

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As we reach the end of another academic year at Fulwood Academy, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly successful and inspiring year for our pupils, staff and wider community.

This year has been rich in opportunity and experience. Our pupils have represented Fulwood Academy superbly on an incredible variety of trips

and visits, including memorable trips to the theatre, Oxford University, London, Krakow and aswell as may local excursions.

Our **“Girls in Tech”** and **“AI Champions”** projects continue to empower and inspire, and it’s been wonderful to see so many young people growing in confidence and ambition.

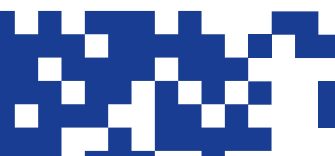
We have taken great pride in celebrating the many talents of our pupils, from Music and Drama to Sport, Art, and Academic Excellence. The feedback we've received from parents, members of the public, trip leaders, and external organisations has been overwhelmingly positive – so many have commented on the genuine respect, kindness, politeness, warmth and maturity of our pupils. They are a credit to themselves, their families and Fulwood Academy.

As ever, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, supportive parents and carers, and of course, to our remarkable pupils. Together, we continue to build a school community that is ambitious, caring and focused on ensuring every child thrives.

This year we will be saying a fond farewell at the end of term to Miss Faiers, Mrs Ugratdar and Miss Jordan, who will be greatly missed. We wish them all the very best and thank them for all their contributions to Fulwood life.

Wishing you all a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming pupils back in September, refreshed and ready for the year ahead.

Mr A Galbraith
Principal



City Sports - 2026

56 pupils attended UCLan Sports Arena to represent Fulwood Academy across a range of Track and Field disciplines, on one of the hottest days of the year!

Pupils performances were fantastic throughout the day competing against the best boys and girls in Preston and performing to an extremely high level in all events.

Throughout the day the pupil's demonstrated our values on and off the field, both behaviour and attitudes were that of 'The Fulwood Way'.

We had podium finishes across the 3000m, Shot Put, High Jump, 200m and the 4 x 100m Relay races.



SIR CHARLES DUNSTONE CUP 2026

In June Fulwood Academy once again hosted the annual Sir Charles Dunstone Cup, welcoming 13 primary school teams for a fantastic day of football, showcasing some amazing skills, teamwork, goals and sportsmanship.

Congratulations to **Queens Drive Primary School**, who were crowned 2026 Champions. 🎉

A huge well done to our Year 9 Health & Fitness pupils, who worked tirelessly throughout the day as referees and event helpers, demonstrating excellent manners, professionalism and maturity throughout the day.

Thank you to the PE Department and all staff involved in helping to make the day such a success.



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

Over 80 pupils from Year 10 Art & Photography GCSE courses, had an enjoyable day at Beacon Fell as an essential element of their GCSE course.

Pupils photographed the diverse flora and fauna, textures and landscapes of this wonderful environment and took inspiration for their coursework



Pupils across Fulwood Academy took part in another exciting SMART Day, with a range of activities designed to develop important life skills beyond the classroom.

★ Year 9 spent the day working with Humanutopia, taking part in inspiring workshops that encourage confidence, resilience, positive relationships and ambition for the future.

★ Years 7 and 8 took part in a carousel of expert-led sessions delivered by visiting organisations, covering topics including:

🚑 First Aid 🌊 Water Safety
💊 Drugs Education ...and other valuable personal development activities to help keep our young people safe, healthy and informed.

SMART Days are an important part of our Personal Development programme, giving pupils the opportunity to learn essential life skills through engaging, interactive experiences.



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🎉 Prom 🎉

Year 11

A huge thank you to all of our pupils, staff and everyone who helped make this year's prom such a memorable celebration.

It was wonderful to see everyone dressed up, enjoying the evening, and creating memories that will last a lifetime. As we celebrate everything you've achieved, we wish you all the very best for the future.

Keep believing in yourselves, embrace every opportunity, and remember you'll always be part of our school community.

