

FINCHALE FLYER

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

Key Spring Dates:

MARCH

- 3rd School re-opens for Spring 2
- 3rd Secondary school offers via email
- 6th World Book Day - Books & Blankets
- 10th British Science / STEM Week
- 17th High Borrans Residential (Y5/6)
- 21st Comic Relief / World Down Syndrome Day
- WB. 24th Assessment Week
- 26th Adam Bushnell in Y3 and Y4
- 28th Poetry Performances
- WB. 31st Parent/Carer Online Meetings

APRIL

- 8th Y4 Brass Concert (2pm)
- 11th Easter Egg Competition (Parents can view entries at 1.45pm)
- 11th Y1 Class Assembly at 2.30pm
- 11th School Closes for Easter Holiday
- 28th School Re-opens for Summer 1

MAY

- 1st PD Day - School Closed for Elections
- 5th Bank Holiday Monday (School Closed)
- 7th Adam Bushnell in Y1 and Y2
- 12th - 15th Y6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
- 21st New Starter Information Evening (5pm)
- 23rd Y3 Class Assembly (9.10am)
- 23rd School Closes for Half Term Holiday

All dates are subject to change.



Health & Wellbeing

We started and ended February with a focus on mental health and wellbeing. This year's Children's Mental Health Week theme was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself' and we read books, learnt some mindfulness techniques and enjoyed learning about what keeps our minds as well as our bodies healthy. We were able to put this into practice by being active on our Health & Wellbeing Day, taking part in activities from skipping to scavenger hunts!



Year 4 Roman Morning

Y4 had a great morning looking at objects / replicas from the Roman times. They had to think like a historian and deduce what the objects were made out of, what they were used for and what that might tell us about their lives. They were also lucky enough to see the Lanchester Diploma and try and read Latin Roman. Thank you to Durham University for this wonderful experience!



Reception - Chinese New Year

Kung Hei Fat Choi from Reception, who put on an excellent assembly all about Chinese New Year. They had been finding out about Chinese New Year for a few weeks and were keen to share their learning with everyone. They found out how to greet each other in Chinese, acted out the Chinese zodiac story, made their own Chinese lanterns and dancing dragons and tasted some delicious Chinese food. (There was plenty of fun practising their chopstick skills!) They even performed their own dragon dance, complete with a dragon costume - well done, Reception!



Spotlight on Safeguarding

PEOPLE WHO KEEP US SAFE



This month we marked Internet Safety Day with assemblies, lessons in class and by asking pupils to sign up to our school 'Acceptable Use Policy' based on the SMART rules. Ask your child to tell you what SMART stands for! Thank you to everyone who came to our information sessions.

Recommended Reads

Download the 2025 'Read for Empathy' collection guides at <https://www.empathylab.uk/RFE>



Year 3/4 Opera

Years 3/4 had a fantastic opportunity to work with The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment on the opera *The Fairy Queen*. Members from the orchestra, including the composer, came into school to work with the children, who then got to rehearse and perform with the orchestra, professional singers and other school choirs and musicians at the Empire theatre in Consett. They were real opera stars and a credit to Finchale!



Year 2 Dance Festival & Music Concert

As part of the Dance Festival 2025, Year 2 performed 'Stargazing' by Myles Smith on the Gala Theatre stage. They worked so hard on their routine, rhythm and timing and, after a few nerves to begin with, they were absolutely brilliant on that stage and full of smiles!



Year 2 also performed beautifully in their ukulele concert. They have been learning over the last few months to pluck the strings and play some chords such as c and f, as well as developing their super singing skills. The children showcased a range of musical genres with talent and flair. Well done, Year 2 - we are so proud of you!

Look what our wildlife lens has caught on camera, this month!

Wildlife Watch



Maths Day

On 7th February, we celebrated all things Maths and number-related! The children looked fabulous dressed up as rock stars, Num-bots, Number Blocks and more, and every class took part in lots of number-related activities such as treasure hunts, number puzzles and TT Rock Stars competitions. Lots of fun was had by all involved!



February Attendance

Reception	96.78%
Year 1	96.09%
Year 2	96.67%
Year 3	97.78%
Year 4	98.23%
Year 5	95.38%
Year 6	95.73%
Whole School	96.63%



Poppy Appeal

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed to our Poppy Appeal last term, in aid of the Armed Forces. We raised an amazing **£268.22** for the Armed Forces community!



If you'd like to share your thoughts about our wonderful school, please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views>
Many thanks for your support.

Miss Ward.