

Dear Parents

As we near the half-term break, it feels like a lovely moment to pause and reflect on all that our school community has achieved this term. The children have embraced a variety of exciting experiences, both in and out of the classroom, and it has been wonderful to see their confidence and curiosity continue to grow. As half term approaches, we hope this provides a valuable opportunity for families to enjoy some well-earned time together, whether that is resting, exploring, or simply catching up with friends and loved ones. Please do take a few moments to read on, as this newsletter celebrates some of the successes from this term and shares important updates and upcoming events to look forward to. Keep reading - I can't wait to hear what books your children have read over the holiday.

### Diary Dates

During the next half term, we are inviting parents into school to read with your child, listen to the orally skills your children have developed and take part in our OPAL experience. We hope you are able to come along and enjoy the fun!!

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm - 3.30pm - Year 3 and 4  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm - 3.30pm - Year 1 and 2  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm - 3.30pm - Year 5 and 6  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2.30pm - 3.30pm - Year Reception

**Sarah Bracken**  
**Headteacher**

### UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 4 and Year 5 have worked exceptionally hard to bring their school play, *Darwin Rocks*, to life. The children impressed staff, pupils and families alike with their catchy songs, carefully choreographed dance moves and perfectly timed delivery of lines. There were also some wonderful solo singing and acting performances, which showed great confidence, commitment and teamwork. It has been a real pleasure to see how much effort the children have put into rehearsals, and all parents should feel very proud of their children for such a fantastic achievement.

Year 6 have been busy with a range of exciting computing learning this week. They have created and debugged algorithms using Bee-Bots, developing their understanding of sequencing, accuracy and problem-solving. They have also evaluated the reliability of AI information and images, thinking carefully about how to judge whether digital content can be trusted. In addition, the children explored binary code by writing messages outside on the playground, which gave them a hands-on and memorable way to understand how computers represent information. We hope you all enjoy a lovely break and come back to school feeling refreshed for your final half-term of the year.

### Diary Dates

#### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

- Back to school

#### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

- Nursery trip to Ash End Farm

#### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June

- Grandparent afternoon KS2  
14:00-15:15

#### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

- Non uniform rainbow day  
(donation of item in year colour)



## CHILDREN'S POETRY COMPETITION

An exciting opportunity for young poets to showcase their creativity and express their connection to Coventry through verse. Closing date 1<sup>st</sup> June at midday.

For more details, please scan the QA code below



## GRANDPARENTS AFTERNOON KS2 THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Tickets have now gone on sale for the KS2 Grandparents' afternoon. To purchase your ticket, please head to our PTA page <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/finhamptaevents/index.cfm>

## NON-UNIFORM RAINBOW DAY

Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> of June we will be holding a non-uniform day in exchange for a donation of an item in your child's year colour. These items will go towards the hampers for the summer raffle hampers.

These can be washing up liquid to biscuits to wine or bubble bath. They just have to be in your child's colours.

**Nursery and Reception – RED, Year 1 – Orange, Year 2 – Yellow, Year 3 – Green, Year 4 – Blue,**

**Year 5 – Purple, Year 6 - Pink**

## PREM AWARE AWARD

Here at Finham Primary, we are in the process of becoming "Prem Aware". This means we are working with the prematurity charity The Smallest Things, who have provided training to our staff so that we can better support children born pre-term. We will also be adding 'Gestation at birth' to admissions forms going forward and seeking feedback from parents and caregivers of pre-term children, so that we can work together to best support one another.

As part of this process, we would like to understand which pupils currently in the school, were born prior to 37 weeks' gestation (if you are happy to share this information). We know from the research that this is on average 2-3 children per class. Please email [admin@finhamprimary.co.uk](mailto:admin@finhamprimary.co.uk) with your child's details, gestation at birth, and any further information you would like to provide regarding the birth story or any support you believe would be helpful.

Furthermore, a parent at Finham Primary who serves as an ambassador for this award is available to host a coffee morning at the school. Parents interested in learning more or participating in a discussion are



THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



welcome to attend. If you would be interested, please also note this on the email so we can arrange accordingly. There will also be a 'Prem Aware' stand at the Summer Fayre, so please also use this opportunity for discussion.

## FREE ONLINE SEND WORKSHOPS

Two free online workshops are available this week for parents, carers and professionals supporting children and young people with SEND, Autism and ADHD: Thurs 21 May (7–8pm): Understanding Executive Functioning

Sat 23 May (10–11am): Understanding Sensory Processing

Both sessions are: Free and online

Neurodiversity-affirming. Suitable for diagnosed and undiagnosed children/young people

Families can find out more and book here: [The Autism & ADHD Advocates](#)

## ORACY QUESTION

Where in the world would you like to visit and why?

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

<b>Nursery</b>	87 %	<b>3M</b>	96 %
<b>RT</b>	99 %	<b>4G</b>	94 %
<b>RW</b>	90 %	<b>4R</b>	87 %
<b>1B</b>	96 %	<b>5R</b>	97 %
<b>1L</b>	97 %	<b>5B</b>	98 %
<b>2R</b>	93 %	<b>6S</b>	94 %
<b>2W</b>	94 %	<b>6T</b>	85 %
<b>3B</b>	91 %	<b>Overall</b>	<b>93 %</b>

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

Monday	Reception - Athletics Year 6 - Striking/Feilding Games
Tuesday	Year 1 – Understanding Games Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 5 – Health Related Fitness
Wednesday	Year 2 – Ball Skills Nursery – Athletics/Ball Skills Year 4 – Invasion Games Year 3 – Striking/Feilding Games
Thursday	Reception – Ball Skills Year 5 - Striking/Feilding Games Year 6 – Health Related Fitness
Friday	Year 2 – Understanding Games Nursery – Athletics /Ball Skills Year 1 – Ball Skills Year 4 - Striking/Feilding Games

**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**

