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Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear All,

This has been such a fantastic week and a wonderful way to round off the first half term of the school year!

We were delighted to welcome so many of you to our first Parents' Evening of the year. It was a lovely opportunity to catch up, celebrate how well the children have settled into their new classes, and share the fantastic progress they have made so far. Thank you for taking the time to come along and for your continued support. It was wonderful to see so many families actively involved in their children's learning journey.

We finished the half term on a real high with an exciting Rock Kidz session focused on promoting positive mental health and wellbeing. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and took away some valuable messages. We then rounded off the day with our fabulous pumpkin display, which brought plenty of smiles and showcased some wonderfully creative efforts!

As we head into the half term break, I hope you all find time to relax, recharge, and enjoy some special family moments together. We look forward to welcoming the children back after the holiday, refreshed, rested, and ready for another half term full of exciting learning adventures.

Have a wonderful half term and, most importantly, keep reading!

Warm regards,

Diary Dates

Monday 1st November

- First day of term

Wednesday 4th November

- Swimming – Year 4

Thursday 5th November

- Year 2 Coventry Cathedral trip

Friday 6th November

- Diwali Day celebrations

Tuesday 10th November

- Year 5 Viking day

Wednesday 11th November

- Swimming – Year 4

Friday 13th November

- Children In Need – wear odd socks

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

In Year 4, the children have been learning about Black History Month. They have explored the life of Ignatius Sancho and have completed a fact file about him and his life. During their whole-class reading sessions, they also answered questions about the non-fiction text focused on Ruby Bridges. This learning has helped the children to develop their understanding of significant individuals and their contributions to history.

The children in Year 5 have taken part in a Black History-themed history lesson focusing on Mary Seacole and Walter Tull. They have been learning about their lives and have completed a case study based on their experiences. Both individuals had to overcome adversity, did not receive the recognition they deserved during their lifetimes and deserve to be remembered and celebrated. The children have considered the learning objective, 'How events led to changes in contemporary society', and have placed important events from each individual's life on a chronological timeline.

In Year 6, the children have been learning about rationing during the Second World War. They have explored what led to rationing, which foods were rationed and the impact this had on life in Britain. This learning has supported their understanding of how wartime conditions affected individuals, families and communities. The children have also linked this topic to their whole-class reading by learning about war poetry, allowing them to consider how writers communicate experiences and emotions connected with conflict.

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E-SAFETY REMINDERS

As children may spend more time online over half term, please keep these recommendations in mind.

- Most importantly, ensure your child knows **they can approach you** with anything they feel uncomfortable or unsure about.
- **Keep technology in the same room** whenever possible, so you can provide support and supervision.
- Make sure **passwords and parental settings** are enabled, and **agree clear screen-time** limits.
- Talk with your child about **speaking respectfully online** and set expectations for how they should behave when their time finishes.
- If their behaviour deteriorates during or after using technology, **help them understand their feelings** and talk calmly about what has happened.
- **Set clear expectations** that technology may be removed temporarily until they are using it maturely and showing they are ready to try again.

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.

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

CHILDREN IN NEED - ODD SOCK DAY

On Friday 13th November our school will be taking part in Children In Need. This year we ask if children can come into school in their normal school uniform but to wear odd socks and make a small donation of £1.00.

FOOD BANK DONATION

A big thank you to everyone who donated to this years Harvest Festival. We donated 158.5 kg of food to Coventry Foodbank, this is amazing. Well done everyone, these donations make a real and meaningful difference to the people and families this charity support.

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FINHAM SPORTS

This half term we have already engaged with several sporting opportunities for our children.

Tag Rugby - we had children from Year 4, 5 and 6 take part in a Tag Rugby event. For some children this was a new sport and the children engaged brilliantly to learn new skills and compete against other schools.

- Yr 5/6 Girls and Boys Football Teams - both teams had their first friendly matches this half term. If your child is part of these teams, please keep an eye on communication from school for any upcoming matches.

- Yr 4 School Games Dodgeball - We had 8 children from Year 4 represent the school in a dodgeball event where the focus was on using key values in the game. Children from other schools gave our team a score based on how they used their values during the matches.

- Yr 6 Hockey - This week we had 10 children represent the school in a hockey tournament. Again, this was a new sport for some children and it was great to the children work hard to develop those skills during competitive matches.

- Yr 4 School Games Girls Football - This week 7 girls from Year 4 represented the school in their first round of matches. For some children this was their first experience of competitive football matches, and they worked hard and kept a positive attitude throughout.

A big thank you to all parents for supporting the after school matches, and to all the children who have represented the school so positively this half term.

