



THE FULFORD UPDATE

w/c 2nd MARCH 2026



Headteachers Message

With March now underway, lighter mornings and the sense that warmer days are coming will bring a renewed energy around school. This time of year always feels like a turning point, and it's been wonderful to see students embracing every part of school life—whether in lessons, clubs, sports, music, or the many enrichment opportunities they take part in.

The weeks ahead are full of activity, and we continue to be impressed by the enthusiasm, kindness, and commitment our students show each day. Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to a positive few weeks as we move further into spring.

Focus on Reading

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

5 MARCH 2026

On Thursday we will celebrate World Book Day as a school.

This will involve special assemblies, quizzes and senior staff, together with student leaders, visiting tutor groups to read excerpts from books that mean the world to us.

Staff are dressing up and class teachers are also sharing sections from their favourite books. There are many other activities taking place too, in the library and beyond!

Research shows that reading for pleasure has a profound impact on the cognitive development of children (and indeed in keeping our brains healthy for those of us who are older!).

Please take time to talk about reading and books with your child this week. You can read more about the benefits of reading [here](#).

Good News!



Last Friday, Mr Carson took a team of staff and 52 children to the Junior National Indoor Championships near Wolverhampton. Fulford entered a total of 6 teams with these being evenly split between the under 14 and under 17 competitions.

After an intense schedule, with each team playing around 8 matches over two days, both first teams reached the final of their respective age groups.

The under 14 team played superbly but were just pipped in a close match, being runners up. The under 17 final was even closer, with Fulford winning a thrilling encounter 6 -5 in the last minute of the game!

Congratulations to our U17 team on being crowned **National Champions!**

All students competed with excellent spirit and effort, and we want to pass huge congratulations to all students and also to Mr Carson for leading the trip.

Final standings:	Under 14 teams:	Fulford 1: 2 nd ;	Fulford 2: 7 th ;	Fulford 3: 10 th
	Under 17 teams:	Fulford 1: 1 st ;	Fulford 2: 9 th ;	Fulford 3: 16 th

Assembly Themes

Week commencing	Live Assembly	Streamed Assembly
2nd March	Head of Year	World Book Day
9th March	Head of Year	Empathy Week
16th March	World Poetry Day	Head of Year
23rd March	Celebration	Safety in the Holiday

Forthcoming Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 3rd March	Sheffield Science Trip	Year 10
w/c 9th March & 16th March	Year 12 Exams	Year 12
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day	All Year Groups
w/c 23rd March	Science Week	All Year Groups
Wednesday 25th March	Year 11 Exam Information Evening	Year 11
Thursday 26th March	Students break up for Easter holidays - 3.20pm	All Year Groups
Thursday 26th March	Geography Trip to Iceland	Year 13
Thursday 26th March	History Trip to Normandy	Year 9
Friday 27th March	INSET DAY - School closed to students	All Year Groups
Friday 27th March	Alton Towers Rewards Trip	Year 11
Friday 27th March	Football Trip to Spain	Year 9
Monday 13th April	School re-opens for all students	All Year Groups

Wider Learning Opportunities

Public lectures at York University	www.york.ac.uk/news-and-events/events/public-lectures/
From the Sidelines - a variety of resources aimed at helping parents better understand how children learn	www.fromthesidelines.uk/
York Philosophical Society	www.ypsyork.org/
PiXL - suggested reading canon & supporting materials	https://fulford.york.sch.uk/resource-centre/
Support services for families, parents and carers	Support Services

Key Contacts

Department	Email Address	Reason for contact
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Attendance
09/02/26 to 27/02/26
Year 7 to 11 - 94.4%
Sixth Form - 95.4%

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Term Dates
Year 2025 - 26
Year 2026 - 27