

NEWSLETTER

EASTER TERM 2026



Welcome to the latest edition of our Academy newsletter.

As we reach the end of the spring term, we reflect with pride on a period of strong progress, growing consistency and continued commitment across our school community.

This term has been nothing short of exceptional. Our pupils have embraced a wide range of enriching experiences, from celebrating World Book Day and International Women's Day to visiting Queen's College, Oxford and Manchester University. These opportunities are not simply memorable moments; they are carefully planned experiences that broaden horizons, raise aspirations and deepen pupils' understanding of the world beyond the classroom.

Alongside this, pupils have fully engaged with our extra-curricular programme, demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment and a willingness to try new things. Whether through sport, the arts or academic clubs, it has been encouraging to see so many pupils making the most of the opportunities available and contributing positively to the life of the school.

Importantly, this term has also seen continued strengthening of our core routines and expectations. Classrooms are increasingly purposeful, and pupils are showing greater focus, resilience and pride in their work. This growing consistency is a direct result of the collective efforts of both staff and pupils, and it is having a clear impact on the quality of learning across the academy.

As we reach the end of term, we also say a fond and heartfelt farewell to two valued members of our Fulwood community. Mr Mason, our excellent Teacher of PE, is moving to a school closer to home, and Mrs Horan, our dedicated Teacher of Food Technology, is embarking on a new career beyond teaching. Both have made a significant contribution to the school, not only through their teaching but through their wider commitment to pupils and colleagues. We are sincerely grateful for their service and wish them every success in the future.

I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to all our staff. Their dedication, whether through organising trips, leading clubs, planning high-quality lessons, providing after-school intervention or supporting pupils day in and day out, is what makes Fulwood such a positive and ambitious place to learn. The consistency, care and high expectations they bring are central to our continued improvement.

As we approach the Easter break, this is an important time for rest and reflection, but also for maintaining momentum, particularly for our Year 11 pupils as they prepare for their final examinations. We encourage all pupils to use this time productively, balancing rest with revision and preparation where appropriate.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. We look forward to a strong start to the summer term and to celebrating the continued progress and achievements of all our pupils.

Mr Galbraith
Principal



Football

The amazing Year 7 Boys Football Team played in this year's semi-final in the Preston Cup, winning 3-2 against Our Lady's and booking a place in the Final.

Date to be confirmed

A very entertaining game which was packed with goals. Highlight of the game was an incredible solo goal from Dylan M who took the ball past a number of players before putting the ball in the goal.

Well done to our amazing Year 10 Sports Leaders who supported the running of the U9 Primary School Girls Preston Football competition, at Play Football. The students were tasked with refereeing and keeping score of all the games played. Congratulations, to all the incredible girls who represented their Primary Schools during the event.



Basketball

Congratulations to our Year 7 and 8 boys' Basketball teams who have played some truly excellent games this half term. We have witnessed some very close score lines and some great victories.

Well done everyone!



Netball

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams who competed in the tournament at Longridge. The Year 8 team achieved an excellent 3rd place overall, while the Year 7 team also performed brilliantly to secure 4th place. Both teams showed great effort, teamwork, and determination throughout the competition, representing the school with pride.



Bowling

Congratulations to our amazing pupils who competed in the Lancashire PAN Ten Pin Bowling 2026 Finals. After qualifying from the district competition our students competed against 12 other finalists from all over Lancashire. A fantastic opportunity for our pupils and they represented Fulwood with pride.



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 the curiosity and love for reading grow through this fun and engaging activity!



The staff at Fulwood Academy absolutely smashed World Book Day this year!

From fantastic costumes to bringing book characters to life, the effort and energy from the team made it a brilliant day for pupils.

You are an amazing group of staff who make learning fun every day!

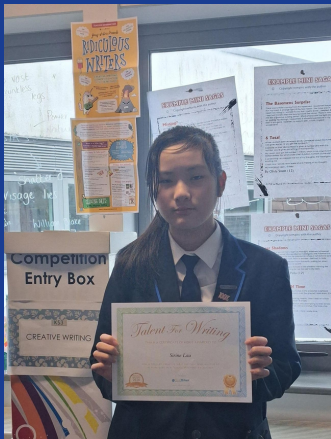
A huge congratulations to some of Fulwood's talented young writers!

They have made it through to the final stages of the national writing competition, "Stranger Sagas – Before Dawn." Their challenge?

To write a mini saga of 100 words or fewer about a strange and life-altering event.

Not an easy task, but our writers rose to the challenge brilliantly! Well done to everyone involved. We're incredibly proud of you! Keep watching this space for updates as the competition progresses. Love creative writing?

Come along to Creative Writing Club every Monday after school, in EN4 and start crafting your own amazing stories!



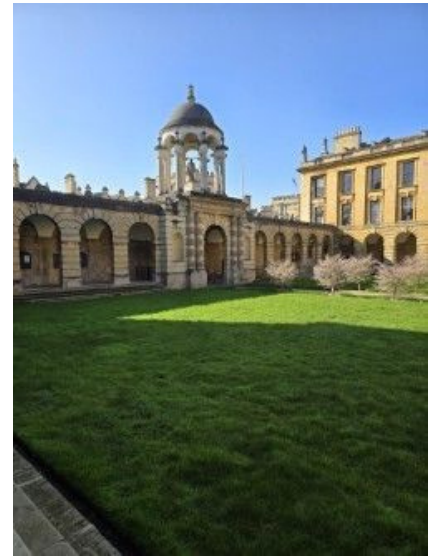
International Women's Day

This International Women's Day 2026, we proudly celebrated by holding a special assembly recognising the achievements, strength, and impact of women and girls in our community. Embracing the spirit of Give to Gain, we reflected on how supporting, uplifting and empowering one another creates opportunities for growth and lasting change. When we share knowledge, encouragement, and inspiration, we all rise together. Let's continue to celebrate progress, inspire confidence, and champion equality — today and every day.



