

Dear All,

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This week, our school value is Enjoyment, and it has certainly been on display across the school! I have been delighted by the enthusiasm, positivity and engagement shown by our children in all aspects of school life.

The term seems to be flying by, and it is hard to believe that we only have three weeks until half term. Since returning in September, our pupils have made a fantastic start to the academic year, embracing new challenges with eagerness and determination.

I am particularly proud of the many children who consistently demonstrate our core values of Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Enjoyment and Discipline/ Determination. Their positive attitudes and behaviour help to create a happy, supportive and successful learning environment for everyone. Seeing these values in action every day is a credit to both our pupils and the support they receive from home.

It has also been wonderful to welcome so many parents into school this week. We were delighted to see such fantastic attendance at our Year 3 Inspire Workshop, where children enjoyed learning with their families. It was equally pleasing to welcome parents to Miss McGee's RSE Information Evening, and we greatly appreciate the positive partnership we have with our families in supporting children's learning and development.

Celebrating achievements is an important part of life at our school, and I am looking forward to our Friday celebration assembly, where we will recognise and applaud those children who have truly embodied our values this week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Together, we make our school a wonderful place for children to learn, grow and flourish.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bracken

Headteacher

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 1 have started their new history topic, 'Toys Through the Ages'. In their first lesson, they discovered how different toys have changed over time. They explored how sound machines, teddy bears and moving toys have changed over the years and looked at some examples of toys from the Victorian era. The children have also been learning about different animals in their English and science lessons. In science, they have found out about different types of mammals, discussing their features and what makes them mammals. In English, they have been learning about and ordering the life cycle of a frog and have used time conjunctions to sequence the main stages.

Year 3 are currently enjoying their English lesson work on *George's Marvellous Medicine*. Over the last two weeks, they have focused on George's wicked Grandma and have learned how to use a thesaurus to find different synonyms they could use to describe her. They have also been thinking about how to describe a person's internal and external features using adjectives, helping them to create more detailed and interesting character descriptions. Sticking with a Roald Dahl theme, Year 3 used some more of his work to

Diary Dates

Tuesday 6th October

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 7th October

- Year 4 inspire workshop 0900-10:00
- Swimming – Year 4



celebrate World Poetry Day yesterday. They enjoyed listening to and performing one of his poems, bringing it to life through expression and actions. It was lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically with the playful and imaginative language!

Year 2 have also been really engaged in their poetry work this week. To launch their new English work on kennings poetry, they went on an autumn walk to explore the sights and sounds of this season. They have also explored the structure of kennings poems by reading different examples. The children have also looked at the famous performance poem *Chocolate Cake* by Michael Rosen and particularly enjoyed working together to create a performance of the poem. Alongside English, Year 2 have also found out about reptiles in science and hot and cold countries around the world in geography.

STAFF CAR PARK

The gates to the staff car park will now be locked due to a number of people parking in there. If you are registered disabled please let the school office know so we can give you the code for the lock. Many thanks

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.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE

This is a reminder to parents and careers of children currently in Year 6 that the deadline to apply for your child's secondary school is 31st October 2026. Please see the link for further support <https://www.coventry.gov.uk/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/2>

THE CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR FOUNDATION

The CBF provide [practical information](#) for families and professionals about understanding and supporting children, young people and adults with severe learning disabilities whose behaviour challenges. For more details please see the link <https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/what-we-do/>

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival – Finham Primary School 5th- 10th October.

This Harvest Festival, we are supporting Coventry Food Bank. Your donations help families in our community.

Items Currently Needed:

- Jam, Cooking sauce, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Tomatoes, Dry Noodles, Rice, Tinned meat, UHT long life milk, Female Toiletries, Male toiletries, Washing Powder, Home cleaning products.

Please do NOT bring: Water, Fruitshoot-type drinks, fizzy pop, or alcohol.

Every donation makes a real difference – thank you for helping us support those in need!

THIS WEEK ORACY QUESTION

Oracy is the ability to speak, listen and communicate effectively. It helps children to express their ideas, listen to others, ask questions and explain their thinking clearly. We are committed to developing oracy across our

school because we believe that being able to communicate confidently and effectively is a valuable life skill. Through purposeful opportunities to talk and listen, we help our pupils develop the confidence and skills they need for learning, relationships and their future.

Each week we will have a different Oracy Question for you to discuss with your child at home. This week it is...

What makes a good friend?

CONSENT FORMS

With the start of a new school year, new parents/careers to the school will have access to complete four consent forms within our ReachMore app. Please can we remind all parents/careers these forms must be completed. If you require any further support with these, please see the office staff for more help.

These forms are:

- Photo consent, Homeschool agreement, School trips and Internet consent

MRS BK NEEDS YOUR HELP

Do you have any old or spare red, white or gold Christmas baubles. Any size or shape, this will support her with a project. If you do, please can you drop into the school office.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	99 %	4L	99 %
RB	94 %	4T	96 %
RM	95 %	5G	98 %
1M	95 %	5R	96 %
1W	99 %	6R	96 %
2L	96 %	6S	97 %
2R	97 %		
3B	97 %		
3T	100 %	Overall	97 %

NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2026

On 1st October, we celebrated National Poetry Day across the school, joining in with this year's theme of Wonder.

To mark the occasion, a group of Year 5 children attended a fantastic Festival of Poetry, where they had the opportunity to work with five amazing poets: Dreadlock Alien, Emilie Lauren Jones, John Bernard, Pep the Poet and Spoz. Throughout the day, they listened to live poetry, took part in exciting workshops, performed poems of their own and created some fantastic writing. It was brilliant to see the children using their oracy skills to project their voices with confidence and share their ideas alongside children from other schools across our Trust. The festival was a wonderful celebration of creativity, imagination and the power of words.

Back at school, every class took part in National Poetry Day in their own way. From performing poems aloud to writing original pieces inspired by the theme, there was a real buzz about poetry throughout the school.

In Key Stage 1, the children had great fun performing poems. Year 1 brought The Ning Nang Nong to life with actions and expression, while Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed performing Chocolate Cake, filling classrooms with lots of laughter.

Year 3 explored performance poetry through a poem from George's Marvellous Medicine, delighting audiences with their expressive delivery and enthusiastic performances. It was lovely to see the children growing in confidence and using their voices so effectively.

In Key Stage 2, children explored poetry through reading, writing and performance. Year 4 linked their work to September's Musician of the Month, ABBA, creating their own freestyle poetry inspired by the band's music. In Year 5, children focused on developing the key performance skills of emotiveness, animation and projection, bringing their poems to life for their audiences. Year 6 also produced some fantastic work, creating beautiful double-page spreads based on the poem The Christmas Truce.

The theme of Wonder has certainly inspired our young poets. Children have written about all sorts of fascinating things, including the mysteries of outer space, what lies beneath the sea, the future and how famous figures from history achieved such incredible things. The imagination and thought that have gone into their poems have been truly impressive, and it has been wonderful to see the different ways children have interpreted the theme.

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!

Arthur – RM Harleen – RM Laike – 3T

Ivy – N Karter – 2L Eyad – 1M

Kamran – 4T Khush – 1M Arya – 2L

