



Finchale Primary School

2025-26 Diary

SEPTEMBER 2025		
2 nd		Inset Day for Staff (School Closed for Pupils)
3 rd	8.55am	School Resumes for Pupils
3 rd - 5 th		Wellbeing Welcome Week
8-11 th		Y5 Bikeability
8 th – 12 th		Finchale Art Week
11 th	pm	Colour Run
12 th	All day	Monster Phonics Day in Reception, Y1 and Y2 (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
12 th	All day	Y4 Bikeability
17 th	3.45pm & 5pm	Teacher Drop-in Session (pop in and ask any beginning-of-year questions you may have)
19 th		Jeans for Genes Non-uniform Day
25 th	2.30 – 5pm	Finchale Art Gallery (Children's work from Art Week)
25 th	2.45pm & 5pm	White Rose Maths session for Parents/Carers
23 rd		International Day of Sign Languages
26 th		European Day of Languages (inc. Y6 visit to Durham High School)
29 th	2.45pm & 5pm	Monster Phonics session for Rec/KS1 Parents/Carers
OCTOBER 2025 BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
8 th	2.45pm & 5pm	Open Sessions for Potential New Starters
10 th		World Mental Health Day
10 th	All day	Finchale Family Jiggly Jog
13 th – 16 th		Parents'/Carers' Appointments (sessions to be arranged)
17 th		Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear red – uniform is fine!)
20 th	5pm	Meeting for Y4, 5 & 6 parents re: residential visit to High Borran
22 nd	4.15pm & 5.30pm	PTA Spooky Disco
24 th	8.55am	Entries for the Harvest Competition in the Hall
24 th	1.45pm	Parents/carers can view Harvest entries in the Hall
24 th	2.30pm	Harvest Festival led by Year 3
24 th	3.25pm	End of Term
NOVEMBER 2025		
3 rd	8.55am	School Resumes
3 rd		Flu vaccinations in school for pupils
10 th – 14 th		Anti-bullying Week & Interfaith Week
11 th		Remembrance Day led by Year 6
12 th		Photographer in for individual photographs & family groups
12 th	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
13 th		World Kindness Day
14 th		Children in Need Day led by SWAG (non-uniform)
24 th – 30 th		UK Parliament Week
28 th – Time TBC		PTA Christmas Fair
DECEMBER 2025		
9 th	pm	1.45: Y4 Brass Concert 2.30pm: Y5/Y6 Brass Concert
11 th	12 noon	Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

15th	2pm & 6pm	KS1 Concert: we would like all KS1 pupils to return for 5.40pm
16th	am	Festive Fun Run
16th	2pm & 6pm	KS2 Concert: we would like all KS2 pupils to return for 5.40pm
17th	pm	KS1 Christmas Party (Reception, Y1 & Y2)
18th	am	Christmas Party for Y3 & Y4
18th	pm	Christmas Party for Y5 & Y6
19th	9.10am	Christmas Sing-a-long for pupils and families
19th	3.25pm	End of Term
JANUARY 2026		
5th		Inset Day for Staff (School Closed for Pupils)
6th	8.55am	School Resumes for Pupils
18th		World Religion Day
FEBRUARY 2026		
6th		National Number Day (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
9 th – 13 th		Children's Mental Health Week
11th		Safer Internet Day
17th		Random Acts of Kindness Day
w/b 17 th		Y1/Y2 Ukulele and Little Fingers Concert (date tbc)
21st	2.30pm	Reception Class Assembly: Chinese New Year
21st	3.25pm	End of Term
MARCH 2026		
2nd	8.55am	School Resumes
2nd		National Careers Week
5th		World Book Day (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
9th – 13th		British Science and STEM Week
15th		Comic Relief / Red Nose Day
16 th – 20 th		High Borrans Residential Visit (for pupils in Y4, Y5 & Y6)
16 th – 20 th		Neurodiversity Celebration Week / World Down Syndrome Awareness Week
18th	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
23 rd	2pm	Y4 Brass Concert
24 th		Finchale Poetry Day
	4pm & 5.30pm - TBC	PTA Spring Disco for KS1 and KS2
27th		Adam Bushnell in Y3 and Y4
30 th – 2 nd April		Parents'/Carers' Appointments (sessions to be arranged)
APRIL 2026		
2nd	8.55am	Entries for the Easter Egg Competition in the Hall
2nd	am	PTA Easter Egg Hunt
2nd	1.45pm	Parents can view entries for the Easter competition
2nd	2.30pm	Y1 Class Assembly: Easter
2nd	3.25pm	End of Term
20th	8.55am	School Resumes
24th	2.30pm	Y5 Class Assembly
30th		Adam Bushnell in Y1 and Y2
MAY 2026		
4th		School Closed for Bank Holiday
11th – 14th		Statutory Assessment Period for Y6
20 th	5pm	Evening for Parents/Carers of New Starters
22 nd	3.25pm	End of Term

JUNE 2026					
1 st	8.55am	School Resumes			
1 st – 5 th		Multiplication Assessment for Y4 pupils			
8 th – 12 th		Phonics Screening for Y1 and some Y2 pupils			
8 th - 12 th		Diabetes Awareness Week			
12 th	2pm	Finchale Music Festival (weather permitting)			
15 th – 19 th		DT Week			
19 th – Time TBC		PTA Summer Fair			
24 th	1.30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)			
JULY 2026					
1 st	1.30pm	Reserve Sports Day (if postponed from 24 th June)			
1 st	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting			
8 th - TBC		Brass Concert			
9 th		PTA Y6 Leavers Event - TBC			
13 th		Annual Reports out			
14 th	2pm	Reception Graduation for Reception family members			
15 th	2pm	Y6 Leavers’ Concert for Y6 family members			
17 th	3.25pm	End of Term			
20 th		INSET Day for Staff (School Closed for Pupils)			
CLASS ASSEMBLIES				Rec	21 st February at 2.30pm
Year 1	2 nd April at 2.30pm	Year 3	24 th October at 2.30pm	Year 5	24 th April at 2.30pm
Year 2	Xmas Concert & Dance Festival	Year 4	Brass 9 th Dec & 23 rd March	Year 6	Remembrance Assembly; Xmas & Leavers’ Concerts

N.B. for the latest updates, please check out our website at www.finchale.durham.sch.uk.

This is the proposed diary for **2025-2026**. As always, this may be subject to modification if major Local Authority events clash with any of our dates.

Assessments

Reception assessments will be ongoing throughout the year.

Phonics screening for **all Y1 pupils & some Y2** pupils will take place during **8th – 12th June 2026**.

Multiplication Tables Check for **Y4 pupils** will take place in the week beginning **1st June 2026**.

Statutory assessments for Y6 will take place **during 11th – 14th May 2026**.

Other internal assessments may be carried out at the end of units or terms of work to support teacher assessment.