Finham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear All,

We are now fully immersed in the academic year, and it has been wonderful to see the progress the children have made and the enthusiasm they bring to their learning each day.

This week has been Discipline Week, and I am delighted to share how well the children have responded. They have shown great determination, responsibility, and respect in all aspects of school life. It has been inspiring to see the maturity they are demonstrating and the positive way they support one another. Please continue to encourage your children to reflect on their choices, celebrate their successes, and show kindness to others as they grow and learn together.

Children in Years 4, 5 and 6 have the option of eating their packed lunch either indoors or outdoors, depending on the weather, with adult supervision available in both areas. Outdoor seating is available for those who enjoy being outside, if children choose to eat outside, they are welcome to bring a small blanket to sit on while eating their lunch.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th October

- Cycling Proficiency – Year 6

Wednesday 14th October

- Year 5 inspire workshop 0900-10:00
- Swimming – Year 4

Thursday 14th and Friday 15th October

- **Oakerwood trip Year 6**

Saturday 17th October

- Open morning for reception children 2027. 10:00-12:00

Friday 23rd October

- Rock Kidz band (come to school dressed as a rock star)

As part of our OPAL development, we are committed to providing opportunities for children to enjoy outdoor environments throughout the year. Spending time outdoors offers valuable opportunities for play, social interaction, and wellbeing.

As we move further into the autumn and winter months, we would be grateful if you could help ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather. A warm coat, suitable footwear, and any other weather-appropriate clothing will help children stay comfortable and make the most of outdoor learning and play opportunities throughout the day. Fresh air and outdoor experiences are an important part of school life, and being prepared for changing weather helps children enjoy these experiences safely and comfortably.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are helping our children become confident, resilient, and responsible young people.

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 have been learning about cave art in art and history by examining cave art and linking it to their knowledge of the Stone Age. They discussed how the resources used for painting were created and considered how the availability of resources differed from today. The children explored the meaning of cave art within the cultures that created it. They also examined different secondary sources to develop their understanding of the evidence and applied their own knowledge of colour when considering the reasons behind the art.

Year 5 have been learning in geography about how land use affects the environment. They designed their own village using the outline of the school field and then described how the different changes to the land had affected the physical features of the area. This activity encouraged the children to think carefully about how human choices shape the places in which we live. They particularly enjoyed the creative aspects of the task and examining the impact of human industrial activity on the environment.

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Year 6 have been developing their understanding across history, PSHE and RE. In history, they have been learning about Anne Frank's life and diary, placing this within the wider context of antisemitism in Nazi-ruled countries. In PSHE, as part of World Mental Health Day, they considered how their choices can affect other people's mental health. In RE, they explored some Christian and non-religious responses to climate change, considering how different beliefs and viewpoints can influence people's actions and responsibilities.

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.

PARENTS EVENING – 20th-22nd OCTOBER 2026

Parent's evening will be taking place **IN PERSON** on Tuesday 20th, Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd October 2026.
Please follow the link to book your appointment https://finhamprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/
Booking lines will open at 5pm today and will close 9am Thursday 15th October.
If you have any problems please contact the school office.
When logging in details must match exactly with the details we hold in school.

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!

ROCK KIDZ – Friday 23rd OCTOBER

We have the fantastic Rock Kidz band coming back into school on Friday 23 October. Children (and staff!) if they wish they can come into school dressed as a Rock Star!
They will also be selling merchandise after school on this day if you wish to purchase any.

COATS IN SCHOOL

A reminder the weather is turning a little cooler, please could you ensure your child has a coat with them in school.
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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.

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.

Parent survey - School holiday schemes

The Coventry Early Years Business and Sufficiency team are currently undertaking a survey of parents who use holiday schemes as childcare during the school holidays.
The top 10 schools who have the most responses from parents will be awarded a £100 Amazon voucher to spend on resources at your school and parents also have the option to be entered into a Prize Draw for a £50.00 Amazon voucher – we will contact schools in November if you have been awarded a gift voucher



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	97 %	**4L**	97 %
RB	99 %	**4T**	98 %
RM	95 %	**5G**	99 %
1M	98 %	**5R**	98 %
1W	98 %	**6R**	97 %
2L	92 %	**6S**	97 %
2R	98 %		
3B	99 %		
3T	99 %	**Overall**	**97.5 %**

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

Please can all children wear their PE kit to school on PE days

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

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



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

Marnie – RB Emily - 4T Moiz Ahmed – RB Kai – 6R

Dilpreet – 4L Harleen – 2L Eren – 6S Draco – 3T

Archie – 6S Zayan – 5G Reece – N Arjun – 4L

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