

FINCHALE FLYER

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

Key Dates:

JUNE

- 29th Y6 Hancock Museum Visit
- Meet the Teacher sessions (3.30pm and 5pm)

JULY

- 1st Full Governing Body Meeting
- Framwellgate School Welcome Meeting (5.30pm)
- 2nd Whole-school transition afternoon
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- 3rd Whole-school transition morning
- 7th Y2 Beamish Visit
- 9th Summer Fun Run (1.30pm)
- KS2 PTA Prom (6-8pm)
- 10th Music Concert for children from DMS
- WB. 13th End-of-Year Reports to Parents/Carers
- 14th Reception Graduation (9.10am)
- Mrs Mortimer's Brass Concert (2.15pm)
- 15th Y6 Leavers' Concert (2pm)
- 16th Y2 Ukulele Concert (9.30am)
- 17th 'Oompah' Brass Concert for children
- School closes for summer holidays (3.25pm)

SEPTEMBER

- 2nd School re-opens for children (8:55am)

All dates are subject to change.



Finchale Day of Reading

On Friday, 5th June, we celebrated our annual day of reading with an array of fun activities, including dressing up, decorating doors and going on a classroom book hunt, guessing the masked reader and listening to a story of our choice to finish the day.



Finchale Fest

Thank you to everyone who came to this year's 'Finchale Fest' to support our extremely talented musicians across school. Our pupils displayed a range of talents on several instruments including piano, violin, recorder, brass instruments, glockenspiels and vocal performances.



Maypole Club

One unique act at our Finchale Fest was our fabulous Maypole Club, led by Miss Bosomworth. The groups have worked hard at after-school club sessions, this term, to master the mysterious art of the Maypole - with brilliant results! Well done to all involved.



Delightful Designs!

In June, we have celebrated our Design & Technology week with a focus on Cath Kidston, who has inspired us to design and make some music-themed bunting, which we hope to use at next year's Finchale Fest! We also welcomed Chartwells staff into school to carry out some food & nutrition workshops with us.



Meet the Teachers

On Monday, we invite families to come to our 'meet the teacher' sessions to hear from your child's teacher for next year, before they take part in two half-day transition sessions, next week. Class teachers for 2026-7 are as follows:



← **Reception:** Mrs A. Hood

Year 1: Miss L. McClure →



← **Year 2:** Mrs A. Lennox



Year 3: Mrs R. McGuire →



← **Year 4:** Mrs C. Marley



Year 5: Mr. J. Grant →



← **Year 6:** Mrs M. Sleeman



Sessions will take place at 3.30-4pm and 5-5.30pm with further drop-in style sessions to take place at the start of September. We will also be taking responses to our consultation about our updated RSHE policy - surveys will be available at the sessions or can be completed online, using the following link: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/6gbZ9YhwZB>

Spotlight on Safeguarding - Sun Safety

Whilst we recognise that some sun is good for us, sun protection is an important safeguarding issue. Children spend almost half their childhood at school, with a great deal of time spent outdoors. Without adequate protection, a child's delicate skin can easily burn, causing cumulative damage. With parental support, simple steps can be undertaken to ensure that your child is protected, can enjoy the sun safely and develops healthy lifestyle choices. We ask that parents/carers ensure their child(ren) are equipped on sunnier days with a suitable sun hat (wide-brimmed is best) and sunscreen, which we encourage children to put on themselves.



Recommended Reads



Age 4-7

Sisters: Venus & Serena Williams
Author: Jeanette Winter

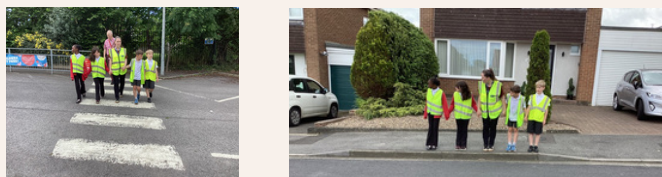
Age 7+

The London Eye Mystery

Author: Siobhan Dowd



Y3 Child Pedestrian Training



Year 3 have been learning the essential skills and knowledge needed to safely walk on and near roads, this month, including how to stop, look, listen and think when crossing, use pedestrian crossings and how to spot potential dangers.

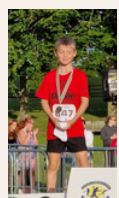
Y5 'Newsies'

On 13th and 16th June, group of Year 5 children participated in this year's Durham High School outreach project which culminated in a performance of Disney's musical drama, 'Newsies' about the 1899 New York City newsboys' strike. Our Y5s were a credit to our school and delivered a Broadway-standard show! Thank you to all who came to watch them shine.



Summer Sports

We have been busy, this month, participating in a range of summer sporting events (thanks to Mrs Hood for organising these). On 3rd June, we welcomed triathlete Alex Dewar into school to work with classes across school on teamwork skills. A group of Y5 girls enjoyed the cricket festival at Brandon Cricket Club on 5th June and we've also taken part in Danish Longball (Y5 and Y6) and the Durham Dash, where we had several runners in the final races and two podium spots! Well done to Olivia (Y3 running silver medalist) and Edward (Y4 fielding bronze medalist)!



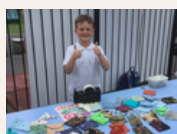
Year 4 walked up to Sainsbury's to support their Geography topic, 'Where does food come from?' They were very surprised that a lot of our fruit and vegetables come from very far away, but did also find produce that was more local/from the UK. A big thank you to Sainsbury's!



Y4 Sainsbury's Trip

PTA Pantomime & Summer Fair

Thank you so much to our wonderful PTA for funding this year's pantomime (oh, yes they did) - Pinocchio! Children had a wonderful time taking in the colourful costumes and laughing at some very silly characters! They enjoyed meeting the blue fairy and Silly Simon and learning "that you should never lie". Year 6 were treated to a behind-the-scenes' workshop to learn about how scenery and props add to the production. These types of events are made possible by our PTA fundraising efforts, which were on full display at the Summer Fair. Thank you to everyone involved, both in organising and attending.



June Attendance

Reception	96.64%
Year 1	95.86%
Year 2	97.39%
Year 3	98.25%
Year 4	98.07%
Year 5	96.89%
Year 6	94.04%
Whole School	96.74%

(to 26th June)

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

Musician of the Month

Throughout June, we have been listening to the joyful music of Buena Vista Social Club. The Buena Vista Social Club was a Cuban music collective featuring veteran musicians. Their self-titled album brought international recognition to traditional Cuban music and became a global phenomenon.

