Newsletter

Friday 20th November 2026

Hello everyone!

It's been another incredibly busy and enjoyable week here at Finham Primary School, and I can hardly believe how quickly the days have flown by! Our school value this week has been integrity, and it has been wonderful to see the children demonstrating this through their honesty, responsibility and commitment to doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Alongside this, we have continued to focus on kindness, exploring the many ways we can show care, respect and consideration both at home and at school. It has been fantastic to see so many examples of children supporting one another, celebrating each other's successes and working together positively in lessons and during playtimes.

This week, we have also marked Anti-Bullying Week, with this year's theme, Break the Silence. Through a variety of engaging activities, discussions and assemblies, the children have explored the importance of speaking up, supporting others and creating a community where everyone feels safe, valued and respected. We have been incredibly proud of the thoughtful contributions the children have made and the maturity they have shown when discussing how we can all play a part in making our school a welcoming place for everyone.

A huge well done must also go to the children for their continued enthusiasm towards their home learning. It has been wonderful to see so many examples of high-quality work being completed at home, whether through reading, times tables or phonics. The dedication and effort that children are showing away from the classroom is making a real difference to their confidence and progress. Thank you to families for your ongoing support in encouraging positive learning habits at home; your partnership plays a vital role in helping our children achieve their very best.

As always, thank you for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading about the exciting learning opportunities and achievements that have taken place across the school this week. We are looking forward to another fantastic week ahead!

Have a wonderful weekend. 😊

Sarah Bracken
Headteacher

Diary Dates

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

Monday 30th November

- Reception and Year 1 Warwick Art Centre trip

Wednesday 2nd December

- Year 3 Belgrade trip
- Swimming Year 4

Friday 4th December

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LOWER PHASE NEWSLETTER

Some might say that it's a bit too early to talk about Christmas, but not in Year 1! This week, the children have started learning the songs for their Christmas performance. They have enjoyed listening to the songs and working as a team to sing them together ensuring they will be ready for their final performance in a few weeks' time. They have also been working hard to complete their independent writing task, in which they have written a report about old and new toys. They have used their knowledge from their history lessons to write sentences about different toys, ensuring that they are using capital letters, full stops and adjectives in their writing.

Year 2 are also starting to get into the festive spirit and have been enjoying their English work on *The Snowman*. After listening to the story and watching the film, they compared the similarities and differences between the two versions, sharing thoughtful observations about what they noticed. They have also focused on describing how the main character feels at different points of the story and have used the conjunction because to explain their ideas. They have also been learning about the habitats and diets of different animals in science and in PSHE, have learned how to stay safe online, discussing sensible choices and how to keep themselves safe when using the internet.

On Tuesday, year 3 took part in their Ancient Egypt Day, enjoying a range of exciting activities and learning experiences. The children were joined by the pharaoh Cleopatra, who spent the day teaching them about life in Ancient Egypt. During the morning, they learned about Cleopatra's life and explored the process of mummification. They also worked in teams to build their own pyramid, developing their teamwork and collaboration skills along the way. The children then created their own papyrus paper and hieroglyphic artwork. In the afternoon, they took part in a dance lesson and enjoyed playing a game of Mancala. It was a busy and engaging day, with plenty of opportunities to learn through practical activities. The children had a brilliant day, and their behaviour and listening skills were fantastic! Well done, Year 3!

Miss Beale

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.

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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.

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

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

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY – COLOUR DONATIONS

Come to school on Friday the 27th November wearing non-uniform in exchange of a donation of an item for your years chosen colour. These will go towards the Christmas Hampers.

Nursery and Reception – Tinsel Silver

Year 1 – Gold Rings Gold

Year 2 - Frosty Blue

Year 3 – Holly Berry Red

Year 4 – Christmas Bauble Purple

Year 5 – Snowy White

Year 6 – Christmas Tree Green

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

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

Menna – 3T Aarush – 1W Simran – 5R

Charlie – 4L Kaylee – 2R Aarav – N Yuvraj – 5G

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