

Finedon Schools Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th June 2026



YEAR SIX UNIVERSITY VISIT

On Thursday, Year 6 had a fantastic opportunity to attend a STEAM event (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) at the University of Northampton.

The day was packed with engaging activities and stalls from a wide range of industries, offering the children a fascinating glimpse into various career paths.

Highlights included a magazine-style photoshoot and a captivating birds of prey show, both of which sparked curiosity and excitement!

It was an informative and inspiring day out, and the children represented the school brilliantly with their excellent behaviour throughout.



"My favourite part was sitting in a lorry. The seats are so high up and they bounce! They even have a bed behind the seats for the drivers to sleep in when they're on road trips."

"There were so many activities to do at different stalls. I enjoyed the reaction-based game where you had to press buttons as they lit up to see your brain speed."

"I loved the fashion exhibit. We saw how university students made shoes and runway outfits. I'd love to be a fashion designer when I'm older, so I think I might go to Northampton University."

"I loved the karaoke tent, where we sang songs as a band played their instruments behind us. Everyone clapped for us at the end!"

"The Birds of Prey show was incredible. We saw owls, eagles and even a peregrine falcon. I learnt so much, like how the feathers on an eagle's tummy are white because it means they camouflage into clouds when their prey look up."

"I really enjoyed the VR headset. I put it on and was instantly transported into another world."



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following infant classes who achieved over 96% attendance this week:

Peacock and Nightingale Classes

Congratulations to the following junior classes who achieved over 96% attendance this week:

Magpie, Woodpecker, Robin and Starling Classes

STARS OF THE WEEK

Infant School Stars	
Flamingo Class	Silva and Aaliyah
Toucan Class	Eli and Saylem
Nightingale Class	Feilim
Peacock Class	Charlie
Dove Class	Isla
Puffin Class	Olivia

INFANT VALUE STARS – POSITIVITY

The value stars were awarded to Jaxon, Roman, Imogen, Amelia, Riley and Federico.

Junior School Stars	
Chaffinch Class	Azeezah
Woodpecker Class	Scarlett
Kestrel Class	Olivia
Starling Class	Eric
Kingfisher Class	Harish
Magpie Class	Wren

Year Six have represented our school excellently during the week, both at the University of Northampton and during their residential to Sheringham and are all stars this week!

JUNIOR VALUE STARS – RESPECT

The value stars voted for by the children, were awarded to Jacob, Phoebe, Theo, Charlotte, Zachery Brooke, Kyrah-Joy and Sophie.

ACHIEVEMENTS ATTAINED OUT OF SCHOOL

Congratulations to the following children who shared their achievements in this week's assemblies:

- Zackery and Federico for completing The Race for Life Pretty Muddy 5k run. They ran through obstacles in the rain and mud, raising over £200 for Cancer Research. What a brilliant achievement!
- Hudson and Jacob for their awards in football
- Lonebari for her NMPAT achievements
- Jacob for his cricket success
- Keira, Benjamin and Kayleigh for being LM Academy stars of the week



NORTHAMPTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB TAKEOVER DAY

Last Friday, the children in the infant school enjoyed a fantastic visit from members of Northampton Town Football Club.

Throughout the day, each class took part in a range of fun football skills activities, giving everyone the opportunity to develop their coordination, teamwork and ball-control skills while having lots of fun.

The visit also included an exciting assembly, where the children learned about the Football World Cup.

The children were highly engaged throughout the day, and we would like to thank Northampton Town FC for their inspiring visit.



YEAR SIX RESIDENTIAL TO SHERINGHAM

It has been a busy week for Year Six! The week started with their residential to Sheringham. They had a lovely time, in spite of the rain and enjoyed engaging in a wide range of activities!

A big thank you to the staff who have given up their time to enable the children to build happy memories.

"I loved BeWilderness! We got to go on a boat ride through the Spooky Lake and saw Mildred the Crocklebog- who splashed us with water!"

"I loved the arcades and playing games to win prizes (my favourite was the Monopoly game). Someone even won a smart watch and another person won a pot of slime! I wish I could go back and do it again!"

"My favourite part of the trip was our beach day in Cromer. We all got to eat chips on the beach and then have ice-creams. It was such a lovely day- we didn't care that it rained all day, we still had so much fun!"

"The hostel was so nice! The chefs were super friendly and their food was very yummy. I loved the chocolate brownie!"

"I loved racing my friends on the zipwire at BeWilderness! We raced down the slides too! It was really fun, even though we had to eat our lunch in the rain."

"Thetford Forest had a Gruffalo music trail and it was so fun to play the instruments as we walked down the path."



NIGHTINGALE CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, Nightingale Class enjoyed sharing their learning with members of their families. They really showed how ready they are for Year Two!



STAFF NEWS

Last week we welcomed two new Midday supervisors at the infant school – Mrs Greene who works in nursery and Mrs Shaw.

We also welcomed a new teacher, Mr Richardson at the Junior School. He is working alongside Miss Blissett and will take over the teaching of Woodpecker Class when she starts her maternity leave.