Congratulations to the Class of 2026, we're so proud of you!



This term saw the successful conclusion of the **2026 Girls in Tech** programme.

Pupils had the opportunity to present their App ideas to Sir Charles Dunstone, Mrs Dean (Chair of Trustees) & Mr Galbraith demonstrating impressive creativity, technical skills and entrepreneurial thinking.

The judges were so impressed with all of the pupils presentations making the winning decision very difficult. After much deliberation they declared the winning team as

'Illuminators'

The programme culminated in an awards evening, where the competition winners were recognised and presented with prizes for their outstanding work.



STARTING IN SEPTEMBER



Attendance Banding

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 as we prepare for the new school year, that 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.

Safeguarding

It has been another busy and productive term for the school Safeguarding Team as we have continued to support the wellbeing and safety of all our pupils.

As we approach the summer holidays, our focus has been on helping children to make safe choices away from school. All pupils have taken part in age-appropriate water safety talks, helping them to understand how to stay safe around rivers, lakes, canals, reservoirs, swimming pools and the seaside. They have also attended assemblies led by our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), focusing on keeping themselves and others safe over the summer holidays. These sessions have encouraged children to think about personal safety, making sensible decisions, knowing who their trusted adults are and how to seek help if they ever need it.

We know that the summer holidays are an exciting time for children and families, with more opportunities to be outdoors, spend time with friends and enjoy new experiences. We would encourage all parents and carers to continue having regular conversations with their children about staying safe, both in person and online. A few simple reminders can make a big difference.

Visitor Update: With the increased accessibility to 'Smart Glasses' we will require all external visitors to the school to declare if they are wearing or have access to camera-enabled wearable devices.

From everyone in the Safeguarding Team, we would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

If you require support over the holidays, or are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please remember that a list of useful local and national support services can be found below.

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

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



Please take a moment to read our End of Year Letter, which includes important information including:

- Plans for September and key dates for the next academic year 2026/27
- Changes and updates to staffing
- A reminder about uniform expectations to ensure all pupils return in September ready to start the year positively and with pride in their appearance



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GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

The Government's Great British Summer Savings scheme is running from 25 June to 1 September 2026, helping families save money on summer activities.

The scheme includes:

- Reduced VAT (5% instead of 20%) on children's meals in participating restaurants.
- Reduced VAT on children's and family tickets for cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and many attractions.
- Free bus travel throughout August for children aged 5–15 in England.

Families can also use the Government's Summer Savings Attraction Finder to discover participating venues near them. Visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk> and enter your postcode to find offers in your local area.

We encourage families to take advantage of these savings and enjoy a range of affordable activities over the summer holidays.



Trustee Update



Dunstone Education Trust was delighted to host its inaugural **AI Conference** in June, bringing together colleagues from primary and secondary schools for an inspiring day focused on the transformative potential of AI in education.

The event provided a unique opportunity for attendees to explore how AI is already making a positive impact across schools and organisations, while encouraging meaningful discussions about the future of technology in teaching, learning and business. Participants heard about practical applications of AI, shared best practice and gained valuable insights into how emerging technologies can enhance efficiency and support innovation.

A particular highlight of the conference was the opportunity to showcase the extensive work being undertaken at Fulwood Academy. Delegates were able to see firsthand how AI is being used to support pupil learning, improve engagement and personalise educational experiences. The conference also highlighted how AI can help reduce teacher workload by streamlining administrative tasks, freeing up valuable time for staff to focus on delivering high-quality teaching and supporting pupils.

The feedback received following the event was overwhelmingly positive, with attendees praising the range of presentations, practical demonstrations and collaborative opportunities available throughout the day.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who contributed to the planning, organisation and delivery of the event. The conference's success was only possible because of the hard work, dedication and enthusiasm of so many colleagues and partners.

We look forward to building on this momentum and welcoming even more attendees to next year's event.

Warmest regards,

Joan Dean

Chair of Trustees

Dunstone Education Trust

