

Dear Parents

We would like to congratulate all our wonderful Year 6 pupils on all their hard work and resilience during this week's SAT's assessments. We are proud of every single one of them for their excellent attitudes and efforts. Whilst important, the tests measure your child's attainment on the day in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. Your child's end of year report will give a broader overview on your child's achievements and successes across the year. Thank you as well to all the parents who have given such positive support to the children, school, and staff for the SAT's tests. I am sure that you will appreciate how hard everyone has worked, not only to prepare children for the tests but to ensure that a balance has been maintained in with other subjects in the curriculum. Thank you to all the adults who have been involved I support, (making toast) and preparing children for this week. The work does not stop here the children will still be preparing for their writing assessment, continuing their other curriculum subjects, and preparing for their end of year festivities.

We're supporting @mentalhealth on #MentalHealthAwarenessWeek by talking about Mental health in school and wearing blue today. Please continue this theme by talking to your child at home and joining in the theme moving for mental health at home over the weekend.



Sarah Bracken
Head Teacher

UPPER PHASE NEWSLETTER

This week, Year 4 has been engaged in an array of enriching learning experiences. The children in Year 4 have been in full swing learning songs for their Year 4 and 5 production, Shakespeare Rocks! In Physical Education, the focus was on mastering the fundamental skill of throwing with precision through engaging in the game of rounders, acquiring knowledge of the rules alongside. Meanwhile, in numeracy lessons, students delved into the intricate world of shapes, exploring the properties of triangles and quadrilaterals with great enthusiasm. Additionally, the children broadened their understanding of our natural world by investigating endangered species, fostering empathy and awareness of the importance of conservation efforts. Year 4 has truly embraced a diverse range of topics, showcasing dedication and curiosity in their educational journey.

Year 5 has also been working hard by learning the words to the production songs as well as receiving a master class in acting. They are very excited about the prospect of showcasing their efforts next week to the school and their parents, next week. In the classroom, the children have been working on their setting descriptions which describe the AI worlds that were created using computer software. Writing in the first person and using a wide range of writing skills and techniques has been a challenge for some but the ability to see their own video creations has been an enormous source of inspiration for their writing. It has also helped the children to understand the power of AI and how it works.

Diary Dates

Walk to School Week!

20th – 24th May

Tuesday 21st May

- 2pm – Year 4 & 5 Production

Wednesday 22nd May

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Friday 24th May

- Non uniform – Rainbow Day

THIS SCHOOL IS
NUT FREE



Year 6 have completed a full week of SATs testing and performed remarkably well. The attitude of all the children was one of calm and confidence. Each morning, the children who arrived to eat toast with their friends were greeted by a team of smiling adults - from all over the school. The smiles were contagious, and the atmosphere was positive, with a buzz of excitement for what lay ahead. All the adults were so proud of the children's approach to the tests and how they completed each paper. The hard work from pupils, teachers, supporting adults, and the extra revision that would have happened with parents or other adults at home, was all so evident for everyone to see. A massive congratulations to everyone for making that happen!

BOOK APPEAL

Year 5 have been asked to help run a book sale at the start of next half term and they need your help. If you have any books (which are in a good condition) we would be very grateful for any donations. The money raised will be reinvested back within the school so that children can continue to develop their skills across a range of experiences. We request that any books donated are checked to be suitable for children of primary school age. KS1 and KS2 children will then have the opportunity to purchase these books at the sale. Thank you in advance for any donations.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK BINGO - 20th-24th May 2024

Today, your child has been given a bingo card to use during Walk to School Week next week. Each day, they can choose a different activity to do on their walk to school. Can they complete a minimum of 3 activities to create a diagonal or horizontal row?

Leasowes Garden Nursery have kindly agreed to allow parents/carers to park in their car park so you can walk to school with your children. Their car park is open 8:30am and closes at 4pm.

Miller and Carter have also kindly agreed to allow parking in their car park too!

JESSIE & FRIENDS

Are you aware of Jessie and Friends?

It is a great resource that parents can use to engage with their younger children about worrying or frightening situations online. When children answer a question correctly they earn a star and can download a certificate to colour in.

Jessie and Friends can be found using this link - <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/articles/4-7s-website/>

ST MARY'S GUILDHALL TAKEOVER



On Saturday 11th May, our Coventry Young Ambassadors had the pleasure of taking over St Mary's Guildhall. They greeted members of the public, gave guided tours, and helped people create rag-rugs. Not only did they learn some fantastic facts about the guildhall, including the Coventry Tapestry, but they were able to speak confidently to deliver their information, speaking to tourists from as far afield as Washington DC in the USA and the west-coast of Canada. The children were an absolute credit to the school and to themselves, and everyone they spoke to were blown away by their enthusiasm and knowledge. We can't wait to hopefully do it again next year!



WIGS OR FAKE BEARDS FOR YEARS 4 & 5

We are looking for fake beards and wigs (fancy dress ones), if anybody has any please could they be brought to the school office. Many thanks

WOMENS LONG DRESSES

We are looking for ladies' long dresses that would fit 9–10-year-olds. If anybody has any spare, please could they be brought to the school office. Many thanks

PARENTS PARKING

Please can we remind parents to drive/park safely as they are picking up or dropping off their children. There has been an incident recently where a parent has driven on the pavement to park and has been close to children who are walking on the pavement. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

PTA EVENT

Friday 24th May – Non Uniform Rainbow Day

Wear your year group's colour, in exchange for a donation of an item in that same colour. From washing up liquid to wine, biscuits to bubble bath and everything in between. It just has to be in your year's colour.

Nursery & Reception - PINK

Year 1 - ORANGE

Year 2 - YELLOW

Year 3 - GREEN

Year 4 - BLUE

Year 5 - PURPLE

Year 6 - RED

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

NNAM- 98.7%	3S-98.3%
NNPM- 95.3%	3W-96.5%
RM- 92%	4J-97.4%
RL- 88.3%	4L- 97.7%
1W- 95.6%	5B-99.4%
1B- 91.3%	5R-96.7%
2S- 96.3%	6T-98.3%
2B- 99.3%	6R-97%

OPAL UPDATES



We are now on the look out for the following items if anyone has them spare:

- Picnic Blankets / Thin Throws
- Hats / Bags / Small adult clothes
- Large sheets of material



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

Monday	Year 4 – Athletics Year 5 – Move and Learn Project
Tuesday	Year 1 – Athletics Year 3 – Striking/Fielding Games Year 4 – Striking/Fielding Games Year 5 – Net/Wall Games
Wednesday	Year 2 – Athletics Year 6 – Health Related Fitness
Thursday	Reception – Ball Games Year 1 – Health Related Fitness Year 3 – Athletics Year 6 – Net/Wall Games
Friday	Year 2 – Team Building

Please can children wear their PE kit to school on PE days (except Reception)

1. Plain white T-shirt or white t-shirt with Finham Primary logo
2. Plain navy blue or black shorts
3. Plain navy blue or black joggers
4. Plain navy blue or black leggings
5. White Socks
6. Black trainers/pumps (that fit well)
7. Plain navy jumper
8. Navy Hoodie with Finham Primary logo

PLEASE ENSURE YOU LABEL ALL ITEMS WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

PLEASE CAN CHILDREN NOT WEAR LOGOED SPORTS WEAR

