Finham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 6th November 2026

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th November

- Year 5 Viking day

Wednesday 11th November

- Swimming – Year 4

Friday 13th November

- Children In Need – wear odd socks

Dear All,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. We've hit the ground running this week, and I'm delighted to share that our Year 6 pupils were absolutely marvellous at the Remembrance Service in the Memorial Park, where they confidently read out the fantastic poems they had written. Their respectful conduct, thoughtful words and mature presentation made us all incredibly proud. It was a truly moving tribute and a wonderful example of our children representing the school with pride and dignity.

This week has also provided valuable opportunities for learning and reflection as we have explored both Bonfire Night and Diwali across the school. Children have been learning about the history and traditions associated with Bonfire Night, while also discovering the significance of Diwali, the Festival of Light. Through assemblies, discussions and classroom activities, pupils have developed their understanding of different celebrations and traditions, helping them to appreciate the rich diversity of our communities and wider world.

As always, it has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and positivity with which the children have returned to school. Our classrooms are buzzing with excitement, curiosity and a real love of learning as we begin another busy half term together.

Thank you for your continued support. Working in partnership with our families enables us to provide the very best opportunities for all of our children.

Have a fantastic weekend celebrating with family and friends, whether you are enjoying Bonfire Night festivities, marking Diwali, or simply spending time together. Stay safe, have fun, and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday, ready for another week of learning and achievement.

Kind regards,

Sarah Bracken
Headteacher
Finham Primary School

LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

The children in Year 1 have had a positive start to the new half term and have been showing great enthusiasm towards their learning. This week, they have particularly enjoyed their DT lessons, where they have started to plan, design and create their own moving animal using split pins and paper. The children have also enjoyed taking part in today's Diwali celebrations. They explored how and why people celebrate Diwali before creating their own colourful rangoli patterns. It has been lovely to see the children engaging so enthusiastically in their learning and developing their creativity through these exciting activities.

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Year 2 have continued their learning on *The Great Fire of London*. In English, they have written diary entries to describe the events of the fire, focusing on using the past tense, first person, conjunctions and accurate punctuation. The children have also started to create pieces of artwork based on the Great Fire of London. They found out about different primary and secondary colours and used tints and shades to create a fire background for their project. As well as this, Year 2 also enjoyed their visit to Coventry Cathedral yesterday afternoon. On this visit, they enjoyed exploring the old and new cathedral, taking part in weaving and learning about reconciliation.

Year 3 have started their new English text, 'The Great Kapok Tree' which explains the importance of protecting the rainforest. The children have enjoyed listening to the story and using subordinating conjunctions to give reasons why people should look after the rainforest. They also used their art skills to create a collage kapok tree using magazines, tissue paper and newspapers. Another highlight of the week was their 'drop everything and write' afternoon where the children were allowed to choose what they wanted to write about. They chose from a variety of genres, including fact files, letters, short stories and descriptions. It was great to see the children show enthusiasm towards their writing task and share their work with each other!

Miss Beale

COFFEE AFTERNOON FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Friday the 13th November at 14:00-14:45 Mrs Lowe and Ms Francis will be hosting a coffee afternoon and all are welcome. At this event we will also be joined by other support from our Early years and Prem Aware charity.



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.

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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.

PARKING

The safety of our children is always our highest priority. We would like to remind all parents and carers to park responsibly and considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Unfortunately, we have recently received reports of vehicles parking on pavements, across driveways, on double yellow lines and in areas that restrict visibility for pedestrians. These actions can create serious safety risks for children and families travelling to and from school.

We encourage families who live nearby to walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible. By working together and showing consideration for our neighbours and other road users, we can help ensure that every child arrives at and leaves school safely.

ABSENCE AND SICKNESS

If you're not sure if your child is well enough to go come to school, check the NHS guidance on common illnesses and let us know as soon as possible if they need to stay home. Remember, ahead of and during the winter illness period, all eligible school-aged children are offered an NHS flu vaccine. We'll be in touch with more information about this. If your child has a medical appointment during school hours, it's important they attend school before and after the appointment. They can wear school uniform for the appointment.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

ORACY QUESTION

What does Remembrance mean to you?

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	90 %	**4L**	97 %
RB	97 %	**4T**	98 %
RM	96 %	**5G**	92 %
1M	96 %	**5R**	94 %
1W	99 %	**6R**	95 %
2L	92 %	**6S**	96 %
2R	96 %		
3B	99 %		
3T	98 %	**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!

Noah -RM Ela – 1M Elliot – 3B Jasmine - 1M

Mason – 4L Leyana – 3T Amiah – 5G Joseph – 6S

Nolen – 1M Alfie – 1W Ayansh – 1M Anika – 5G

Harri – RM Shaan – 1M

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