

Dear Parents

Wow – what an exciting and memorable week it has been! With just one week remaining until the end of the school year, we are looking forward to a number of special events as we celebrate a fantastic year together. We still have lots of exciting activities planned for next week, including a whole-school DT Challenge, performances, singing sessions, and many more opportunities for the children to work together, showcase their talents, and create lasting memories as we bring another successful year to a close.

This week has been full of wonderful experiences for our children. We enjoyed lively Dhol drumming and dancing workshops, Year 3 visited The Wave for swimming, Reception had a fantastic trip to Brandon Marsh, and Year 4 explored the history of Lunt Roman Fort. It has also been lovely to welcome parents into school to celebrate their children's achievements and successes throughout the year.

Recently, we welcomed a visitor into school to review our work around belonging and connected learning. As part of the visit, he analysed questionnaire responses, spoke with teachers, and observed lessons and school events. We are delighted to share that he was extremely impressed with what he saw and provided a very positive report. Thank you for your continued support in helping us create such a positive and inclusive school community. We already have some exciting projects planned for the new academic year and look forward to sharing these with you.

Today, we will be sending home your child's end-of-year report. This includes information about their attitude to learning as well as their overall attainment and progress. If you have any questions regarding your child's report, please do not hesitate to speak with their class teacher.

Finally, it is with mixed emotions that I share some news about a valued member of our team. Mr Fitzhugh will be leaving Finham Primary School at the end of this academic year. However, he will remain very much part of the Finham family as he takes on an exciting new role within the Finham Park Multi Academy Trust Central Team. Although he will no longer be based at Finham Primary, he will continue to be a familiar face and a regular visitor to the school. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Fitzhugh on this well-deserved opportunity and wishing him every success in his new role.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. We look forward to making the most of our final week together and creating some lasting memories for our children.

Kind regards
Sarah Bracken
Headteacher

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 2 have been enjoying a wonderful range of learning across the curriculum. In English, they have been focusing on poetry, starting with the poem *The Magic Box*. The children read and performed the poem before planning and writing their own imaginative versions. In maths, they have been learning all about position and direction and have particularly enjoyed taking part in practical activities to help them describe movement and turns. This half term, Year 2 have really enjoyed learning about castles in history. They have explored what castles were for, who lived in them and how they were built. To finish this topic, the children

Diary Dates

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

completed a castles homework project to showcase their learning. It has been great to see all the hard work, effort and creativity the children have put into their work, and I know they are excited to share their fantastic work with their teachers, classmates and parents.

Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks filled with exciting activities! Last Thursday, they took part in their late night in school, which was a real highlight for everyone. The children enjoyed playing a range of fun games across the evening, including hide and seek, before gathering around the campfire with Mrs Bird to toast marshmallows. Year 3 have also had an exciting opportunity to visit The Wave, where they took part in a water confidence session in preparation for their swimming lessons next year. At the end of the session, they were able to enjoy themselves in the splash pad, exploring the water features and small slides. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork throughout both experiences.

In year 1, the children have had a fantastic Sports Week full of energy, teamwork and fun. On Monday, they especially enjoyed a bhangra dance workshop, where they worked together as a class to rehearse and perform a short dance routine. They enjoyed it so much that Mrs Mann treated them to an extra dance lesson on Tuesday, giving them another chance to practise this lively style of dance. Alongside their dancing, the children have also had great fun taking part in a range of other sports, including basketball and yoga.

Miss Beale.

CRAZY HAIR, HAT OR HAIRPIECE DAY – FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Come into school with the craziest hair, wild piece or decorated hat.

Entries £1 with prizes to be won

LIBRARY BOOKS

Please can we remind all children to return any library books to the school by the end of the term. It is especially Important to encourage the Year 6 children to check if they have any left at home.

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.

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

From 1st September 2026 the price of school meals will increase to £2.80 per meal. This is for Years 3-6

FREE SCHOOL MEALS – CHANGES WITH FEET FROM SEPTEMBER 2026

From the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year, all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be entitled to receive a free meal.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

Targeted FSM

This continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less

Expanded FSM

A new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

Please see attached leaflet on how to claim.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all of the wonderful Robotics Afterschool Club for winning not one, but two trophies at this year's VEX Code Competition, held at Finham Park.

The team competed against schools from across the MAT, including secondary schools. After a difficult start to the day, they worked hard to improve their robots and kept going right through to the final stage.

During the final in the afternoon, they worked brilliantly as a team and achieved the highest score of the day. Their two trophies are thoroughly deserved and reflect all the hard work, commitment and teamwork they have shown throughout the academic year.

A huge congratulations to:

- Andreea
- Ewan
- Robin
- Lithik
- Jacob
- Max

What an amazing achievement—we are incredibly proud of you all!

Mr Merkelbach



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	92 %	3M	96 %
RT	96 %	4G	97 %
RW	92 %	4R	98 %
1B	94 %	5R	97 %
1L	86 %	5B	93 %
2R	90 %	6S	96 %
2W	87 %	6T	95 %
3B	94 %	Overall	93 %

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	Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt 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

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



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

Harry – 3B Dale – 1B Max – 5R

Esther – 2W Hamza – RW Lavinia – RW

Rhian – 3B Nimrat – 3B

