

FINCHALE FLYER

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

Key Summer Dates:

JUNE

- 2nd School re-opens for Summer 2
- 2nd ICE CATS Parent Workshop, 2:15-3:15pm
- 3rd ICE CATS Parent Workshop, 10:45-11:45am
- 2nd-4th Y4 Multiplication Check
- 4th Y4 Cricket Skills Festival
- 5th / 6th Captain Chemistry in Y3 / Y5
- 9th-12th Phonics Screening for some Y1/2 children
- 10th Class Photographs
- 13th Finchale Celebration of Reading Day
- 16th - 18th Scholastic Book Fair in school
- 16th-20th Assessment Week for Y1-5
- 17th Alice in Wonderland Production
- 18th Alex Dewar (Invictus Athlete) in school
- 20th Adam Bushnell in Reception (am)
- 20th PTA Summer Fair
- 23rd-27th DT Week: Focus on Food
- 24th Sports Day (1.30pm)
- 27th Y2/3 Beamish Trip

JULY

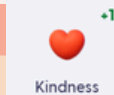
- 1st Brass Concert (rescheduled) - 2pm
- 2nd Reserve Sports Day
- 9th Finchale Music Festival - 1.30pm
- 9th 'Meet the Teacher' event - 3.45pm and 5pm
- 10th PTA KS2 Prom (6-8pm)
- 11th Whole School Summer Fun Run
- 14th Annual Reports to Parents/Carers
- 15th Reception Graduation Ceremony - 2pm
- 16th Y6 Leavers' Concert - 2pm
- 18th School Closes for Summer

All dates are subject to change.



Dojo Points Trial

As a school, we have been discussing behaviour rewards and we will be trialling the use of 'Dojo Points' in Summer 2 as a way to recognise when children demonstrate our school values.



VE Day Street Party

We commemorated the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe on **Thursday, 8th May** with a special assembly followed by our very own street party lunch.

Thank you very much to everyone who helped set up the event, with a special mention to our kitchen team, who organised everything from paper plates to the perfect sandwiches to create a thoroughly enjoyable lunch for the whole school.

Reception Zumba

On Tuesday, 13th May, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all got to take part in Zumba sessions. Everyone who took part had big smiles on their faces and we were very impressed with their moves!



Maypole Dancing

Children from Year 4, 5 and 6 have been Maypole dancing, this month, at our after-school club. This tradition (which has been observed in England for at least 700 years) is performed to celebrate Spring by dancing around a pole decorated with ribbons. It has been a new challenge for the children to learn some complicated ribbon patterns and skipping in time to the music but they have thoroughly enjoyed learning this new skill.



Y2 Striking & Fielding Event

On 20th May, Year 2 took part in a striking and fielding PE event with the School Sports Partnership. They participated in a range of activities based around developing their football and rounders skills. These activities included throwing and catching, dribbling and obstacle courses. The weather was very hot but everyone stayed hydrated and had a lovely afternoon.



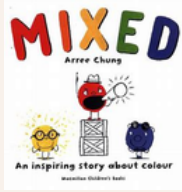
Spotlight on Safeguarding - Sun Safety

In the Summer term, please help us to remind the children all about staying safe in the sun, with the help of George, the 'sunsafe superstar' from Sun Safe Schools. There is an animation and a storybook alongside a variety of activities that you can share with children to encourage them to use the 'Slip, Slop, Seek, Slide' rules at <https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/resources/>. You can also check the UV forecast daily on their website: <https://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk/uv-forecast/>



Recommended Reads

Age 4-7



Mixed
Author: Arree Chung



Age 7+

The Danger Gang
Author: Tom Fletcher

Adam Bushnell's Author Visits

Years 1 and 2 were very lucky to have a visit from the author, Adam Bushnell on 7th May. Y2 spent the morning looking at images, videos and texts all about the Titanic and then planned out a ghost story including really interesting facts and some superb descriptive language. What an inspiring morning for everyone involved!



Y4 Yoga & Endzone



Year 4 took part in some wellbeing yoga and loved playing 'Queenie' and doing the sun salutation. They earned some relaxation at the end with the ladybird leading them into meditation. This month, Year 4 also learned how to play Endzone, which is similar to Netball. They had to develop their communication skills to work effectively as part of a team and get the ball into the Endzone as fast as possible.

Captain Chemistry

Captain Chemistry fascinated Reception, Year 2 and Year 6, this month, with some sensational science! Year 2 learned all about plants, using a microscope and magnifying glasses to closely observe the different parts of a plant and flower. They went on a tree hunt and created their own helicopter plants to demonstrate seed dispersal. Year 6 looked at how the circulatory system works and how exercise affects the heart, with an opportunity to look at an animal's heart and lungs.



Y6 Post-SATs Celebrations



Year 6 were a credit to themselves and our school during their end of Key Stage 2 tests, and well-deserving of their new hoodies and a trip to Abbey Sports Centre. They also enjoyed an ice-cream treat on the Friday afternoon of the SATs week as a well done from all of us. We are so proud of each and every one of you, Class of 2025!



May Attendance

Reception	97.11%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	97.78%
Year 3	98.22%
Year 4	97.18%
Year 5	94.89%
Year 6	98.33%
Whole School	97.38%



Musician of the Month

In May, we have been listening to **Gamelan gong kebyar**. It is a style or genre of Balinese music. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

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