Although not new to the school, Mrs Head has started a new role as the Early Years Practitioner in nursery.

We hope our new members of staff will soon feel very at home working in the Finedon team.

At the end of term, sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff.

Miss Grzywna will be leaving the Infant School and Miss Kay will be leaving the Junior School. They are both highly valued teachers who will be greatly missed. We wish them well for the future.

Having worked at the Junior School as a teaching assistant for 20 years, Mrs Dunkley will be retiring. The school won't be the same without her, and we wish her all the best for a long and happy well-deserved retirement!

Finally, as you aware Miss Sadler, the school's Deputy Headteacher, works for three days a week as the Trust Curriculum Leader. She is going to be undertaking this role full time from September, which means that she will be leaving her Deputy Headteacher position. Miss Sadler has worked in the Deputy Headteacher role for fifteen years and she has played a significant role in the leadership of both schools. Again, she will be greatly missed but we look forward to continuing to work with her in her Trust role.

We have appointed Mr French as the new full time Deputy Headteacher from September. He has already been making visits to the schools, starting to get to know the staff and children.



QUADKIDS ATHLETICS

On Wednesday, some Year Five children attended the Quadkids Athletics event, taking part in sprint and long-distance races, throwing howlers and the standing long jump.

The children performed brilliantly, achieving several 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes across the events. Their fantastic efforts helped the team secure 5th place overall.

We are very proud of their achievements and perseverance throughout the day.



DROWNING PREVENTION WEEK

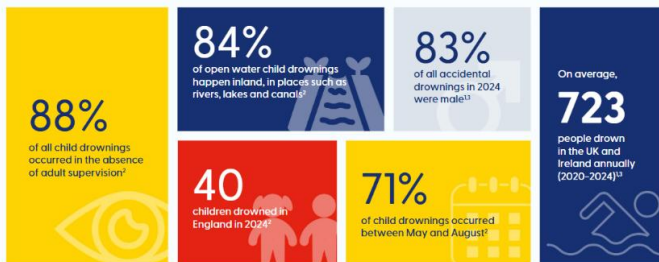
Next week is Drowning Prevention Week. We have included a poster at the end of the newsletter that you might like to share with your child.

Following the high number of young people who tragically lost their lives due to drowning in the recent spell of hot weather, it is vital that we make children aware of the dangers of entering open water such as lakes and rivers.



The statistics below emphasise the importance of educating the children how to keep safe near water. Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service will be delivering water safety talks before the end of term.

Drowning Facts



FOFS

We are pleased to say that the recent discos at the Junior School and the Spring Festival at the Infant School, organised by Friends of Finedon Schools, generated a fantastic grand total of £994 in profits, which will support future school projects and extra-curricular events.

The children had a wonderful time at both events. Thank you to FoFS and to all the volunteers that made both events happen!

JUNIOR SCHOOL WORLD CUP WRITING COMPETITION

The Prize: A copy of the newly released book: 'WORLD CUP GREATEST MOMENTS'!

The Task:

Imagine that you are a player on the World Cup team of your choice. It is the first match that your team has played; kick-off is only minutes away. Use your 5 senses, plus your thoughts and feelings, to write a descriptive paragraph. Your paragraph should open with these words:

As the roar of thousands of fans rolled around the stadium like thunder, I took my first step onto the World Cup pitch... It should end with this line: Then, with one sharp blast of the referee's whistle, the game had begun!



All entries should be given to your class teacher by lunchtime on Monday 15th June.



NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

Next Wednesday (17th June) is National Thank a Teacher Day! This is not just for teaching staff but anyone who works in school, including teaching assistants, cleaners, office staff, lunch staff, family workers and site staff.

There is a great way to say thank you by sending them a message via the Thank a Teacher website. It is free to do so and a thank you goes a long way for that person who has helped, supported you or have just been kind.

Here is the website – [National Thank a Teacher Day](https://www.thankateacher.co.uk)



PRAYER SPACE

On Tuesday 30th June we are holding a Prayer Space event at the Junior School, on the theme of transition. This will be led by Reverend Yvonne and volunteers from the church along with one of our school governors, Mrs Clarke.

Each class will visit the Prayer Space and engage in a range of interactive activities.

Children are invited to bring their parent or carer to visit the Prayer Space with them from 3:20 – 3:50 pm.

PARKING

This week, we were contacted by one of school neighbours regarding inconsiderate parking, including the blocking of drives on Well Street, and even parking on a drive when dropping off and collecting children from school.

We thank you for parking considerately.



ORDERING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Should you need any new uniform ready for the start of next year, please order through our uniform provider, KS Schoolwear using the following website:

<https://ksschoolwear.co.uk>

Our schools can be accessed by going to 'Find Your School' and choosing the relevant school's badge.

Alternatively, second-hand uniform is available from each school – please contact the school office if you are interested in this.

Please see the uniform policy for each school on our website.

