

# FINCHALE FLYER



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

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## Key Spring Dates:

### FEBRUARY

- 3rd Children's Mental Health Week
- 7th Finchale Maths Day
- 11th Safer Internet Day
- 12th Online Safety Parent Information Sessions, 2.45pm and 5pm
- 13th Y2 at Durham Dance Festival
- 18th Y2 Music Concert
- 19th Health & Fitness Day
- 20th PTA Spring Disco (KS1 - 4.30pm and KS2 - 6pm)
- 21st Rec Chinese New Year Assembly
- 21st School closes for half term holiday

### MARCH

- 3rd School re-opens for Spring 2
- 3rd Secondary school offers via email
- 6th World Book Day
- 10th British Science / STEM Week
- 17th High Borrans Residential (Y5/6)
- 21st Comic Relief / World Down Syndrome Day
- 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 reopens for Summer 1

*All dates are subject to change.*



## New Beginnings



Welcome to the new edition of the Finchale Flyer!

It has been a pleasure to put together this summary of the wonderful things that have happened in school during my first month as Headteacher. Thank you all for the warm welcome. I look forward to many more months of sharing the learning experiences taking place here at school and beyond!

## Year 3 Pedestrian Training

Year 3 have been learning about the Green Cross Code and how to stay safe, when walking out and about in our local area. Thank you to Durham County Council for coming in and delivering these important road safety sessions with Year 3!



## Year 1 Digital Art

Year One's Computing unit this term is 'Digital Painting'. The children have been working hard using the 'Paintz' app to design their own digital paintings based around the work of the artist - Henri Matisse. The final pieces were fantastic!



## Swimming Gala

On 22nd January, the swimming team attended a gala with 16 other local schools. They competed individually using back stroke, breast stroke and freestyle. There were also team relay events for the children to participate in. We finished 11th, overall. All of the children did an amazing job and we are very proud of them!



## Spotlight on Safeguarding

### ONLINE SAFETY

As we gear up for Safer Internet Day on 11th February, it is a good time to think about how your family spends time online and how you might talk to your children about staying safe. The UK Safer Internet Centre has a useful page for parents/carers about discussing safety on tablets with your child at <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers/tablets> Please come and join us for an **Online Safety Information Session** that Mrs Nower and Mrs Marley will be hosting in school on **12th February** in school, at **2:45pm and 5pm**.

### Recommended Reads

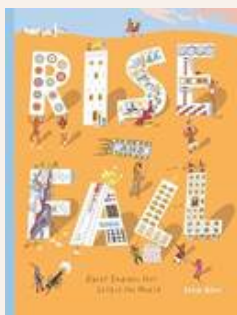


Age 4-7

Clean Up  
Author: Nathan Bryan  
Illustrator: Dapo Adeola

Age 7+

Rise and Fall: Great Empires that Shaped the World  
Author: Peter Allen



### Captain Chemistry in Year 4

On 15th January, Year 4 had lots of fun investigating with Captain Chemistry! They investigated how sound is made and how to use different objects to change the pitch and volume. They made string telephones to see how sound causes vibrations and explored how effective different materials are at blocking out sound.



Year 4 also enjoyed venturing outside to explore the speed of sound. Thank you so much Captain Chemistry for an amazing day!

### Parent View



The Ofsted Parent View Survey can be found at <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=/give-your-views> - we encourage you to share your views about our wonderful school!



### Cross Country



Running club got off to a great start with cross country competitions at Bullion Lane and Ouston in January. It was wonderful to see the resilience demonstrated by everyone who took part, as well as their community spirit in cheering others on. A big thank you to Mrs Hood and to parents/carers who committed their (frosty) Saturday mornings to supporting our runners!

### January Attendance

Reception	96%
Year 1	97.57%
Year 2	96.19%
Year 3	95.81%
Year 4	97.95%
Year 5	96.35%
Year 6	96.52%
Whole School	96.63%



Many thanks for your support.  
Miss Ward.