Finchale Notices: Week beginning 19th October 2026

EVERYONE – Week Commencing 19th October 2026

- **Brass lessons –Y4/ Y5/Y6** - Tuesday
- **Orchestra**– Tuesday
- **Y3-6 Choir** – if your child attends choir, or would like to attend, then can we please ask that you sign them up via Arbor (clubs) – this generates a register which we can use to send home information about performances.
- **PTA Non-uniform day** – Friday – £1 donation via Arbor (school shop) or cash. Don't forget to bring a coat and wear sensible shoes for outdoor break times

For Parents and Carers:

- **This week's magic habit**: Reduce, Re-use, Recycle! - Reducing waste (e.g. not leaving too much food at dinner time); Putting rubbish in the correct bin (e.g. paper); Re-using things to give them a longer life
- **Y5/6 Lockerbie Residential Parents meeting** – Wednesday 5pm – Please pay £60 deposit via trips on Arbor by **Friday 23rd October**
- **PTA spooky disco** –Thursday - Reception/Y1/Y2 16:15-17:15; KS2 17:30-18:30
- **Y3 Harvest Assembly and competition** – Friday - Harvest Competition entries available to view from 13:45; Assembly at 14:30 – Families welcome.
- **Food Bank Harvest Collection** - We are collecting food donations for the Durham Food Bank. Wanted items include: tinned fruit, coffee, tinned potatoes, long-life fruit juice, jam, preserves, rice pudding, custard, toiletries and carrier bags/bags for life – donations can be brought in all week and left in the main entrance. Thank you for your support.
- **Photo orders** – Please return any photo orders by **Tuesday 20th October**
- **PTA Xmas cards** – Please return artwork by **Friday 23rd October**

- **New Autumn/Winter menus** will start on 2nd November – menus are on the website Finchale Primary School - School Meals. If your child wants to change their lunch choices then please let the office know by 22nd October.
- **Y3-6 school meals –** If your child has school dinners then please don't forget to top up their Arbor account.
- **Community Voice** – As we come to the end of the first half term this academic year, we would like to gather some information about how you feel your child's start to the year has been. Please answer the following questions to help inform our future development Starting the Year School Community Survey
- **Part time HLTA position** – Congratulations to Miss Taylor who has recently secured a teaching position. We are recruiting a part time HLTA more details can be found at North East Jobs 0.5 FTE Higher Level Teaching Assistant - Durham County Council - North East Jobs

RECEPTION	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
• PE - Wednesday	• PE – Wednesday and Thursday • Library book changeover – Friday	• PE – Wednesday and Thursday • Library book changeover – Friday

YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6
• PE – Monday • Harvest Assembly – Friday 14:30 – families welcome – please bring in your food item on Tuesday	• PE – Tuesday • Netball festival – Monday PM @ Maiden Castle – please come to school in PE kit.	• PE – Tuesday and Swimming Thursday AM - please bring swimming costume/trunks (not long and baggy please), a towel and swimming hat • Marketing talk – Tuesday (PM)	• PE – Tuesday and Thursday • Marketing talk – Tuesday (PM) • Karate – for those that have signed up – Friday 3.30-4.30pm

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Durham Palatine Netball – flyer attached

Auckland Project Half Term activities – flyers attached

Ushaw College Half Term activities – What's On at Ushaw - Ushaw: Historic House, Chapels & Gardens

Free Tickets for the Women's Derby – **details below**:

We're delighted to share a **fantastic opportunity for your school community!** 🎉⚽

Give your pupils, parents and families the chance to experience the excitement of a local derby, as **Sunderland take on Newcastle in the Women's Derby** at the Stadium of Light!

📅 **Date:** Sunday 15th November
⏰ **Kick-off:** 2:00pm
📍 **Venue:** Stadium of Light, Sunderland
🎟️ **Cost:** COMPLIMENTARY TICKETS!

We'd love for as many families as possible to get involved, enjoy the atmosphere and show their support for women's football! 💜♡

🎟️ How to claim your FREE tickets

Please feel free to share this fantastic offer with parents and carers across your school community.

Families can apply for **up to 4 complimentary tickets per application** by completing the form below:

👉 **Apply for tickets here:** Sunderland V Newcastle Women's - Form

Important: When completing the form, where it asks for *'Business Name'*, please enter **Zen Educate**.