Finham Primary School

Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th November

- Year 3 Egypt Day

Wednesday 18th November

- Swimming – Year 4

Tuesday 24th November

- PTA School Disco for Years 1 -3

Wednesday 25th November

- Swimming Year 4
- PTA School Disco for Years 4-6

Friday 27th November

- Non uniform day – Colour donations for PTA (further details will be shared closer to the date

Dear All,

This week, we took time to reflect on and remember the brave soldiers who made such incredible sacrifices for our country. The whole school came together for a very special assembly led by members of staff, helping us all appreciate the importance of remembrance and gratitude.

The day was then topped off with a fantastic staff versus children football match! The children were absolutely brilliant, showing tremendous enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. It was a joy to see them demonstrating our Finham values both on and off the pitch.

Our value of the week has been Respect, and we have certainly seen it shining brightly across the school. Whether in lessons, on the playground, or around the corridors, the children have shown kindness, consideration and respect for one another, making us all incredibly proud.

As we move further into autumn, the weather is becoming noticeably colder. Please could we ask parents and carers to ensure that children come to school with suitable clothing, including warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves where needed. We spend time learning and playing outdoors every day, and having the right clothing helps everyone stay comfortable and enjoy the fresh air, whatever the weather.

To finish our busy week in style, we celebrated Odd Socks Day, raising money for Children in Need and kicking off our preparations for Anti-Bullying Week next week. The school was filled with colourful, mismatched socks, smiles and laughter, making it a fun and memorable way to end the week. If you forgot to send in your £1.00 donation, it's not too late. Please pass to your child class teacher or at the office. Children In Need is a worthy charity that relies heavily on all our donations, to support those that need it

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Have a wonderful weekend!

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Year 4 have been learning in geography: "Where are volcanoes located?" Using iPads, the children have researched volcano locations and plotted them on a world map showing the tectonic plates. They then considered what they noticed and plotted the 'Ring of Fire'. In science, they have been exploring solids, liquids and gases. In art, the children looked at Banksy and examples of his work before recreating one of his famous works using iPads.

Year 5 welcomed a Viking visitor, who introduced Viking artefacts, weapons, pastimes and sports. The children explored the lives and roles of Viking men, women and children, shared Viking tales through oral storytelling and

used appropriate historical terms. They considered why people acted as they did and how different types of evidence tell us different things about the past. They also selected, organised and retrieved information from a range of sources to produce well-structured narratives, descriptions and explanations. Touching artefacts such as swords, chainmail and shields creates a tangible link to the history we are learning about. In science, they worked scientifically on a plastic decomposition timeline, sorting materials according to whether they decompose, predicting outcomes and suggesting ways to test decomposition. They took some items to a compost site for prolonged observation, recording the investigation as a scientific enquiry.

Year 6 have been exploring the role of women throughout the Second World War and will produce a non-chronological report in subsequent lessons. Last week, they took part in the Schools' Remembrance Service at War Memorial Park, walking there and back and showing great respect. This learning linked with the annual adult versus Year 6 Remembrance Day football match, where children attending Year 6 school football training sessions played against the adults and showed fantastic character.

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.

PACKED LUNCH

At Finham Primary School, we encourage all children to bring a healthy, balanced lunchbox each day. A nutritious lunch helps children stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the afternoon.

Please try to include a variety of healthy foods such as fruit, vegetables, wholegrain options, dairy products and protein-rich foods. We kindly ask parents to avoid sending items that are high in sugar, such as sweets, chocolate bars and fizzy drinks.

By providing a balanced lunchbox with a range of nutritious foods, you can help your child develop healthy eating habits that support their wellbeing and learning.

OUTDOOR PLAY AND CLOTHING

As we enjoy outdoor learning and play in all types of weather, please ensure your child comes to school each day with a suitable coat. With the colder and wetter months upon us a warm, waterproof coat will help children stay comfortable and make the most of their time outside.

We also ask that children if possible keep a pair of spare shoes or wellington boots in school, clearly labelled with their name. This allows them to take part in outdoor activities, woodland learning and playtimes without worrying about muddy or wet footwear.

Thank you for your support in helping us ensure children can enjoy outdoor learning safely and comfortably throughout the year.

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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/

PTA SCHOOL DISCO

This year's winter school discos will be held on Tuesday the 24th 3:30-4:30 for years 1-3 and Wednesday 25th for years 4-6.

