

Dear all,

Another fabulous week has come to an end, and I continue to be so proud of your wonderful children. They have coped brilliantly with the recent heat, showing fantastic behaviour and truly living out our school values each day. As we look ahead to next week, we are very much looking forward to Transition Day—a special and exciting part of our school calendar. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to meet their new teachers, spend time in their new classrooms, and begin to feel confident about the year ahead.

Please be assured that a great deal of time, care, and consideration goes into creating the new classes. We carefully think about each child as an individual, taking into account learning styles, friendships, and social dynamics to ensure the best possible environment for everyone to thrive.

While children may not always be placed with all of their friends, this process helps them to build resilience, grow in confidence, and develop new friendships. With your encouragement, they will see this as an exciting opportunity and approach the change with positivity.

We are also very excited for Takeover Day, where our Year 6 children take on leadership roles across the school for the day. They will take great pride in supporting younger classes while staff remain in classrooms, and it is always a joy to see their confidence and sense of responsibility shine.

Year 2 had a truly fantastic day on their visit to Warwick Castle this week. Despite the itinerary needing to be adjusted due to the warm weather, the children embraced every moment with enthusiasm and positivity. They were an absolute credit to the school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, curiosity, and a real eagerness to learn. Our dedicated Year 2 staff ensured the day remained enjoyable, safe, and memorable for all, and it was wonderful to see such strong teamwork and care throughout the trip.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say a heartfelt thank you to Mrs Williams, who is retiring after a number of years of tireless dedication to the children in her care. Mrs Williams has made a significant and lasting impact on our school community, and she will be greatly missed by children, parents, and staff alike. We wish her all the very best for a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support—we truly value working in partnership with you to support your children.

Sarah Bracken, Headteacher



## Diary Dates

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June

- Class photos and Year 6 leavers photos
- Reception Parents invited to read 14:30-15:30

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

- Transition day

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

- Year 3 late night in school 15:30-18:30

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

- PTA Summer school fayre

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

- Reception celebration assembly 14:30-15:30

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

- Reception trip to Brandon Marsh
- Year 1 Reading afternoon-14:30-15:30
- Nursery celebration assembly 14:30-15:30

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 6 Leavers afternoon 14:30-15:30
- Year 5 reading afternoon 14:30-15:30

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 4 Lunt Fort trip
- Year 2 Reading afternoon 14:30-15:30

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 3 & 4 Reading Afternoon 14:30-15:30

### Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July

- Year 6 leavers performance 18:00-19:00



## UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 have spent much of their afternoons this week creating imaginative stop-motion animations linked to their history topic on the Romans. They carefully storyboarded their plots, designed and cut out their characters, and then took on the roles of directors and animators to retell the events of the Roman campaign against Boudicca. Once their footage was complete, they exported their films into iMovie, where they added sound effects, visual features and character voices. The class thoroughly enjoyed this creative project, and everyone was extremely proud of the impressive final movie productions.

Year 5 have worked with great focus in English this week, drawing inspiration from the prologue of *Silverfin* by Charlie Higson. They have explored how speech can reveal important information about characters while also moving the action forward. In addition, they have developed their understanding of how to build mystery, tension and drama through effective writing techniques. Using a modelled example to support them, they boxed up their ideas, drafted their own versions, carefully edited their work and published their writing before the end of the week. Their build-up ideas were particularly creative, exciting and full of suspense.

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their leavers' afternoon, during which they will produce a formal piece of writing reflecting on their journey through their time at Finham Primary. In maths, they have been planning a festival, which has involved practical problem-solving, organisation and applying their mathematical thinking to a real-life context. In Design and Technology, the children have evaluated the bread they made last week, considering the quality of their finished product and reflecting thoughtfully on the process.

## CLASS PHOTOS

Our class photos and Year 6 leavers photos will now take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June. If your child is due to do PE on Monday, please can you send them in their school uniform and bring their PE kits in for them to change into.

## MRS WILLIAMS IS RETIRING 😊



After 37 years of teaching, almost 23 of those years at Finham Primary, I have decided to retire! I began my career, fresh out of university, in a Year 2 class with a lead in Design & Technology....just as I will finish this July, with many happy years in Nursery and other year groups inbetween.

I have always been passionate about my job and I can honestly say that I have LOVED every day of being a teacher, and that I treasure every moment with the children (not so much the paperwork!!) I have always tried to give my very best to **every** child that I have taught...tried to make sure that **every** child feels heard, supported, encouraged and cared for.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of the Finham Family for so long, and wanted to thank you, the parents, for allowing me to be a little part of your child's life. Your children are amazing, and I feel so proud and honoured that you let me in to each of your family units, to work alongside you, to allow your children to flourish in the way they all have. Thank you so much for your warmth and support – it has meant the world to me.

With very best wishes

Sue Williams xx

## **PTA SUMMER FAYRE**

PTA Summer Fayre 3rd July 3:30-5pm.

Join us for family fun, games, stalls & refreshments. Our popular rainbow raffle is back with 12 hampers to be won including tickets to Birdland, Jam Jam Boomerangs, a round of disc golf and more.

As we have limited card readers, we would really appreciate cash on the day.

## **Uniform Donations**

With the end of the year looming, if your child has outgrown their uniform, we would be incredibly grateful for any donations. Pre-loved items help the environment, reduce waste, and are a massive support for other families in our community! They can be dropped in the box at the main school office

## **ORACY QUESTION**

Inspired by the current heatwave, here is this weeks oracy question!

If you could invent something to keep everyone cool, what would it be?



Silver LOTC Mark

THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



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

Monday	Reception - Gymnastics Year 6 – Net/Wall Games Year 1 – Understanding Games
Tuesday	Year 3 – Net/Wall Games Year 5 – Athletics Year 2 – Understanding Games
Wednesday	Nursery – Athletics/Gymnastics Year 4 – Athletics Year 5 - Net/Wall Games
Thursday	Reception – Athletics Year 2 - Athletics Year 3 – Athletics Year 6 – Athletics
Friday	Nursery – Athletics /Gymnastics Year 1 – Athletics Year 4 - Net/Wall 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**

