

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year at Finham Primary School!

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable summer break.

It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, positivity, and eagerness to learn. They have settled into their new classes exceptionally well, and we are excited for the year ahead.

The new academic year began for staff on Tuesday 1st September, providing an opportunity to reflect on our continued commitment to delivering the very best education and experiences for all our pupils.

Together, we revisited key priorities including safeguarding, and behaviour, while also warmly welcoming new colleagues to our ever-growing Finham family.

Our key areas of focus will be **Oracy**; helping children to develop the confidence and skills to communicate effectively, listen actively, and express themselves clearly. Alongside this, reading will remain at the heart of our curriculum. Developing children's fluency, comprehension, and love of reading is fundamental to their lifelong learning journey. We greatly value your support at home and encourage you to continue making regular reading a priority. Let's try and get every child to reach their reading target of 3 times a week on Learning With Parents.

Regular attendance is also essential to children's success at school. Every day in the classroom provides valuable learning opportunities, helps children build strong relationships, and supports their confidence and wellbeing. Even occasional absences can make it more challenging for children to keep up with learning and feel fully connected to school life. We greatly appreciate your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day wherever possible and arrives on time, ready to learn and make the most of every opportunity.

We are also excited to introduce **The Finham Way**, which has replaced our previous *Finham Five*. The Finham Way builds upon our school values and provides clear expectations that help every child thrive as a learner, friend, and valued member of our community.

Finally, as we know, British weather can be unpredictable! Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing for the changing conditions. We do have a small supply of spare wellies available; however, if your child has their own pair, they are very welcome to bring them into school.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we look forward to another successful, happy, and rewarding year of learning, growth, and achievement.

Best wishes,

Sarah Bracken

Diary Dates

Tuesday 8th September

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 9th September

- Swimming – Year 4

Wednesday 16th September

- Year 1 Inspire Workshop-9am-10am
- Year 6 – SAT's evening-6pm-7pm

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

It's been lovely to welcome back all the children in the lower phase and hear about their summer adventures. This week, each year group has focused on a picture book and has enjoyed completing a range of engaging activities linking to their chosen story.

This week, Year 1 started by reading *The Crayons Go Back to School*. As a class, they discussed the main events of the story and answered simple retrieval questions to check their understanding of the book. The children then created their own crayons to represent themselves and explored what different colours mean to them. It has been great to see them sharing their ideas, making connections with the story, and thinking carefully about how colours can show personality and feelings.

Year 2 have also had a fantastic start to the new school year and have spent the week adjusting to their new routines and expectations. In English, they have been looking at the story 'The Dot' which explores the themes of creativity, self-confidence and inspiring other. They have had lots of fun reading this story and enjoyed creating their own dot inspired artwork which is on display in their classroom windows.

The children in Year 3 have focused on the story *The Proudest Blue*, which has helped them consider the importance of being proud of their differences and why we should show respect and kindness to others. After they had read the text, the children used adjectives to write character descriptions and, in PSHE, explored how to be a good friend to their new classmates. To end the week, they enjoyed an art themed day based around *Don't Think of Tigers*, creating their own hidden tiger drawings.

Miss Beale

MESSAGE FROM MRS WILLIAMS



I just wanted to say thank you SO much for all the lovely cards, gifts and kind words that I received at the end of last term....I was humbled and very grateful, to each and every one of you 😊 I will miss you all.

I hope you have all enjoyed a happy summer holiday, and are ready, rested and enthusiastic about starting a new year.

Many, many thanks 😊 Mrs Williams xx

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

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.

SLEEP WORKSHOP – WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

The next sleep workshop for parents and carers will be held online on **Wednesday 4th September 5:30-7pm**. Parents can book via the Coventry Families Portal. This link takes you straight to the Family Relationships Page where the booking tab is available.

<https://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk/parenting-support> [[coventryfamilies.co.uk](https://www.coventryfamilies.co.uk)]

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

1M	96 %	5G	90 %
1W	89 %	5R	99 %
2L	92 %	6S	95 %
2R	93 %	6R	98 %
3B	89 %		
3T	96 %		
4L	96 %		
4T	97 %	Overall	94%

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