Please see the link below to book your child's place.

https://www.pta-events.co.uk/finhamptaevents/index.cfm

ORACY QUESTION

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Nursery	99 %	**4L**	95 %
RB	94 %	**4T**	93 %
RM	97 %	**5G**	95 %
1M	95 %	**5R**	99 %
1W	100 %	**6R**	97 %
2L	96 %	**6S**	99 %
2R	95 %		
3B	99 %		
3T	100 %	**Overall**	**96 %**

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

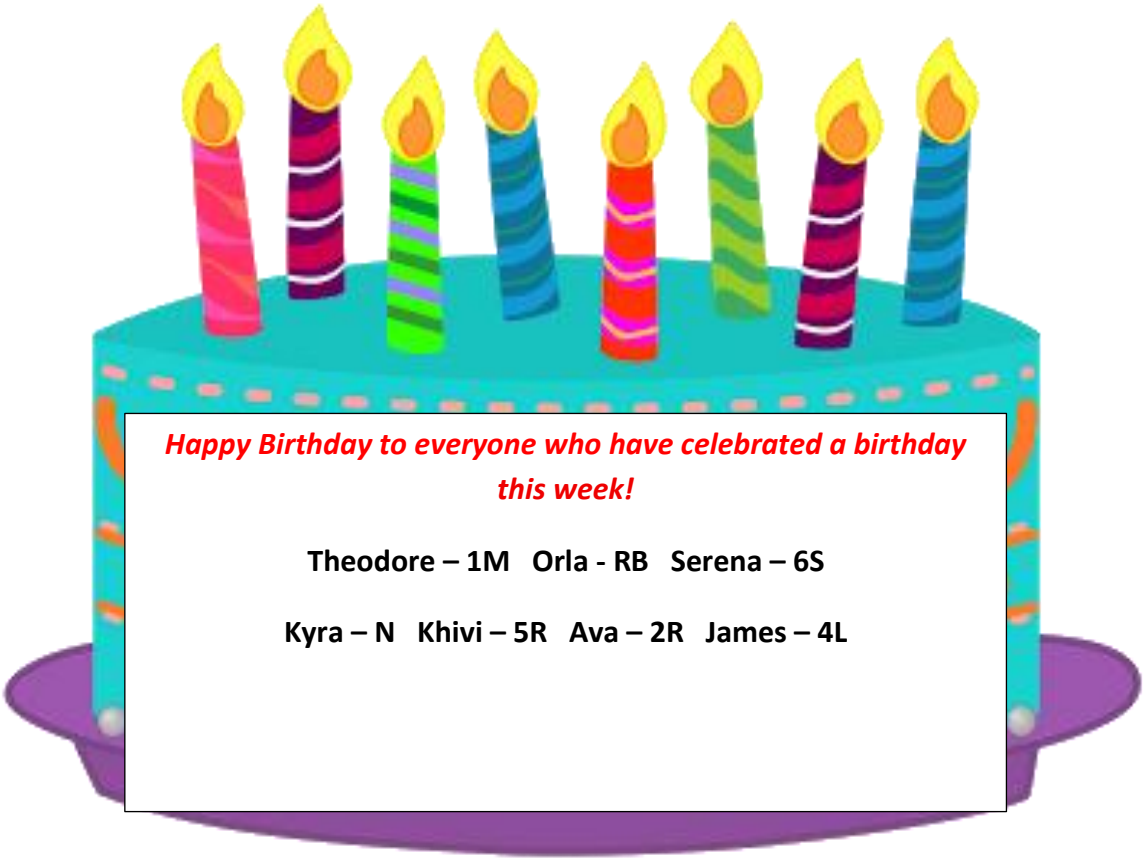
Monday	Year 1 – Athletics
	Year 2 – Gymnastics
	Year 3 – Gymnastics
Tuesday	Reception - Athletics
	Year 1 – Gymnastics
	Year 6 – Cycling Proficiency
Wednesday	Year 2 – Athletics
	Year 3 – Invasion Games
	Year 4- Swimming
	Year 5 – Invasion Games
Thursday	Reception - Gymnastics
	Year 5 – Athletics
	Year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

Theodore – 1M Orla - RB Serena – 6S

Kyra – N Khivi – 5R Ava – 2R James – 4L

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