

# FINCHALE FLYER

We see the magic in every child... and help make them sparkle.

## Key Dates:

### JULY

18<sup>th</sup> School Closes for Summer

### SEPTEMBER

2<sup>nd</sup> INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)

3<sup>rd</sup> School Opens for Pupils



## Recommended Reads



Age 4-7

### The Pencil

Author: Allan Ahlberg

Illustrator: Bruce Ingman

Age 7+

### You Are Awesome

Author: Matthew Syed



## Y6 Leavers Sports Festival

On Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, our Y6 pupils joined leavers from primary schools around the county at Framwellgate School Durham for an afternoon of sport. In scorching sunshine, with a bit of friendly competition, children played quidditch, dodgeball and frisbee matches. They also competed in tennis-ball darts, target frisbee and a fun water carrying obstacle course!



## Sing-a-thon



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our sponsored whole-school 'sing-a-thon' on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July.

We raised a whopping £881.13, which will be used to fund some new musical equipment as well as going towards the cost of a performance by Brazen band on 17<sup>th</sup> July!

## Summer Fun Run

The sun was shining down on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> July but we had an exciting way to keep cool during our Summer Fun Run! The School Sports Partnership brought buckets of water and we went on an adventure through our very own desert island to somewhere under the rainbow!



## Brazen Band

Thanks to PTA funding and our Sing-a-thon, we were able to enjoy a performance from Brazen Band, as part of Durham Brass Festival. We learned about the different instruments and enjoyed singing and dancing to their amazing tunes!



## Reception & Year 1 Superhero Festival

Our Reception and Year 1 children proved their super powers this month when working around superhero themed sports tasks led by our Sports



Leaders. They jumped, danced and were true superstars!

## FinchaleFest!

Thank you to everyone who came to our summer music performance - FinchaleFest - on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July. From our choir, orchestra and Maypole dancers, to a number of soloists (vocal and instrumentalists) and our class performances, our children showcased a range of impressive musical and creative talent.



## Key Stage 2 Prom

The red carpet was rolled out for our Stage 2 children, who had an amazing time at our Key Stage 2 Prom on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> July. It was a lovely opportunity to dress up, enjoy a buffet and photo booth and spend time dancing with their friends. Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA, the Friends of Finchale, for organising the disco, preparing and serving the food, decorating the school and ensuring that all of the children had a wonderful time.



## Reception Graduation & Y6 Leavers Performance

In our final week of term, we celebrated our Reception children completing their first year at Finchale Primary, and also our Y6s completing their last year. It is amazing how far they have all come, in their time as part of our Finchale Family and we are so proud of them all. We wish our Y6s the best of luck as they move on to their secondary schools - come back and share your stories of success with us!



## A Fond Farewell

This week, we say a fond farewell to Ms Arnell, Mrs Browell and Mrs Coates, who between them have supported Finchale children for a grand total of 79 years! We wish them all a very happy retirement and a huge THANK YOU for all they have done in service of our school. You will be missed and we hope that you will all come back to visit us!

## Musician of the Month

In July, we have been listening to Chinese artist Alan Dawa Dolma. Alan is a singer and actress of Tibetan ethnicity, who gained popularity with her debut album "Voice of Earth" and is known for her powerful vocals and emotional performances.



## 2024-25 Attendance

Reception	97.15%
Year 1	97.15%
Year 2	97.41%
Year 3	97.57%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	95.55%
Year 6	96.78%
Whole School	97.16%



Many thanks, as always, for your support.  
Miss Ward.