



DATES

SEPTEMBER

- 4th School Resumes
- 4-6th Wellbeing Week
- 5th 5pm & 5.30pm Meet the Teacher
- 9-13th Finchale Art Week
- 11th Colour Run
- 12th Y4 Bikeability
- 16th-19th Y5 Bikeability

OCTOBER

25th HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

4th School Resumes

DECEMBER

- 16th 2pm & 6pm **KS1 Concert**
- 17th 2pm & 6pm **KS2 Concert**
- 18th pm: KS1 Party
- 19th am: Y3/Y4 Party
- 19th pm: Y5/Y6 Party
- 20th 9am Family Sing-a-long

JANUARY

7th School Resumes

Reception Graduation 2024



I felt very privileged to present the Reception class with their portfolios this week. The children really did themselves proud with a super assembly where they shared their very best memories of their Reception year. We saw photos of them taken at the start of the year and then now, showing just how much they have grown up, along with group photos with their friends. The children sang some of their favourite songs too. Well done, Reception class, you should feel really proud of all you have achieved this year.

Magpie Manor Performed by Y6 Leavers



Mystery, intrigue and a stolen Pica Pica, a solid silver pitcher with the Magpie picture, create the perfect 'whodunnit'. Magpie Manor is falling into disrepair and a total of £30,000 is needed. By selling the pitcher, Magpie Manor can be saved. However it is discovered that it has been stolen and the investigation into who the thief is begins. Our Y6 pupils have really embraced this production, and enjoyed getting

into the spirit of the mystery. We are so proud of everything our children have achieved during their time at Finchale and wish them all the best for the future. Well done, and thank you, Year 6!



Y2 Visit Beamish

Recently, Year 2, visited Beamish as part of their History topic on Schools in the Victorians times. The children had a really great time and even got the chance to experience a Victorian lesson. They practised their handwriting, chanted their 5 times tables, listened to the story of Grace Darling, and completed an



object study. Y2 also loved the opportunity to play with the hoop and stick as part of their breaktime. The children also had the chance to visit the Town experiencing the co-op, a visit to the dentist and the garage! To top the day off, the children loved experiencing riding on the bus and tram. A fantastic day was had by all at Beamish!

Finchale's Opera Project: The Magic Flute!

The whole school have been very excited to take part in a performance of the opera, The Magic Flute. In June, the choir went to Darlington where they rehearsed with professional musicians and singers from The Royal Opera House in the morning and then in the afternoon, they performed the opera to some VIPS, including the Lord Lieutenant of



Durham. The rest of the school started preparing back in school because, as part of our music lessons this term, everyone has been learning about the opera The Magic Flute composed by Mozart. Each class explored the different characters and the story, before learning 1 song, or aria, to perform. Not only did they have to perform the song, but they had to act it out as if they were real opera singers. Everyone came together to perform our own opera. Every class performed so well - it was a truly wonderful afternoon.

Year 5 Enjoy End Zone Y6 Hoodies



The Year 5 children had an intra competition playing the game End Zone. They had to pass and move to catch the ball. They also had to intercept and challenge for the ball. Darren from the School Sports Partnership commented on just how well the children defended and commended their resilience and teamwork. This was a good opportunity for the children to practise a range of skills.



Our Y6 pupils were delighted to be presented with their Leavers' Hoodies. These were funded by our PTA. Thank you!

Reception Superhero Festival



Our Reception children had a lot of fun during our Superhero sports festival, organised by the School Sports Partnership. They took part in a variety of superhero themed sports activities, alongside children from some other local primary schools. Our Year 6 Sports Leaders were also on hand to help lead the activities and support the children, well done everyone.

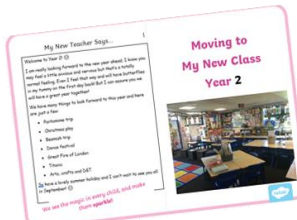


Year 1 Beach Party

To support our Seaside unit in History, Year 1 had a fun filled, fantastic beach party! They enjoyed lots of seaside crafts, limbo, hook a duck, eating ice creams, ice pops and lots, lots more. Their classroom was transformed into a bright and brilliant beach and they even had a Pinata! The children and staff had a great time, enjoying all the seaside activities.



Transition Booklets



This week children from Reception to Y5 have received a transition booklet. This has information about their new class and a lovely

message from their new class teacher. We'd like to encourage you to use this during the summer to help prepare your child for the new school year. We hope our families find this helpful.

Summer Sponsored Splash & Dash



Our whole school took part in our first ever sponsored Splash & Dash. Our Sports Leaders helped organise this event and each class faced the challenge of running a set

distance from a half marathon (4 laps per child) through to two ultra marathons (16 laps per child). This was to raise funds for sports repairs including the running track and trim trail. We have raised more than £1800 which is amazing! Thank you.

All the staff at Finchale would like to thank you for all your kindness and support this year. We feel so grateful that we work within such a lovely school community, with so many fantastic families. We hope you all have a lovely summer with your children. Thank you.

