

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start to the term it has been at Finham Primary School. It has been wonderful to see the children settling so positively into their new classes and embracing the opportunities that a new school year brings. Across the school, classrooms have been busy with learning, laughter and new friendships, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have adapted to their new routines.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our Nursery and Reception children, who have shown great courage and enthusiasm as they begin their journey with us. We would also like to thank parents and carers for their patience and support at the beginning and end of the school day while staff get to know our new families.

This week, our school value is **Teamwork**. It has been truly heartwarming to see our older pupils supporting the younger children, helping them to feel welcome and confident as they settle into school life. These acts of kindness and encouragement reflect the strong sense of community that makes Finham such a special place. Seeing children look after one another and work together reminds us what it means to be part of the **Finham Family**.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bracken

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 have been learning about history and the Stone Age. They have placed this period on a timeline and learnt that it lasted for thousands of years. In science, they revisited the question, What is a food chain? They recapped Year 2 learning and identified plants as producers, because they get energy from the Sun, and animals as consumers, because they get energy by eating other living things. This has strengthened their understanding of how living things are connected.

Year 5 have been studying geography, with a focus on the different types of physical and human features found around the world. The children have been examining how human features have been shaped by the physical features around them. This has helped them to deepen their understanding of how places are described and compared. In science, they completed an activity to explore the properties of different

Diary Dates

Monday 14th -18th September

- Scholastic book fair

Tuesday 15th September

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 16th September

- Swimming – Year 4
- Year 1 Inspire Workshop-9am-10am
- Year 6 – SAT's evening-5.30-6.30



planets in the solar system and considered which of these would be suitable for humans to live on. This has encouraged thoughtful discussion about conditions in space and the factors that affect life beyond Earth.

Year 6 have been learning about the key events of WW2, in history. The children have been taking notes carefully, ready to display their findings in the next lesson. In science, they have been working on light sources, exploring different sources of light, including artificial and natural light. This learning has helped them to build a clearer understanding of where light comes from and how it is used in everyday life.

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

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.

FREE SCHOOL MEAL INFORMATION

Please see the details below about free school meals and how to get support.

[Free School Meals – Free School Meals - benefits of receiving and eligibility criteria](#)

Scholastic Book Fair – Starting Monday 14th September!

We are excited to share that our Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday 14th September 2026. The Book Fair features a fantastic range of books and stationery, with over 200 of the newest and best titles from more than 60 publishers. Every purchase helps us earn rewards for our school, allowing us to add even more brilliant books to our classrooms and library.

The Book Fair will be open before and after school from Monday 14th – Thursday 18th September at the following times:

Before school: 8:30 am – 8:45 am

After school: 3:30 pm – 3:50 pm

The Book Fair will be collected on Friday 18th September, so if it has not been collected first thing, then we may open briefly on Friday morning for any final purchases.

As we continue to work towards running a cashless Book Fair, we kindly encourage card payments wherever possible.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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

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

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
Thursday	Reception - Gymnastics Year 5 – Athletics Year 6 – Invasion Games	
Friday	Year 4 – Invasion Games	

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

PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME



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

THIS SCHOOL IS
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