

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another fabulous week at Finham Primary School with attendance increasing and wonderful learning opportunities taking place across the whole school. I have had the pleasure of dropping into lessons and showing visitors around school, witnessing examples of this week's value – Respect across school. It has been a privilege speaking to children, listening to their experiences, and hearing them read. Please continue to read with and to your children at home. If you need any advice about hearing your child read, please talk to their class teacher.

Have a fabulous weekend

S. Bracken

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of the second week of the half term. The lower phase have been incredibly busy since returning to school and are fully engaged in their new learning and topics.

In year 2, the children are enjoying their current topic work on Africa. They have been learning all about Kenya in their geography lessons and have been brilliant and recalling key facts and information about the country. They have also been studying 2 texts set in Africa 'Anansi the Spider' and 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'

The children in year 3 are fully engrossed in their new English text 'Nothing to see here Hotel' and they all really enjoyed using AI to design and describe their own monsters. They have also started work on their new history topic about the Mayans and over the next few weeks, will be using their historical enquiry skills to find out more about this era of history.

This week in year 1, the children started their new reading lesson structure where they will be working in smaller groups 3 times a week to read and discuss a chosen text. During these sessions, the children have been great at using their respect value to listen to their group adult and have enjoyed practising their daily words and sounds.

Miss Beale

REMINDER FOR YEAR 6 PARENTS

As many of our pupils in Year 6 walk to school and home independently, in preparation for secondary school, we do understand the increased need for them to be contactable before and after school. As such, Year 6 pupils are permitted to bring mobile phones with them into school. A form confirming that your child has permission to bring a mobile phone into school, for use outside of the school grounds, can be collected from the office.

Additionally, children bringing a mobile phone should drop the device off at the school office at the beginning of the school day, and collect it from the office at the end of the school day. This is not only to ensure that the device is protected during the day, but also ensures that our e-safety policy is adhered to at all times. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 22nd January

- Year 4 – Swimming
- Reception – Inspire Workshop

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE SESSIONS

The children's communication charity, Speech & Language UK are offering two workshops for parents. These sessions will help in understanding and supporting your child and how you can share this knowledge with others who are involved with your child.

Introduction to speech and language challenges - 05/02/25 9.15am - 11.15am. Learn about how and why children learn to communicate, strategies that you can put into place at home to help your child if they have any type of speech and language challenge, resources to help you and your child, and working with others to support your child.

Supporting your child with social communication challenges - 13/03/25 9.15am - 11.15am. This workshop is for you if your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis). Learn more about social communication skills in young children and how they develop, how to help your child if they are at very early (or pre verbal) stage of development, strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home and resources you can access.

You are welcome to attend just one or both workshops, please start with the one that sounds right for you and your child. If you would like to attend you can [book your place here](#).

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Well done to 1W for getting the highest attendance of the week! 😊

Nursery	91.22%	3L	96.25%
RL	95.00%	4J	96.77%
RM	96.21%	4S	95.48%
1B	97.67%	5R	94.38%
1W	98.00%	5B	92.67%
2B	95.31%	6R	95.45%
2W	94.38%	6T	97.88%
3R	97.74%	Overall	95.6%



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
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 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

