

FINCHALE FLYER

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

Key Dates:

JULY 1st Brass Concert - **2pm**
2nd & 4th Transition Morning / Afternoon
4th Reception / Y1 Superhero Festival (am)
8th Y6 Transition Sports Festival (pm)
9th Finchale Music Festival - **1.30pm**
9th 'Meet the Teacher' event - **3.45pm** and **5pm**
10th PTA KS2 Prom (**6-8pm**)
11th Whole School 'Sing-a-thon' & Summer Fun Run
14th Annual Reports **Emailed** to Parents/Carers
15th Reception Graduation Ceremony - **2pm**
16th Y6 Leavers' Concert - **2pm**
17th Brazen Brass Band Performance for Pupils
18th School Closes for Summer

SEPTEMBER

2nd INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
3rd School Opens for Pupils

All dates are subject to change.



Meet the Teacher!

On Wednesday morning and Friday afternoon, all children will be spending some time meeting their new teachers for next year:

Reception - Mrs Hood **Y1** - Miss Johnstone

Y2 - Mrs Lennox **Y3** - Mrs Marley

Y4 - Mrs McGuire & Mrs Saunders

Y5 - Mrs Nower **Y6** - Mrs Sleeman

Y6 will also be spending some time at their new schools on Friday - we hope you have fun!

Celebration of Reading Day

We held our Finchale annual celebration of reading day on 13th June. Doors were decorated,

'masked readers' were unmasked and - most importantly - lots of reading took place across the day. Thank you to the Friends of Finchale for donating a free book to every child in school.



Platinum School Games Award

We are pleased to announce that we have once again been awarded the Platinum School Games Award by the School Sports Partnership for the quality of the physical activities that take place at Finchale. Well done to Mrs Hood (PE Lead) and all of the staff and children who prioritise physical health in our school on a daily basis.



PLATINUM

Y4 Nature Reserve Trip

Children from Year 4 enjoyed a walk to the local nature reserve, this month, to carry out surveys of the natural environment linked to their learning in class.



Y5 - Debating & 'Annie'

Some of our Y5 children have been stretching their comfort zones and performing on stage with Durham High School's performance of 'Annie' or taking part in the Youth Council's day of debate in County Hall chambers. We are so proud of their talent and mature attitudes, this term!



Alex Dewar - Invictus Athlete

We spent an inspirational day with Invictus Athlete, Alex Dewar, on 18th June. Alex trained our Year 5 Sports Leaders and then they supported other classes to play team-building games.



PTA Summer Fayre



Thank you to everyone who visited our sunny summer fayre on 20th June and helped us raise funds. We are really grateful to our Friends of Finchale for your ongoing hard work and support.

Spotlight on Safeguarding

We have had a number of local residents contact school regarding some issues related to inconsiderate parking in the area surrounding the school, particularly at the end of the school day. Please can we ask that family members collecting pupils leave ample space for access to residential properties, enabling emergency vehicles to pass through or residents with disabilities to have adequate room for access to their properties. We also ask that pets are not left unsupervised outside of residential properties and that people take litter home with them and keep the local streets clean. We thank you for modelling safety and respect for our local community to our pupils.



Recommended Reads



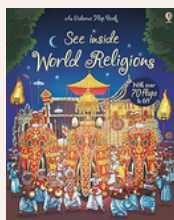
Age 4-7

The Bear and her Book

Author: Frances Tosdevin

Illustrator:

Sophia O'Connor



See Inside World Religions

Authors: Alex Frith and Barry Ablet

Alice in Wonderland Production



On 17th June, the whole school were invited 'down the rabbit hole' to feel 'curiouser and curiouser' as we watched a fantastic production of Alice in Wonderland, with Year 6 even being invited behind the scenes!

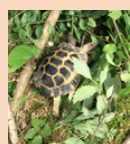


Captain Chemistry

Captain Chemistry visited us once again on 5th and 6th June, this time to work with Y3 (magnetism) and Y5 (reversible/irreversible changes).

Adam Bushnell

Adam Bushnell (and his tortoise!) visited our Reception class, this month, to help us plan our writing.



D&T Week

In the week beginning 23rd June, the whole school had a 'focus on food' for this year's Design Technology Week. We were visited by Chartwells and their 'smoothie bike' and were able to design, make, drink and evaluate our own smoothies. They were delicious!



Durham Dash 2025

Well done to all of our athletes who took part in this year's Durham Dash at Beamish on 11th June. Everyone who attended represented our school incredibly well and displayed some fantastic sporting talent. A special congratulation to Fraser, who won the bronze medal in the Y6 boys' race.



Y2/3 Beamish Trip

On 27th June, Y2 and Y3 visited Beamish. Y2 experienced a Victorian lesson and had the opportunity to play with the hoop and stick, whilst Y3 learned about the development of the railway. The children rode on the train and tram and a fantastic day was had by all!



June Attendance



Reception	98%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	99%
Year 4	98.38%
Year 5	96.38%
Year 6	96.95%
Whole School	97.38%



Musician of the Month

In June, we have been listening to Clara Schumann - a German pianist and composer of the Romantic era. She was celebrated for her virtuosic piano skills.



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