

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another brilliant week has come to an end. On transition day, the children found out who their new teachers are. The Year 6 's went to their secondary school and got to experience how lessons would be in September.

Not only that, but the Year 6's have been preparing tirelessly for Takeover Day. They worked extremely hard and put much thought and effort into completing their application forms to apply for the roles they wanted to take part in on the day.

These roles included: school catering, governors, office team, sports leaders, teachers, teaching assistants, caretakers and of course the deputy headteacher and the headteacher.

Here are some quotes from children across the school:

"It is fabulous as we get to work with the teachers." Mirha, Office Team.

"Takeover Day in 2W has been going on really well today. Our year 6's planned some engaging lessons. In maths, the children converted tallies to pictographs. In English, they took part in an orienteering activity to practise using paragraphs." Mrs Mann.

"Takeover day is the BEST." Rhyan, Headteacher

Thanks to all of the teachers who helped with takeover day. Hope you all have a good weekend.

Kind regards.

Rhyan Patel and Daniella Maina

(Head Teacher and Deputy Head Teacher

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We are aware that some children may be disappointed that the England match is taking place in the early hours of Monday morning. To help make the day enjoyable for everyone, we will provide opportunities for children who wish to watch the match to do so at appropriate times. This will be carefully planned to ensure that they can still fully participate in the Dance and Drumming Day activities and do not miss out on this special experience.

We look forward to a wonderful day of learning, creativity and celebration.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 7th July

- Reception celebration assembly 14:30-15:30

Wednesday 8th July

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

Thursday 9th July

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

Friday 10th July

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

Monday 13th July

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

Thursday 16th July

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

Friday 17th July

- Last day of term
- PTA Crazy hair day

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week in Science, Year 4 have been deepening their understanding of vertebrates and invertebrates. Pupils worked in travelling salesman groups to research the physical features of a vertebrate, before sharing their findings with the rest of the class. They then built on this knowledge by exploring a range of invertebrates, including insects, arachnids, slugs and snails. In addition, the children have been introduced to classification keys and have learned how asking closed questions can help us sort animals accurately into groups. They have also created their own classification keys and used them to sort different animals.

Year 5 have made excellent progress in both Spanish and Science this week. In Spanish, they have been learning how to describe themselves and family members using appropriate vocabulary and phrases. They have also been learning the Spanish seasons song and taking part in discussions about it in Spanish, helping them to listen carefully, learn by heart and respond to songs, poems and stories with growing confidence. In Science, the children have observed a plant life cycle and made thoughtful comments about how plants grow and reproduce. They have also created a classification flow diagram to help identify plants according to the different ways they reproduce.

Year 6 have been busy with preparations for their roles on Takeover Day, and it has been wonderful to see how responsibly they approached the experience. The children were outstanding in preparing activities to deliver for classes, maintaining the site, completing administrative roles and shadowing a range of different jobs. Their professionalism and enthusiasm were recognised across the school, and they helped to create a positive and exciting atmosphere for everyone. This valuable experience has given Year 6 pupils a real insight into the workplace, helping them to understand both the joys and the challenges of working life and preparing them well for future responsibilities.

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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

LEAVERS

If your child will be leaving Finham Primary at the end of the Summer Term, please could you email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk with your child's name and the school they will be transferring to in September. Year 6 parents do not need to let us know. If at this stage you are aware your child will be leaving but do not know the school, please could you email to make us aware.

UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Just to clarify that Universal Free School Meals are from Reception through to the end of Year 2. Children currently in Year 2 will be charged for school meals from September when they move into Year 3. If you wish your child to stop school meals from September, please could you email admin@finhamprimary.co.uk by Friday 10th July 2026. If you don't inform us you may be charged. If you wish your child to continue the school meals are £2.75.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	94 %	3M	99 %
RT	100 %	4G	98 %
RW	95 %	4R	99 %
1B	93 %	5R	97 %
1L	99 %	5B	93 %
2R	95 %	6S	99 %
2W	93 %	6T	98 %
3B	95 %	Overall	96 %



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	Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
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 ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