Mr Tickle

MISSED FLU VACCINATION

Parents and carers of children who were not vaccinated due to absence, illness, refusal on the day, or because a consent form was not returned will receive a text message and/or email with information on how to book an appointment. Alternatively they can click on the below link to book an appointment:

Click here to book a flu clinic appointment

Date: Wednesday 28th October, appointments from 10am-3pm

Venue: Wayside House, Coventry, CV6 6NY

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	98%	**4L**	90%
RB	95%	**4T**	95%
RM	97%	**5G**	95%
1M	90%	**5R**	97%
1W	93%	**6R**	98%
2L	92%	**6S**	94%
2R	96%		
3B	95%		
3T	95%	**Overall**	**95%**

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PE DAYS – Please ensure your child wears the correct PE uniform on the correct day.

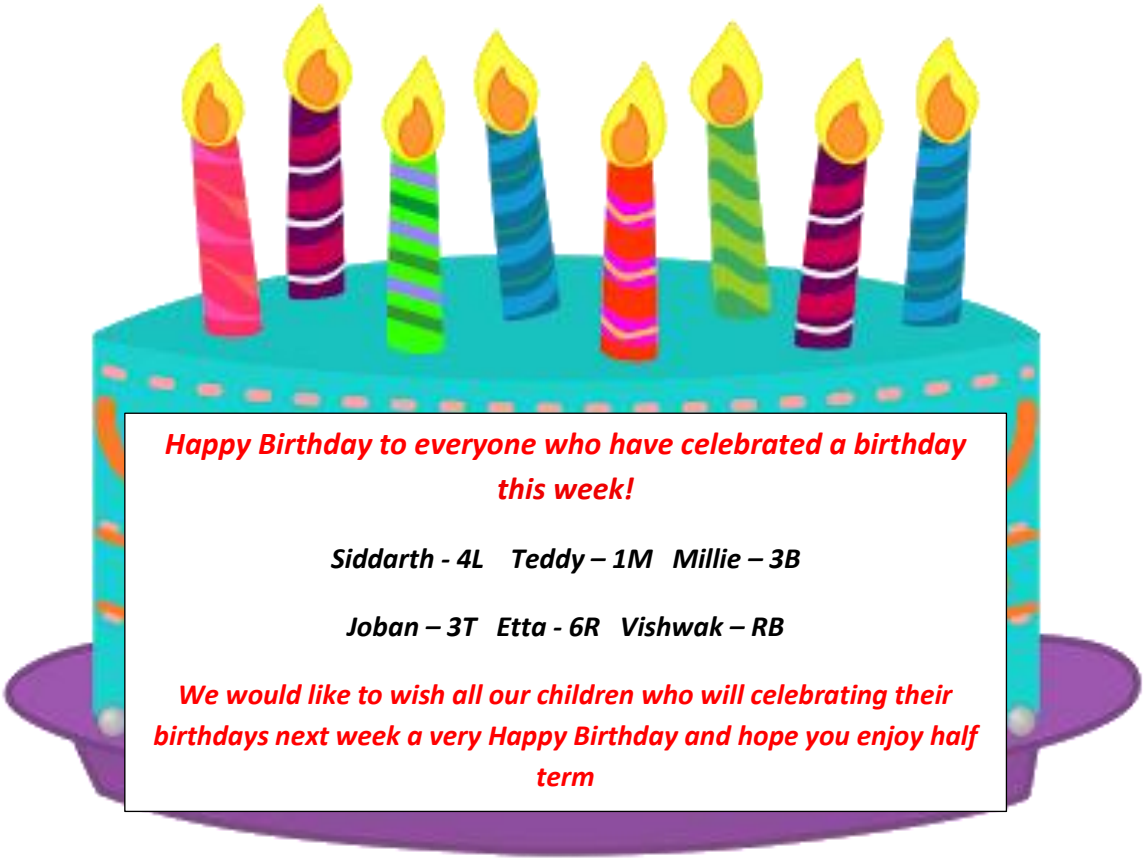
Monday	Year 1 – Athletics
	Year 2 – Gymnastics
	Year 3 – Gymnastics
Tuesday	Reception - Athletics
	Year 1 – Gymnastics
	Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday	Year 2 – Athletics
	Year 3 – Invasion Games
	Year 4- Swimming
	Year 5 – Invasion Games
Thursday	Reception - Gymnastics
	Year 5 – Athletics
	Year 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!

Siddarth - 4L Teddy – 1M Millie – 3B

Joban – 3T Etta - 6R Vishwak – RB

We would like to wish all our children who will celebrating their birthdays next week a very Happy Birthday and hope you enjoy half term

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