

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another wonderful school year, we would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a truly fantastic year at Finham Primary. We finish the year with so much to celebrate, and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our children, families, staff and wider community for your continued support, encouragement and belief in our school.

At the start of each academic year, we set ourselves ambitious goals, and thanks to the hard work, dedication and teamwork of everyone involved, we have not only achieved them but surpassed them. We are incredibly proud of all that has been accomplished and are already looking forward to the exciting opportunities and plans we have for the 2026–2027 academic year.

A special farewell goes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they begin the next chapter of their journey. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, maturity and independence throughout their time at Finham Primary. They leave us with the knowledge, skills and determination to achieve great things, and we are incredibly proud of them. A huge congratulations to Year 6 on their fantastic SATs results – your hard work and perseverance have truly paid off! I would also like to thank our dedicated Year 6 team, whose care, support and commitment have helped guide these children every step of the way.

We also say goodbye to some valued members of staff. We wish Mr Fitzhugh every success as he takes on his new role supporting schools across the Finham Park MAT, and we hope Mrs Williams enjoys a well-deserved and relaxing retirement at home, also goodbye to Miss Russell and Miss Sahana. Thank you for the positive impact you have made on our school community.

Today, we celebrated the achievements of many children during our end-of-year assembly, recognising those who have worked exceptionally hard and those with excellent attendance throughout the year. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their efforts and accomplishments.

We are excited to welcome our children in Years 1 to 6 back to school on Wednesday 2nd September, and we are especially looking forward to meeting our new Nursery and Reception pupils as they begin their Finham Primary journey.

During the summer break, please continue to enjoy reading with and to your children whenever possible. Sharing a wide range of books is one of the best ways to support their learning and nurture a lifelong love of reading.

Thank you once again for being part of our amazing school community. We wish you and your families a happy, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

With best wishes,

Finham Primary School 🌞📚💡

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1st September

- Teacher training day

Wednesday 2nd September

- First day back

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 4 have continued their Design and Technology learning by exploring wheels and axles as part of their chariot project. The children carefully cut the dowelling and drilled axle holes into their chassis before assembling the wheels and axles, then tested how well their chariots rolled. They also focused on reinforcement and decoration, identifying any weak points and strengthening these with braces and extra supports before adding their final decorative touches. To complete the unit, the children tested and evaluated their designs in an exciting chariot race, checking that each chariot could travel a set distance, roll in a straight line and support a 250g weight.

Year 5 have enjoyed a very successful Design and Technology project linked to food and growing. Working alongside Year 3, the children have grown fruit, vegetables and herbs in the school courtyard, carefully planting and nurturing ingredients that they could later choose for their own dishes. Ingredients such as potatoes, onions, beans and chives were among the options available, and the children showed great independence as they prepared their food in groups by peeling, chopping, dicing and boiling. They then combined the ingredients to create a flavourful dish. In addition, Year 5 welcomed a sports coach who delivered cricket coaching, and the whole year group enjoyed a lively game of rounders, demonstrating teamwork, energy and enthusiasm.

Year 6 performed an absolutely wonderful play for the school and for parents later in the week, showing just how much they have grown during their time at Finham Primary School. The children impressed everyone with their comically crafted scenes, while also drawing on their individual strengths and shared memories to bring the production to life. Their performance was a fitting celebration of their journey through the school and a truly memorable way to mark the end of their time with us. We are incredibly proud of all that they have achieved and wish them every success for the future.

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 FEECT 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.

COVENTRY HAF AND HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD PROGRAMME

Bookings are LIVE for the HAF Summer holiday offer

We have an extensive range of free bookable activities that will grab the attention of every child and young person.

Please email: HAFprogramme@coventry.gov.uk if you have any questions.

What activities are there?

Activities include: basketball, bushcraft, cheerleading, coding (video games, animated movies, Minecraft, robotics) cooking, cricket, dance camps, den building, dodgeball, drama workshops, engineering, face painting, football camps, forest school, girls-only activities, golf, gymnastics, dodgeball, ice-skating lessons, jewellery making, quad biking, laser quest, Lego, media training, parkour, swimming, STEM activities, tennis, trampolining, UV dodgeball, the Wave, yoga and more.

Share the QR code: this goes to the HAF booking site:



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	97 %	3M	95 %
RT	90 %	4G	96 %
RW	92 %	4R	98 %
1B	95 %	5R	95 %
1L	94 %	5B	98 %
2R	90 %	6S	98 %
2W	88 %	6T	96 %

3B	88 %	Overall	94 %
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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 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

