Finham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear All,

We have had another fantastic week at Finham, and I am incredibly proud of the way our children continue to embrace and demonstrate our school values each day. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, determination and kindness shining through in so many different ways across the school.

Our Year 6 children have been having an amazing time at Oaker Wood, creating memories, taking on new challenges and developing their confidence. I am sure they will return with plenty of exciting stories and adventures to share with us all later today.

A reminder that Parents' Evenings will take place next week. We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school and sharing how your child has settled into the year so far. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate successes, discuss progress and answer any questions you may have. Each appointment is scheduled for ten minutes, and we kindly ask that everyone keeps to their allocated time so that all families have the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 20th October

- Parents evening in person 16:00-19:00

Wednesday 21st October

- Year 6 inspire workshop 0900-10:00
- Swimming – Year 4
- Parents evening in person 16:00-18:30

Thursday 22nd October

- Parents evening in person 16:00-19:00

Friday 23rd October

- Rock Kidz band (come to school dressed as a rock star)
- Pumpkin decorating competition 15:30-16:30

To end the half term in true Finham style, we are delighted to be welcoming Rock Kidz into school next Friday. It promises to be a fun-filled day of music, energy and excitement, and I cannot wait to see everyone dressed as their inner rock star! The Rock Kidz team will be available after school with a range of merchandise. There is absolutely no expectation to purchase anything, but they would be delighted to meet families at the end of the day.

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 3 have started learning how to use the column method to add and subtract numbers. The children have engaged positively with this written method and have demonstrated a secure understanding of the steps involved. Their teachers have been particularly impressed with their determination and how effectively they have understood and applied this new skill. During whole-class reading, the children have been exploring non-fiction texts to develop their understanding of Black History Month. They have focused on the life and achievements of Ruby Bridges, considering the significance of her experiences and contribution to history. Meanwhile, in computing, the children have continued to develop their touch-typing skills. They have practised typing accurately and quickly, while also enjoying the opportunity to record how many words they can type correctly in one minute.

In Year 2, the children have also marked Black History Month by learning about the life of Floella Benjamin. After reading her picture book, *Coming to England*, they sequenced the main events of her journey and used their inference skills to consider how she might have felt at different points in the story. In English, they have begun their non-fiction work on *The Great Fire of London*. They listened carefully to the story and then ordered the main events showing an understanding of chronological order. In science, the children have been exploring different life cycles. They have found out about the life cycles of humans and amphibians, comparing the stages of development within each process.

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This week, Year 1 have also been exploring animal life cycles, with a particular focus on the life cycle of a frog. During their English lessons, they have completed extensive work on saying simple sentences about each stage. They then applied their learning independently by creating a non-fiction information page about a frog's life cycle, showcasing everything they have found out. As part of their Religious Education work, the children had the opportunity to visit St Martin's Church yesterday morning. Following a short stroll to the church, they explored how it is sustainable through its own vegetable patch and solar panels. They also enjoyed learning about baptism and identifying the main features of a church. Throughout the visit, the children listened carefully to the information provided and showed great enthusiasm. Well done year 1!

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind all families of the importance of children arriving at school on time each morning as, we have recently seen an increase in the number of children arriving late to school.

The school gates open at 8:45am giving children plenty of time to come into school, get settled and prepare for the day. All children should be seated in their classroom ready for registration by 8:55am.

Arriving late can mean that children miss important information at the start of the school day and can also disrupt their morning routine and learning. We kindly ask for your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school in good time each morning.

PTA AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Join in the fun after school next Friday 23rd 3:30-4:30. There will be crafting stations, refreshments, hook a duck and display the pumpkin day.

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. Many thanks

DIWALI DAY – FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

As part of our Diwali Day celebrations on Friday 6th November, children are welcome to come to school dressed in special celebration clothes. This could be traditional outfits such as saris, suits, kurta pyjamas, or lehengas, or party clothes. If any parents would like to come in to talk about Diwali and how their family celebrate, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you

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.

ORACY QUESTION

What is your favourite season and why?

Silver LOtC Mark

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for the Christmas Cards so far. This helps us to raise funds for the PTA and benefits all the children in school. Please be advised that the online portal to order your child's cards closes on 22/10/2026 at 23:59. After this, you may still be able to order the cards but you will have to pay for delivery and the school receives no extra funding for these orders.

SENDIASS Coffee Morning – 20.10.2026

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:

When: Tuesday 20th October 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 OCTOBER 2026'** Eventbrite page:



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	87%	**4L**	97%
RB	99%	**4T**	97%
RM	97%	**5G**	96%
1M	96%	**5R**	100%
1W	97%	**6R**	97%
2L	92%	**6S**	92%
2R	99%		
3B	98%		
3T	99%	**Overall**	**96%**

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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!

Deniz – RM Nizar – 4T Henry – 1W

Reyansh – 6R Rosie – 6S Tashya – 1M Amelia – 1W

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