



Finchale Primary School

2026-27 Diary

SEPTEMBER 2026		
1st		Inset Day for staff (school closed for pupils)
2nd	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
2nd - 4th		Wellbeing Welcome Week
7th	3.45pm & 5pm	'Meet the Teacher' Sessions
7th – 11th		Finchale Art Week
11th	pm	Colour Run
17th	2.45pm & 5pm	Monster Phonics session for Rec/KS1 Parents/Carers
18th	All day	Monster Phonics Day in Reception, Y1 and Y2 (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
23rd	3.30–4.15pm	Finchale Art Gallery (Children's work from Art Week)
24th		Whole-School <i>Hoopstarz</i> Skipping Workshops
25th		European Day of Languages
28 th /29 th	pm	Reception Class Parent/Carer Consultations
30 th	2.45pm & 5pm	White Rose Maths session for Parents/Carers
OCTOBER 2026		
BLACK HISTORY MONTH		
5 th	am	Photographer in for individual photographs & family groups
7 th		Flu vaccinations in school for pupils
6th	2.45pm & 5pm	Open Sessions for Potential New Starters
9th		World Mental Health Day & Finchale Family Jiggly Jog
12th – 15th		Y1-6 Parents'/Carers' Appointments
16th		Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear red – uniform is fine!)
21 st	5pm	Meeting for Y4, 5 & 6 parents re: residential visit to Lockerbie
22 nd	4.15pm & 5.30pm	PTA Spooky Disco - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
23rd	8.55am	Entries for the Harvest Competition in the Hall
	1.45pm	Parents/carers can view Harvest entries in the Hall
	2.30pm	Harvest Festival led by Year 3
	3.25pm	School closes for half-term holiday (1 week)
NOVEMBER 2026		
2nd	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
9th-13th		Y4/5 Bikeability – details to be confirmed
11th	10.30am	Remembrance Day assembly led by Year 6
11th	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
12th		Adam Bushnell Author Visit (Y5/6)
13th		World Kindness Day
16th – 20th		Anti-bullying Week
17th	5pm	Finchale Futures (RSHE) Parent Information Evening
20th		Children in Need Day led by SWAG (non-uniform)
23 rd – 27 th		UK Parliament Week
27 th – 3.30-5pm		PTA Christmas Fair- - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
DECEMBER 2026		
8th	pm	1.45: Y4 Brass Concert 2.30pm: Y5/Y6 Brass Musicians Concert
11th		Christmas Lunch / Christmas Jumper Day

14th	2pm & 6pm	KS1 Concert: we would like all KS1 pupils to return for 5.40pm
15th	9.15am	Christmas Sing-a-long for pupils and families
15th	2pm & 6pm	KS2 Concert: we would like all KS2 pupils to return for 5.40pm
16th	am	Festive Fun Run
16th	pm	KS1 Christmas Party (Reception, Y1 & Y2)
17th	am	Christmas Party for Y3 & Y4
17th	pm	Christmas Party for Y5 & Y6
18th	3.25pm	End of Term
JANUARY 2027		
4th		Inset Day for staff (school closed for pupils)
5th	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
18th		World Religion Day
21 st pm	TBC	Y2 Dance Performance at Gala Theatre – details to be confirmed
22 nd	9.10am	Y2 Dance Performance in school - TBC
26th	4.30pm	Y6 SATs Information Session for Parents/Carers
FEBRUARY 2027		
1 st – 7 th		Children's Mental Health Week
2nd	9.15am	Coffee Morning with the SENDCo
5th		Number Day (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
9th		Safer Internet Day
12 th	2.30pm	Reception Class Assembly: Chinese New Year
12 th	3.25pm	School closes for half-term holiday (1 week)
22nd	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
26th		Adam Bushnell Author Visit (Y3/4)
MARCH 2027		
1 st – 3 rd		Lockerbie Residential Visit
1 st – 5 th		National Careers Week
3rd	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
4th		World Book Day (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
8th – 12th		British Science and STEM Week
11 th	4.15pm & 5.30pm	PTA Spring Disco - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
15 th – 19 th		Neurodiversity Celebration Week
19th		Red Nose Day / World Down Syndrome Day (odd socks and red noses optional!)
22 nd		Finchale Poetry Day
23 rd	9.30am	Y4 Brass Concert
24th	am	PTA Easter Egg Hunt - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
25 th	8.55am	Entries for the Easter Egg Competition in the Hall
25th	9.30am	Y3 Ukulele Concert
25 th	2.00pm	Parents can view entries for the Easter competition
25 th	2.15pm	Y1 Class Assembly: Easter
25th	3.25pm	End of Term
APRIL 2027		
12th	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
12 th - 15th		Y1-6 Parents'/Carers' Appointments
22nd		Adam Bushnell Author Visit (Y1/2)
27th	9.15am	Coffee Morning with the SENDCo
MAY 2027		
3rd		School Closed for Bank Holiday
10th – 13th		Statutory Assessment Period for Y6

19 th	5pm	Evening for Parents/Carers of New Starters
21 st	1.30pm	Sports Day (weather permitting)
24 th - 28 th		DT Week
27 th	1.30pm	Reserve Sports Day (if postponed from 21 st May)
28 th	2.30pm	Y5 Class Assembly
28 th	3.25pm	School closes for half-term holiday (1 week)
JUNE 2027		
7 th	8.55am	School resumes for pupils
WB. 7 th June		Multiplication Assessment for Y4 pupils
10 th		Finchale Celebration of Reading Day (dressing up is encouraged but not necessary)
11 th	3.30-5pm	PTA Summer Fair - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
14 th – 18 th		Phonics Screening for Y1 and some Y2 pupils
18 th	pm	Whole-school Panto (oh, yes, it is!)
24 th	9.30am	FinchaleFest Music Performances (weather permitting)
28 th	2.30pm & 5pm	'Meet the Teacher' Sessions for 2027/28
30 th	4pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
JULY 2027		
1 st July	pm	Whole-school transition afternoon
2 nd July	am	Whole-school transition morning
6 th July	9.30am	Brass Concert with Mrs Mortimer & Y5/6 musicians
8 th	9.30am	Y2 Ukulele Concert
8 th	TBC	PTA KS2 Prom - <i>To Be Confirmed</i>
9 th	am	Summer Fun Run
WB. 12 th		Annual Reports sent to parents / carers
13 th	2.30pm	Reception Graduation for Reception family members
14 th	2pm	Y6 Leavers' Concert for Y6 family members
16 th	3.25pm	End of Term
19 th / 20 th / 21 st		INSET Days for staff (school closed for pupils)

CLASS ASSEMBLIES				Rec	12 th February at 2.30pm & Graduation (13 th July)
Year 1	25 th March at 2.30pm	Year 3	23 rd October at 2.30pm & Ukulele (25 th March)	Year 5	28 th May at 2.30pm
Year 2	Xmas Concert, Dance Festival & Ukulele (8 th July)	Year 4	Brass 8 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 **2026-2027**. As always, this may be subject to modification, for example due to weather or if major Local Authority events clash with any of our dates. **PTA events will be allocated to different year groups and will be dependent on volunteer support.**

Assessments

Reception assessments will be ongoing throughout the year.

Phonics screening for **all Y1 pupils & some Y2** pupils will take place during **14th – 18th June 2026**.

Multiplication Tables Check for **Y4 pupils** will take place in the week beginning **7th June 2026**.

Statutory assessments for Y6 will take place **during 10th – 13th May 2026**.

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