

Dear All,

It has been another fantastic week at Finham Primary School, and we are delighted that attendance has remained strong since the start of the academic year. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your children attend school regularly. Excellent attendance is so important, as every day brings exciting learning opportunities, memorable experiences, and valuable moments with friends. We want every child to make the most of everything that school has to offer, so let's continue working together to aim high and achieve the very best attendance possible.

There has been a wonderful buzz around the school this week, with learning at the heart of everything we do. It has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm and engagement shown by our pupils across all year groups. I have particularly enjoyed looking through the comments, photographs, and voice recordings that have been shared on our online reading journals. It has been wonderful to see children embracing reading both at school and at home, and sharing their reading journeys with such pride and enthusiasm.

On Tuesday, all eight schools across our Multi-Academy Trust took part in a special 'Drop Everything and Read' session. Between 9:00am and 9:30am, every child and adult paused their usual activities to enjoy the pleasure of reading. It was inspiring to think that thousands of children and staff were all immersed in books at the same time, celebrating the joy of reading together. Events like these highlight the importance of developing a lifelong love of books and reading.

We were also delighted to welcome so many parents and carers into school this week for our Year 1 Inspire Workshop and Year 6 Information Evening. These events provide valuable opportunities for families to learn more about their children's education and to work in partnership with us to support their progress. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making these sessions such a success.

Looking ahead, we have many more exciting workshops, information sessions, and school events planned throughout the year. Please keep an eye on our calendar and communications so that you don't miss out on these opportunities to get involved in school life and celebrate your child's learning journey with us.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to make Finham Primary School a happy, successful, and thriving learning community.

Kind regards

Sarah Bracken

Diary Dates

Tuesday 22nd September

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 23rd September

- Swimming – Year 4
- Inspire workshop Year 2 09:00-10:00
- Reception reading afternoon 14:30-15:30
- PTA Teddy bears picnic Nursery and Reception 15:30-16:30

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Over the last two weeks, Year 3 have been learning about plants in their science lessons. The children have found out about the main parts of a plant and used pictures to learn about the stages of a plant's life cycle. On Wednesday, each class set up an investigation to discover whether the number of seeds planted in a pot affects the height of plant. In this lesson, they explored the meaning of the word 'variable' and discussed what they would change, keep the same and measure. The children are looking forward to closely observing their plants over the next few weeks to find out what happens!

This week, the Year 1 classes have also been learning about plants and have been finding out how different plants change and grow over time. In English, they have been really engaged with their spooky new text, *Dark, dark tale*. After listening to the story, they used drama to recall the main events before writing their own simple sentences with capital letters and full stops.

In Year 2, the children have continued their work on Oliver Jeffers' story *Lost and Found*. They have really enjoyed studying this text, which teaches them the importance of friendship and kindness. In their English lessons, they have been learning how simple adjectives can make sentences more descriptive. They then used these adjectives to create posters describing the penguin character. This week, year 2 have also enjoyed learning about penguins in whole-class reading and discovering the life cycles of different animals in science.

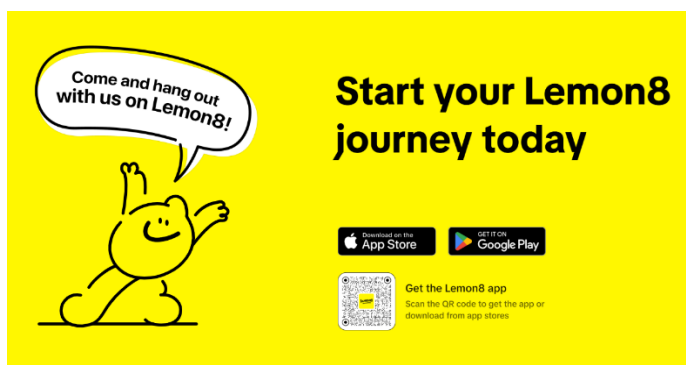
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SCHOOL MEAL PRICE INCREASE

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

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.



The graphic is a yellow rectangle. On the left, a cartoon lemon character with a face and arms is jumping, with a speech bubble saying "Come and hang out with us on Lemon8!". To the right, the text "Start your Lemon8 journey today" is written in bold. Below this, there are two buttons: "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play". At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text "Get the Lemon8 app Scan the QR code to get the app or download from app stores".

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](#)

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 22.09.26

This is a session for Parents/Carers of Children or Young People with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND). The session offers a great way to meet other parents/carers who may be in a similar situation, and an opportunity to share with others in a friendly, non-judgemental environment, together with a member of staff from SENDIASS.

Details: Tuesday 22nd September 2026, 9.30am – 11.30am

Venue: The Wave, Coffee Tots Community Room, New Union Street, Coventry, CV1 2PS

*Please Note: Unfortunately, this session would not be suitable for children to accompany their parents._

To Book:

Please scan the QR below, or visit the '[SENDIASS COFFEE MORNING SEPTEMBER 2026](#)' Eventbrite page



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	96 %	5G	97 %
1W	92 %	5R	98 %
2L	98 %	6S	95 %
2R	96 %	6R	100 %
3B	96 %		
3T	100 %		
4L	96 %		
4T	95 %	Overall	97 %

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

