

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we settle into the new year, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all every happy and healthy 2025! I hope the festive season was filled with joy, laughter and precious moments spent with loved ones.

Now with renewed energy and optimism, I can't help but feel a buzz of excitement as we embark on 2025 together. At times we can face challenges but within classrooms lies incredible potential, ready to be unlocked and nurtured. And that's why, here at Finham Primary we're setting the bar high – aiming for nothing less than exceptional as our standard. I'm not talking about simply achieving good outcomes in assessments, although that is important too. It's about instilling a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge, and a drive for above and beyond. It's about nurturing critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills – the vital tools our children need to navigate the ever-changing world.

This commitment to exceptional as our standard starts in every classroom, every day. Your children have already made a brilliant start to the year and our dedicated teachers are passionate about creating engaging lessons that spark curiosity, challenge thought and inspire confidence. We're continuously innovating, exploring new pedagogical approaches and fostering a dynamic environment where ideas can flow freely. Exceptional isn't about what happens within the four walls of the classroom. It extends to every interaction, every conversation, every decision we make as a school community. It's about fostering a culture of values, understanding and inclusivity where students feel valued and supported.

So, let's make 2025 the year we truly unlock the potential of every child. Let's work hand in hand to create a school where exceptional is not just a destination, but a daily adventure. I'm excited to see what we can achieve together in this new year.

I'm sure Year 5 will have a fantastic time in Dol-Y-Moch and will come back next week with lots of stories to tell that I'm sure they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Wrap up warm this weekend and have a wonderful time.

S Bracken

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

All the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have returned refreshed from their Christmas break; enthusiastic for the new term. Even though they have only been back for 3 days, so much learning has already begun. For more information about what the children will be learning over the Spring term, please keep an eye out on the Year group's Frog Classroom pages for the Spring Parent Information Letters, which will be coming out over the coming week.

In Year 4, children have started their new topic in English related to the story, The House with Chicken Legs. Their topic will involve lots of story-writing skills, such as expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials and how to incorporate vocabulary for effect.

## Diary Dates

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January**

- Year 5 – Dol-Y-Moch Residential

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

- Year 4 Swimming



Silver LOTC Mark

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



In Year 5, the children will be off to start their Doly Moch adventure over the weekend. They will be taking their learning outside of the classroom by climbing mountains, orienteering through forests, and learning life skills related to respect and responsibility.

In Year 6, Macbeth (or should I say, 'the Scottish play') has been introduced to the children. A classic story, passed down through the ages, which never fails to capture the imagination of the children. They began by understanding the events at the beginning of the story and examining the thoughts, feelings and motivations of some of the main characters. This will help the children when they begin writing their own compositions to include an effective atmosphere.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	90.38%	<b>3L</b>	93.75%
<b>RL</b>	99.48%	<b>4J</b>	97.85%
<b>RM</b>	95.40%	<b>4S</b>	95.16%
<b>1B</b>	98.33%	<b>5R</b>	98.44%
<b>1W</b>	100%	<b>5B</b>	99.44%
<b>2B</b>	97.92%	<b>6R</b>	90.91%
<b>2W</b>	91.15%	<b>6T</b>	97.98%
<b>3R</b>	95.70%	<b>Overall</b>	<b>95.6%</b>

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

Monday	Reception - Dance Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 6 – Invasion Games	<p><b>Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days, except Reception</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo</li> <li>2. Plain navy blue or black shorts</li> <li>3. Plain navy blue or black joggers</li> <li>4. Plain navy blue or black leggings</li> <li>5. White Socks</li> <li>6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)</li> <li>7. Plain navy jumper</li> <li>8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo</li> </ol>
Tuesday	Year 1 – Dance Year 3 – Dance Year 5 – OAA	
Wednesday	Year 2 – Dance Year 4 – Swimming Lessons (Xcel) Year 5 - Dance	
Thursday	Year 2 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4 – Dance	
Friday	Reception – Gymnastics Year 6 – Dance	

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

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

