

Welcome Back to Finham Primary School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful half-term break filled with quality family time and memorable moments. As we return to school, the leadership team is excited to reconnect with our vibrant community and continue supporting our students' learning journeys. Our commitment to being actively involved in classroom activities remains strong, and we are eager to share some highlights from our recent visits.

During our time in the classrooms, we observed a variety of engaging activities that truly showcased the creativity and enthusiasm of our pupils. These experiences not only highlight the dedication of our teachers but also the incredible potential of our children. One of our teachers remarked, "Seeing the children so engaged in their learning is what makes our job so rewarding." We are proud of the positive atmosphere at Finham Primary School, where every child is encouraged to thrive.

Kind regards,
Sarah Bracken
Headteacher

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week in History, Year 4 has been exploring the topic of hill forts, focusing on their significance and the reasons behind their construction by the Celts in Britain. The children engaged in an in-depth study of Maidan Castle, gaining insights into its historical context and architectural features. In Geography, the pupils developed their map skills by examining an Ordnance Survey map of the River Avon. They discussed key features and symbols before completing a practical activity where they filled in a blanked-out square on the map, which they then illustrated in their books alongside a copy of the map.

In Geography, Year 5 utilised Digi Maps to log in and undertake activities related to locating four-digit grid reference points on an Ordnance Survey map. This hands-on experience was complemented by a photo comparison task, allowing students to observe the development of the Coventry area over time. Additionally, the children participated in a valuable session led by St. Martin's Church, addressing the key question: "Has Christianity Changed?" This collaboration with the local church enriches our curriculum by providing expert knowledge directly within our classrooms.

Year 6 has been focusing on Geography and Science this week. In Geography, students used digital mapping tools to compare Sherwood Forest with the Amazon Rainforest, completing a detailed comparison table to highlight the differences and similarities between these two significant ecosystems. In Science, the children engaged in classifying microorganisms, creating classification trees to organise their findings. This practical approach enhances their understanding of the microscopic world and its relevance to broader biological concepts.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th March

- Year 4 swimming 12:30-15:30
- Reception Inspire writing workshop 14:30-15:30

Thursday 5th March

- World Book Day, whole school

Friday 6th March

- PTA Colour run



PTA HOLI COLOUR RUN 6th MARCH

Finham Primary School are excited to invite pupils to take part in a Colour Run on Friday 6th March. This is in celebration of the Hindu festival of Holi. The event will take place during the school day.

Parents/Guardians need to purchase a ticket for the event, which also acts as permission for your child to participate. Please note, if permission is not given, your child will not be able to take part. Tickets are priced at £1 plus platform and booking fees.

To find out more and purchase ticket please see the link below

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/finhamptaevents/index.cfm>

PUPIL PREMIUM SCHEME

Did you know, if you receive any of the following benefits, as well as entitling your child to a free school meal, you could raise an extra £1,515 for school through the Government's Pupil Premium scheme?

Your child may be able to get free school meals and be eligible for Pupil Premium funding if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please note: you do not qualify for free school meals/pupil premium if you are in receipt of Working Tax Credit regardless of income.

More detail about how school uses Pupil Premium funding can be found on the school website, but it is mainly used to support children in school, so that they achieve the very best that they can.

We also use some of the funding so that children who we receive Pupil Premium funding for benefit from:

- 1 free school jumper, per year.
- 1 free afterschool club, per term.
- Free music tuition (1 instrument per year)
- Subsidised trips, swimming lessons (Y4) and cycling proficiency (Y6)

If you think that you may be eligible, use the link below to submit a form to Coventry City Council:

https://myaccount.coventry.gov.uk/service/Free_school_meals_and_extra_pupil_premium_funds_for_schools

It doesn't cost you anything, but it can make a big difference for your child.

Any questions, please get in touch.

ORACY QUESTION

if you were to wake up in a book, what book would it be and why?

WORLD BOOK DAY – CELEBRATING READER IDENTITY-THURSDAY 5th MARCH

Just a reminder that World Book Day will be taking place next Thursday, 5th March.

Children are encouraged to dress as a character from a story they feel a connection to or that they feel represents them. Costumes don't need to be elaborate or costly — simple symbolic outfits are perfectly welcome. The focus is on meaning and connection rather than dressing up.

If possible, please also send your child in with the book their character comes from, so they can share it with their reading pal.

We're really looking forward to celebrating reading and the many ways the children at Finham Primary connect with stories.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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| Nursery | 96 % | 3M | 98 % |
| RT | 92 % | 4G | 94 % |
| RW | 96 % | 4R | 98 % |
| 1B | 96 % | 5R | 98 % |
| 1L | 95 % | 5B | 98 % |
| 2R | 98 % | 6S | 99 % |
| 2W | 97 % | 6T | 96 % |
| 3B | 94 % | Over all | 97 % |



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

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| Monday | Reception - Athletics Year 3 - Striking/Feilding Games Year 1 – Team Building |
| Tuesday | Year 3 – Dance Year 4 - Dance Year 2 – Team Building |
| Wednesday | Nursery – Athletics/Dance Year 4 – Swimming Xcel Year 5 – Invasion Games Year 6 - Dance |
| Thursday | Reception – Dance Year 5 - Dance Year 6 – Invasion Games |
| Friday | Year 2 – Dance Nursery – Athletics /Dance Year 1 – Dance |

Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days

Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo

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

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

