

Dear All,

It's been another fantastic week at Finham Primary School, and I am delighted to share that attendance has continued to improve since the beginning of the academic year. Attendance remains a key priority, and I would like to thank everyone for their ongoing support in helping children attend school regularly and arrive on time ready to learn each day.

There has been a wonderful buzz around school, with learning at the heart of everything we do. It has been fantastic to see our pupils engaging enthusiastically in their lessons and making the most of every opportunity available to them.

It was great to see so many parents and carers attending our Inspire Workshops this week. Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to supporting your children's learning. The PTA Teddy Bears' Picnic was also a great success. It was wonderful to see so many families supporting this event and enjoying the opportunity to come together as a school community. A huge thank you to our PTA volunteers for their hard work in making the event such a memorable occasion.

We have many more workshops, events and opportunities for families to get involved throughout the academic year, so please keep an eye on our calendar and communications to ensure you do not miss out.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Sarah Bracken

Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tuesday 29th September

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 30th September

- Year 3 inspire workshop 0900-10:00
- Swimming – Year 4
- RSE evening 17:30 – 18:30

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

In Year 4, children have been exploring number lines to 10,000, including number lines divided into intervals of 10. They have been encouraged to find the difference between the start and end points before dividing by the number of intervals. The children have also begun comparing numbers to 10,000. Using place-value counters and drawn representations, they have developed their understanding before moving towards more abstract methods. The symbols $<$, $>$ and $=$ have supported their ability to compare and talk about numbers accurately. In science, the Year 4 children have investigated the potential impact of human activity on food chains, particularly hunting, overfishing and farming. They will use their learning to produce a poster raising awareness of these important issues.

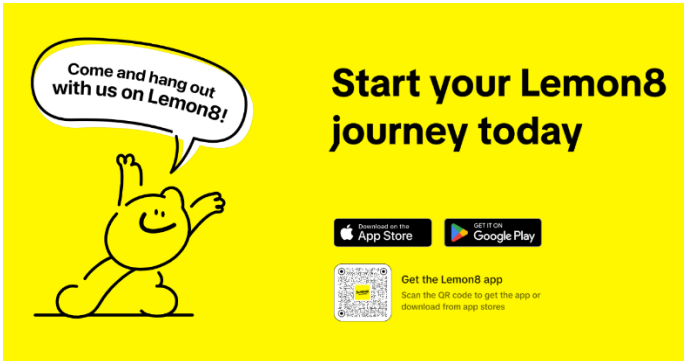
In maths, the Year 5 children have been developing mental strategies for addition and subtraction. They have used their prior knowledge of simple addition and subtraction facts to solve more complex calculations. They have also recapped the column method for adding whole numbers with more than four digits. In science, the Year 5 children have been learning why we have seasons. They have drawn an illustration based on a video example and then explained what is happening beneath their diagram. They have also described the force responsible for planets being spherical: gravity.

In history, the Year 6 children have been learning about the Coventry Blitz, including what the Blitz was and how it affected Coventry. They have then completed their own research using books from the library. In maths, the Year 6 children have been learning about primes to 100. They have recognised that a prime number has exactly two factors: 1 and itself. They have also practised identifying the prime factors of a given number.



HARMFUL NEW SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORM – LEMON8

Please be aware of a new social media platform – Lemon8. It has no parental control, Aesthetic Pressure, Easy Bypass of Age Rules and Stranger Interaction.



LATE COLLECTION

Please could we remind all parents and carers that if you are running late to collect your child/children from school at the end of the school day or after any of our extra-curricular clubs, you should contact the school as soon as possible so that we can make their teacher aware.

Children who have not been collected will remain in the main reception area next to the school office until 3:45pm. After this time, we will contact parents/carers using the emergency contact details we hold.

If your child has still not been collected after 3:45pm, they will be transferred to Squirrels Club, where a charge may be incurred.

FINHAM PRIMARY OPEN DAY

Saturday 17th October we will be opening to showcase our school to potential new parents for children starting school in September 2027. We will be open from 10:00-12:00.

If you are interested or know anyone that might be please either call the school on 024 76415425 or drop us an email at admin@finhamprimary.co.uk to register your place.

LEAVE REQUEST

This is a kind reminder that if you wish to take your child on holiday or request leave for any reason, a Leave Request Form must be completed and submitted at least two weeks prior to the planned absence. This notice period allows sufficient time for Mrs Bracken to review the request and ensures that the correct registration mark is allocated for your child's absence. You can find the form on Reach More Parents using the link below:

<https://app.weduc.co.uk/forms/index/preview/140737488539995>

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Beechwood Lawn Tennis Club.

October Tennis Festival – 5th–11th October

We have a range of tennis sessions available throughout the week for children aged **4–11 years**, making it a great opportunity for children to come along, try tennis and have some fun on court.

Bookings: <https://inspire2coach.co.uk/try-tennis/>



THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



October Half Term Tennis Camps

We're also running our popular **October Half Term Tennis Camps**, with sessions available for children looking to stay active and have fun during the school holidays.

As part of our early bird offer, parents can get **25% off their booking** using the code **25OFF26**.

Offer valid until 30th September 2026.

Book here: <https://inspire2coach.co.uk/summer-camps/>

CONTACT INFORMATION

If any of your contact details, i.e address, mobile number etc has changed over the Summer holidays, please advise the school office by emailing admin@finhamprimary.co.uk with the update. Thank you for your co operation.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	89 %	4L	100%
RB	97 %	4T	98 %
RM	93 %	5G	97 %
1M	97 %	5R	100 %
1W	98 %	6R	99 %
2L	95 %	6S	97 %
2R	91 %		
3B	99 %		
3T	99 %	Overall	98 %

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

Monday	Year 1 – Athletics Year 2 – Gymnastics Year 3 – Gymnastics	Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days
Tuesday	Reception - Athletics Year 1 – Gymnastics Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency	
Wednesday	Year 2 – Athletics Year 3 – Invasion Games Year 4- Swimming Year 5 – Invasion 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 - Gymnastics Year 5 – Athletics Year 6 – Invasion Games	
Friday	Year 4 – Invasion Games	PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME

