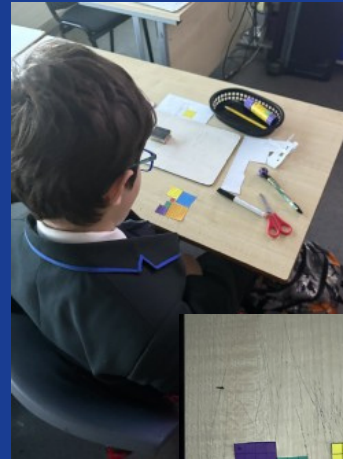
We are already looking forward to our Summer Concert, a Festival of Performing Arts, and we look forward to seeing you in the Summer!



## AXIOM MATHS

Year 7 took part in their very first Axiom Maths Circle and showed fantastic enthusiasm. Pupils were challenged with two thought-provoking problems to solve and they had to work collaboratively to explore different strategies and share their ideas.

It was brilliant to see so much curiosity, teamwork, and mathematical thinking on display. Well done, Year 7!




**Odd Socks Day**

We'll be wearing our odd socks this Odd Socks Day, will you?

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025

It was great to see so many pupils and staff taking part in Odd Sock Day to kick off Anti Bullying Week 2025.

We were so proud of our pupils and staff who joined in with a selection of crazy and bright socks to celebrate everything that makes us unique.



Another big well done goes to our Year 7 team for winning the Lancashire MEGA Day Cyber Challenge, competing against 3 other Preston schools.

Pupils were faced with a difficult challenge but worked as a team and were the first to complete with the most correct answers.



## GIRLS IN TEC#!

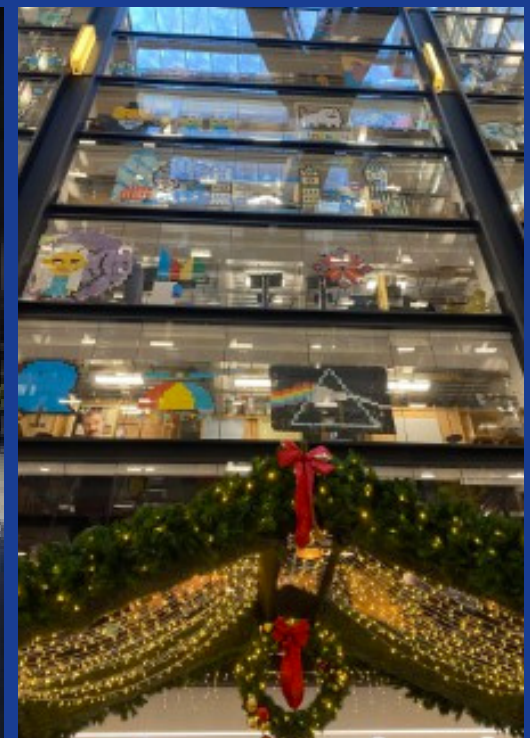
### Girls in Tech

The 2025 Girls In Tech project is now well underway, and the girls have enjoyed their first trip at the beginning of December. The first stop on the trip was the world-famous Warner Brothers Studio, where pupils got an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of the magical world of film production. From set design to special effects, the girls had the chance to see how cutting-edge technology and creativity come together to bring stories to life. They witnessed firsthand how tech plays a huge role in shaping some of the most iconic films, including Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts.

The group had the incredible opportunity to visit the iconic Google HQ in King's Cross. From the moment they stepped into the vibrant, design-forward offices, the energy was electric. This visit was more than a tour—it was an immersive experience into the world of innovation, collaboration, and cutting-edge technology.

Google's team welcomed us with open arms and gave us an inside look at what it truly means to work at a global tech powerhouse. The pupils were able to meet with current apprentices and their story of what led them to Google. They were then able to have a Q&A session with the apprentices to find out how they could work for Google.

The conversations were empowering, showing our community that tech is not only accessible but ready for more female innovators, leaders, and creators.



## ATTENDANCE

Attendance Banding - Regular attendance is crucial for academic success, as every lesson builds on the last. Every day in school counts — even short-term absences can have a long-term impact on a child’s education. Missing school can lead to gaps in learning, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	Days Absent	Attendance	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 Expectations

A reminder: Pupils must adhere to the school uniform policy at all times. All pupils must bring a bag to school every day, pupils are to wear school shoes with full uniform (not trainers) and they may wear only one pair of stud earrings 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.

## PE - Extra-Curricular Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fixtures
Badminton Club All Years (32 spaces) 3.05pm-4.05pm LTU	Basketball Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm CMA / MHO	Rugby Club All Years CMA / MHO	Basketball Teams 3.05pm-4.05pm CMA / MHO	Boys Football Rugby Basketball
Football Club Years 7, 8 and 9 CMA / MHO	Football Club Year 10 3.05pm-4.05pm LJO	Girls Netball Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm KBY / LTU		Girls Netball Football Badminton
Girls Football Club Years 7, 8 and 9 3.05pm-4.05pm KBY				



## Safeguarding

We know that sometimes life can feel overwhelming, juggling family, school, health, finances, and everything in between.

At times, families may be offered support from Children's Social Care or Child and Family Services, and we understand this can feel worrying or confusing.

Here at Fulwood Academy, our staff work closely with families and professionals when extra help is needed. If we suggest a referral or early help assessment, it doesn't mean anyone is "in trouble." It means we've noticed something that could get better with some extra support, and we want to make sure you're not facing it alone.

Everything starts with a conversation. You'll always know what's happening and have a voice in any decisions made.

You can find out more about Lancashire's family services at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/familysafeguarding>

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/familyhubs](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/familyhubs)

**Useful Contacts:** Designated Safeguarding Lead/Prevent Lead:  
Mrs Walker [b.walker@fulwoodacademy.co.uk](mailto:b.walker@fulwoodacademy.co.uk)

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

## USEFUL NUMBERS

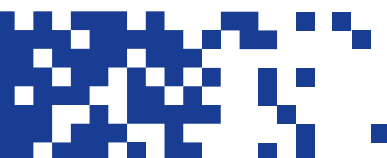
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Food banks: Salvation Army - **01772 555425**, Luv Preston - **01772 298107** Noor Food Bank - **07921 887383** or **07764 432643**

**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](http://Kooth.com)

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

**Shout** offers confidential crisis support 24/7. Text SHOUT to **8525**





Once again I had the pleasure of judging this years Christmas card competition. The task was exceptionally challenging, given the outstanding talent displayed by our young artists at Fulwood.

The entries were of an incredibly high standard, and it was a difficult decision to choose a winner. All finalists were recognized with Five Guys vouchers generously donated by Sir Charles.



During the last week of term I enjoyed the company of a group of pupils selected by the school for lunch at the Italian Orchard. These pupils were chosen for the work they do as part of the pupil leadership team. It was a pleasure to spend this time with the pupils and great to get their perspective on school life.

**Thank You and Acknowledgments**

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Staff and Pupils at Fulwood for their hard work and resilience during what has been a busy term. The Trust is actively collaborating with the school to improve outcomes, and I know from our meetings and the feedback received that everyone is striving hard to meet the ambitious targets set. Your dedication and efforts are greatly appreciated.

To our parents, thank you for supporting us, engaging with the school, and providing invaluable support to your children. Your involvement plays a vital role in enhancing their educational outcomes.

**Season's Greetings**

As we approach the festive season, I want to wish you all a wonderful and enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let's continue to work together to achieve even greater success in the coming year!

**Joan Dean**  
Chair, Dunstone Education Trust