[FIS Uniform Policy](#)

[FMJS Uniform Policy](#)

APPLE TREE CLUB

We offer reasonably priced before and after school and school holiday childcare in our caring and friendly 'Apple Tree Club' based at the Infant School.

The Club opens at 7:45 am in the morning and closes at 5:45 pm after school.

Places need to be booked and paid for in advance using the Arbor Parent Portal.

A reminder that all contact to Apple Tree Club staff should be made by phoning or texting the Apple Tree Club phone on 07766 978374 or by emailing the club Manager, Caralyn Cox on caralyn.cox@iflt.org.uk.



SAFEGUARDING

All children have the right to grow up and learn in a safe and secure environment. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads, listed below.

Mrs Joanne Lloyd-Williams	head@finedonmulso.northants-ecl.gov.uk
Miss Lucy Sadler	lucy.sadler@lflet.org.uk
Miss Felicity Pettitt	felicity.pettitt@lflet.org.uk
Mrs Jen Reed	jen.reed@lflet.org.uk
Miss Katherine Ratcliffe	katherine.ratcliffe@lflet.org.uk
Mrs Caralyn Cox (for Apple Tree Club)	caralyn.cox@lflet.org.uk

- 01933 680433 (Junior School)
- 01933 680467 (Infant School)

If you are worried about a child outside of school time you can call the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for advice (anonymously if needs be) on 0300 126 7000 or 0300 126 1000.

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please see **below** key dates for you to be aware of: **New dates will be shown in red font.**

Date	What's on
Monday 8 th – Wednesday 10 th June	Y6 residential to Sheringham
Thursday 11 th June	Y6 visit to the University of Northampton
Tuesday 16 th June	Year Two visit to Gulliver's Land
Thursday 18 th June	Marvellous Men Present Room at the Junior School
Friday 19 th June	Marvellous Men Present Room at the Infant School
Tuesday 23 rd June 5:30pm – 6:30pm	New intake information session for reception 2026
Friday 26 th June	Junior Sports Morning Infant Sports Afternoon
Monday 29 th June	Y5 Holdenby House visit
Tuesday 30 th June	Prayer Space event on the theme of transition. Parents invited to visit 3:20 – 3:50
Thursday 2 nd July	Non-Uniform Day for the Summer Fair
Friday 3 rd July	Transition Day when pupils spend the day in their September 2026 class.
Week beginning 6 th July	End of year reports issued
Friday 10 th July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 14 th July – evening	Year Six Production
Wednesday 15 th July - evening	Year Six Production
Thursday 16 th July 9:30 a.m.	Year Six Celebration
Thursday 16 th July	Y6 Bowling trip
Friday 17 th July	Last day of the academic year
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of the new academic year

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE



Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Take time to assess your surroundings.

Look for the dangers and always research local signs and advice.



STAY TOGETHER

When around water always go with friends or family.

Swim at a lifeguarded venue.

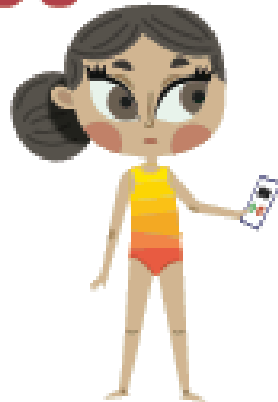


In an emergency:

CALL 999

If you are at the coast, call 999 and ask for the Coastguard.

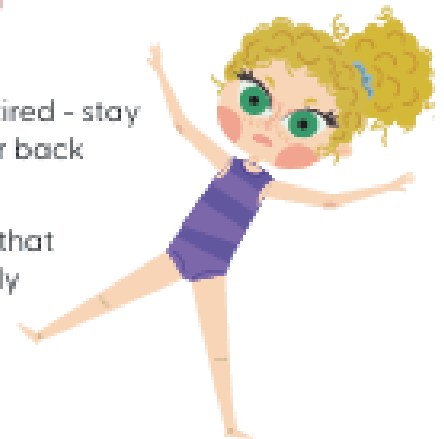
Don't enter the water to rescue.



FLOAT

Fall in or become tired - stay calm, float on your back and call for help.

Throw something that floats to somebody that has fallen in.



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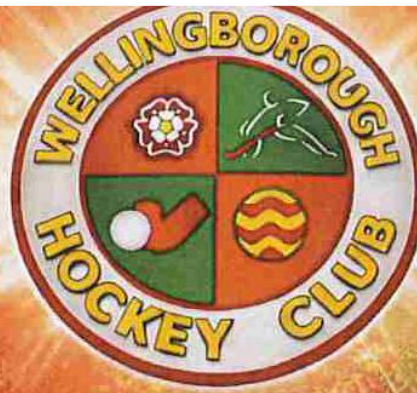


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Junior training takes place on **Tuesdays** from **5:45pm to 7:00pm**, running from September through to March. Additional summer sessions will be held between May and August; specific dates and times are to be confirmed.

For further information, please contact info@wellingboroughhockeyclub.com and follow us on socials for updates:

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