

Dear Parents

We started the week thinking about our brave soldiers and the sacrifices they made. The whole school took part in an assembly followed by a staff verses children football match ending with Mrs Farrell playing the French horn to start and end out two-minute silence. Your children behaved impeccably showing all their Finham values.

On Wednesday we had our first Opal (Outdoor, Play and Learning). review, the reviewer was blown away by the changes we have made, he stated: "It's like a different school – amazing – the children are directing their play with real purpose". We are really looking forward to inviting parents in to see Opal lunchtimes later in the year, more information will follow when Rob, our reviewer is able to set a date.

We ended the week with a spotty day for Children in Need. It was fantastic to see your children dressed up in all their spots.

Have a wonderful weekend

S. Bracken

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 has engaged in some exciting and practical learning experiences. In Science, students explored the sustainability of bath bombs, investigating whether they can be created with environmentally friendly materials. This involved applying various 'working scientifically' skills. Additionally, the classes focused on understanding electrical circuits, where they identified components and built their own circuits. These activities not only enhanced their scientific knowledge but also fostered critical thinking and creativity.

This week, Year 5 have engaged in an in-depth exploration of North America. Students researched various aspects, including climate, population, and the continent's physical and human features. They collaborated by comparing their findings to identify similarities and differences. Furthermore, they extended their learning by investigating North American regions about those in or around Russia, facilitating a comparative understanding of diverse geographical contexts across different continents.

On Monday, Year 6 boys and girls participating in football practice contributed to our annual Remembrance Day football match against the adults, showcasing remarkable teamwork, respect, determination, and enjoyment in front of the entire school community. In their computing lessons, students applied their skills in animation and algorithms to create impressive moving artwork themed around their history topic of the Blitz, demonstrating their creativity and understanding of this significant historical event.



### EASY FUNDRAISING – PTA

Did you know you can fundraise for Finham Primary School whilst shopping online? Sign up to easyfundraising. Everytime you shop online simply go via easyfundraising website or app and a donation will be made to Finham Primary PTA – Scan the QR code to learn more.

### Diary Dates

#### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

- Year 5 Viking Day

#### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

- Year 4 – Swimming Lessons



## ANTIBULLYING WEEK

This week has been antibullying week, there has been lots of brilliant learning around antibullying and we have held assemblies where there has been a great response from all children.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

For Children In Need, we had 2 x Pudsey Bears signed by Joe Wicks! We decided to gift these to the best dressed for Children in Need. Our winners were:  
Esther – 1B & Millie – 4S – Congratulations to you both!



## DISCUSSION QUESTION OF THE WEEK

As a school we are working to help develop children's oracy skills. This is where children develop their ability to communicate their ideas and express their opinions confidently. To help your children as a school we are going to be starting question of the week. Your child does not need to write anything for this, it is purely a conversation starter to help practice their oracy skills.

This week's question: "Would you rather see the future or change the past?"

## PTA – FESTIVE DISCOS!

Year 1,2 & 3 – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 – 3:30pm – 5pm

Year 4, 5 & 6 – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - 3:30pm – 5pm

You can find more information regarding the discos on our Reach More Parents app.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	88.61%	<b>3L</b>	94.82%
<b>RL</b>	95.27%	<b>4J</b>	95.45%
<b>RM</b>	92.01%	<b>4S</b>	98.71%
<b>1B</b>	98.66%	<b>5R</b>	96.87%
<b>1W</b>	95.65%	<b>5B</b>	94.65%
<b>2B</b>	96.53%	<b>6R</b>	98.18%
<b>2W</b>	95.15%	<b>6T</b>	98.48%
<b>3R</b>	91.95%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>96.70%</b>



Silver LOTC Mark

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**PE DAYS – Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.**

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 1 – Athletics Year 4 – Invasion Games
Tuesday	Year 1 – Ball Games Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 6 – Athletics
Wednesday	Year 2 – Ball Skills Year 4 – Swimming Lessons (Xcel) Year 5 - Athletics
Thursday	Year 2 - Athletics Year 5 – Invasion Games Year 6 – Invasion Games
Friday	Reception – Gymnastics Year 3 – Health & Well being

**Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days, except Reception**

1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo
2. Plain navy blue or black shorts
3. Plain navy blue or black joggers
4. Plain navy blue or black leggings
5. White Socks
6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)
7. Plain navy jumper
8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**

**PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR**