Our Year 10 students visited Oxford University on Thursday 5th March to experience life at one of the world's most renowned universities. Students took part in two tutorials: a Medical Sciences session analysing MRI images and a Russian language session where they learned the alphabet and translated their names into Russian. Despite an early, misty 6am start, the trip was thoroughly enjoyed by all and gave pupils a fantastic insight into university life and future opportunities.

Many thanks to Molly from Oxford University for organising another exciting trip



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 2000 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!



HALF TERM INTERVENTIONS

Intervention sessions – Easter Holidays (Week 1)			
Date	Day	Morning Session 10am to 12pm	Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 2.30pm
30/03/26	Monday	- Geography Paper 3 – (Fieldwork) CMO & JLA - Art & Design (all day) in AR1 CH 10-3 - IMedia intervention - Biology triple - Physics combined (RIS)	- Geography JLA - Art & Design (all day) in AR1 CH 10-3 - IMedia Intervention
31/03/26	Tuesday	- Health & Fitness (KBY) - Art & Design (all day) in AR1 CH 10-3 - Photography in ART2/IT1 CW 10-3 - French (Foundation & Higher) HLI ML3	- Health & Fitness (KBY) - Art & Design (all day) in AR1 CH 10-3 - Photography ART2/IT1 CW 10-3
01/04/26	Wednesday	- IMedia Intervention - Biology combined (SPA) - Chemistry Triple (PMI)	IMedia Intervention
02/04/26	Thursday		- RS – Paper 1 RCL - Drama- Section B

Intervention sessions – Easter Holidays (Week 2)			
Date	Day	Morning Session 10am to 12pm -	Afternoon Session 12.30pm to 2.30pm
07/04/26	Tuesday	- Maths & English Hothersall Lodge (invited pupils only) - Photography IN ART2/IT1 CW 10-3	- Maths & English Hothersall Lodge (invited pupils only) - Photography IN ART2/IT1 CW 10-3
08/04/26	Wednesday	Maths & English Hothersall Lodge (invited pupils only)	Maths & English Hothersall Lodge (invited pupils only)
09/04/26	Thursday	- Maths & English Hothersall Lodge (30) - Health & Fitness (KBY)	Health & Fitness (KBY)
10/04/26	Friday	Spanish higher tier pupils	Spanish foundation tier pupils



Celebrating Great Attendance

Regular & consistent attendance is one of the strongest predictors of academic success. When pupils are in school every day, they make better progress.

Your support in helping pupils attend every day really does make a difference, and we appreciate your continued support.

This half term, excellent attendance has brought more than academic rewards. Pupils have enjoyed front-of-the-queue passes, Fish & Chips Fridays, Nintendo Switch breaks and a Bowling Trip as recognition for their commitment.

After Easter, the rewards continue with our exciting Race to 28 challenge, giving every pupil another chance to shine.



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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fixtures
Badminton Club All Years (32 spaces) 3.05pm-4.05pm	Badminton Club All Years (32 spaces) 3.05pm-4.05pm X 3 Weeks	Boys Football Club Years 7, 8 and 9		Boys Football Cricket
Boys Football Club Years 7, 8 and 9	Striking and Fielding Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm	Girls Rounders Club All Years 3.05pm-4.05pm		Girls Football Rounders
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Safeguarding

Safeguarding & Attendance Drop-In Sessions

We warmly invite parents and carers to our Safeguarding and Attendance Drop-In Sessions **on the first Tuesday of every month, from 9:30am to 10:30am.**

These sessions are an opportunity for us to work together to support the wellbeing, safety and attendance of all pupils. If you have any concerns, big or small, please come along for an informal chat.

Parents will be seen individually to discuss any matters privately, so please note there may be a short wait.

Your partnership makes a real difference. We look forward to seeing you there.

Mental Health & Well Being Support During the Easter Holidays.

It can sometimes feel difficult to reach out for support during the holidays, but help is available throughout the Easter break – including face-to-face, telephone and online services. You are not alone. If you are struggling, it's okay to ask for help – that's exactly why these services exist.

USEFUL NUMBERS

Young Minds: TEXT YM to 85258

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 www.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**

Lancashire Parent Carer Forum - <https://www.lancashireparentcarerforum.org.uk>

The Mix: Free confidential support for young people under 25 about any issue
Phone 0808 808 4994





Trustee Update

CONSERVATORY OUTLET

We are thrilled to celebrate the outstanding achievement of two of our pupils who, through their exceptional hard work and dedication to their studies, earned an unforgettable experience at a recent Manchester City fixture - a special reward made possible by partners of Dunstone Education Trust, **The Conservatory Outlet.**

The pupils were invited to the iconic Etihad Stadium, where they enjoyed VIP treatment in the prestigious Tunnel Club hospitality suite. From delicious food and drinks to luxurious surroundings, they were given a true behind-the-scenes insight into what makes a Premier League matchday so extraordinary.

One of the most memorable moments came as they watched the players arrive and walk through the tunnel, a rare and exciting opportunity that allowed them to see their footballing heroes up close as they prepared for the match. It's an experience they will carry with them for years to come.

The day was enjoyed by all and served as a powerful reminder of how commitment, perseverance and a positive attitude can open the door to unique and inspiring opportunities. We are incredibly proud of both pupils for their achievements and for representing our school with such maturity and enthusiasm.

A huge congratulations to them both on this well-deserved experience — and a heartfelt thank you to The Conservatory Outlet for making it possible.

Wishing you all a Happy Easter break!

Joan Dean

Chair, Dunstone Education Trust

