

Hello everyone!

What a whirlwind of a week! Our spirits soared at the school discos, brilliantly organised by our incredible PTA. Students, staff, and families danced the night away, truly embracing the festive season together.

Your children have been fabulous in following our school value of *discipline* throughout the week, showing maturity and respect both in and out of the classroom.

The celebrations culminated in a lively **non-uniform day**, raising support for the PTA's Christmas events. A huge thank you goes to our PTA for their hard work and creativity in making this week such a memorable one. The atmosphere was full of joy, laughter, and community spirit — a perfect way to kick off the festive period!

Warm regards,  
Mrs Bracken  
Headteacher

## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 4 have continued their coding journey by exploring more complex algorithms. Students designed a programme that enables a character to walk up a volcano, which erupts with sound effects. This task required significant decomposition of the problem, allowing pupils to make logical predictions and ensure each instruction functioned correctly. Their enthusiasm and creativity have been commendable!

Year 5 have been exploring the fascinating world of materials in science. The learning objective focused on understanding how materials can be separated through various methods, including sieving, decanting, magnetic separation, condensation, evaporation, and filtration. Students engaged in hands-on activities, making notes and answering reasoning questions to deepen their understanding.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parents who attended our Inspire Workshop. It was wonderful to see such strong participation, and the positive feedback regarding the E-Safety segment was greatly appreciated. For further information, please visit our related Frog page to access the content from the talk.

This week, Year 6 focused on the circulatory system in science, where students learned about the three types of blood vessels. They engaged in drawing these vessels and articulating the processes and significance of each component within the system. Additionally, students had the opportunity to interact with a PCSO officer, who shared insights about their role in the community and provided guidance on the use of their equipment. This experience was met with enthusiasm and curiosity from the children, as well as inspiring potential career opportunities.

## REPORTING A CHILDS ABSENCE

Can we please remind all parents and careers the importance of reporting your child's absence. This must be reported via the Weduc app or the absence line before 08:30. Alternatively you can call the office from 08:30. We are seeing a number of children's absences not be reported and this could result in the school doing a home visit.

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

- Herbert Art Gallery trip Year 2

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

- Year 4 swimming 12:30-15:30

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December**

- Grandparents' morning 09:15-10:15 Nursery -Year2 only
- Grandparents' morning 10:30-11:30 Nursery – Year 2 only



Silver LOTC Mark

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



## **CHRISTMAS CARD POST BOX**

The Christmas card post box is now in the Reception area. If your child wishes to send their friends a Christmas card please put the child's name and class on the front of the envelope and post it into the post box and we will distribute them. Thankyou

## **LEAVE REQUEST**

This is a kind reminder that if you wish to take your child on holiday or request leave for any reason, a Leave Request Form **must** be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the planned absence. This notice period allows sufficient time for Mrs Bracken to review the request and ensures that the correct registration mark is allocated for your child's absence. You can find the form on Reach More Parents using the link below:

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/forms/index/preview/140737488539995> Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

We wanted to make you aware of the following holiday activity programmes for the December half-term:

## **HAF Programme & Short Breaks Holiday Activities**

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme is back for the December holidays. HAF Holiday Activities are free for children who receive Benefit Related Free School Meals. There are also some paid activities for children who are not eligible.

View the activity programme here: [www.coventry.gov.uk/haf](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/haf)

If you have any further questions or queries about bookings, please contact [HAF@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@coventry.gov.uk)

The Booking Line will go live on Monday 1st December 2025 to Friday 5th December 2025.

\* Short Breaks provide activities for children with diagnosed disabilities living in Coventry aged 5 – 17 years.

All bookings are to be made via '[Short Breaks on-line booking](#)' or via the booking telephone line (024 76 975464). Please be aware bookings must be made between the hours of 09.00am and 4.00pm, Monday 1st December 2025 to Friday 5th December 2025. Bookings either online or by telephone that are outside of the dates and times stated will be placed on the waiting list.

Families that are new to Short Breaks will require a completed [Short Breaks Passport](#) to register.

## **ORACY QUESTION OF THE WEEK**

What is your favourite season and why?

## **COMPLETION OF URGENT FORMS**

Can we please remind all parents and careers that we must have the mandatory forms that were sent out at the start of September completed and returned by the end of next week. The forms are Homeschool Agreement, Internet consent, Photo consent and School trip. If you require these forms being resent, please speak to the school office.

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

|                |      |                |             |
|----------------|------|----------------|-------------|
| <b>Nursery</b> | 86 % | <b>3M</b>      | 97 %        |
| <b>RT</b>      | 100% | <b>4G</b>      | 96 %        |
| <b>RW</b>      | 99 % | <b>4R</b>      | 98 %        |
| <b>1B</b>      | 92 % | <b>5R</b>      | 96 %        |
| <b>1L</b>      | 97 % | <b>5B</b>      | 95 %        |
| <b>2R</b>      | 95 % | <b>6S</b>      | 98 %        |
| <b>2W</b>      | 100% | <b>6T</b>      | 98 %        |
| <b>3B</b>      | 96 % | <b>Overall</b> | <b>96 %</b> |

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

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| Monday    | Year 2- Gymnastics<br>Year 5 - Invasion Games (Tag Rugby)<br>Reception - Athletics                            | <b>Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days</b>   |
| Tuesday   | Year 3 – Invasion Games<br>Year 2 – Learning through Play-Games<br>Year 4 – Gymnastics                        |   |
| Wednesday | Nursery - Gymnastics<br>Year 4 – Swimming Xcel<br>Year 5 – Gymnastics<br>Year 1 - Learning through Play-Games | Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo   |
| Thursday  | Year 1 – Gymnastics<br>Year 6 – Invasion Games (Netball/Basketball)<br>Year 3 – Health & Well being           | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Plain navy blue or black shorts</li> <li>2. Plain navy blue or black joggers</li> <li>3. Plain navy blue or black leggings</li> <li>4. White Socks</li> <li>5. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)</li> <li>6. Plain navy jumper</li> <li>7. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo</li> </ol> |
| Friday    | Reception – Gymnastics<br>Nursery – Gymnastics<br>Year 6 - Athletics  | <b>PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME</b>   |



***Happy Birthday to everyone who have celebrated a birthday this week!***

Anvit – N    Arunima – 6T    Lithik - 5R

Evie – 2W    Viyan - 4G    Kavneet - 1B