

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

October Newsletter 1

It's been a busy of couple of weeks!

Blackthorpe Barns

Artworks Visit

Oak Class recently visited Blackthorpe Barns to view and explore an exhibition of new and original work by a professional group of contemporary East Anglian artists. This provided the children with an opportunity to meet local artists, explore their work and for our children to make pen and ink sketches of the art to use as inspiration for their own work.

Throughout the afternoon the children were highly praised by staff, volunteers, artists and members of the public. Mrs Cotton, Mrs Thomas and I were very proud teachers- well done Oak Class!



Outstanding Behaviour Quotes

'Your children are amazing. They are well behaved, asked interesting and relevant questions and are passionate about what they are doing.'



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'Your children are a credit to themselves and your school'



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'What lovely children you have. So well behaved and polite. It is lovely to see them enjoying themselves.'

U11 Cross Country Tournament Success



Well done to Year 5 & 6- a double win at the U11 Cross Country competition!

1st Place (Team): Great Finborough Primary School

1st Place/ Fastest Time Boy: Charlie Mitchell (Year 6)



U9 Tag-Rugby Festival

As well as competing in tournaments against other schools, the Gipping Valley & Thurston School Sport Partnership offer festivals too.

Our Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed attending this event- a great opportunity to refine and develop their skills and compete in a series of mini matches.

Well done Sycamore Class!

Modern Foreign Languages

We introduce the children to French in Year 1 and 2 through a programme called Camembear. In key-stage 2 (Years 3-6) they continue learning French through a programme called Rigolo.

As a number of the high schools our year 6 children transfer to also offer German, this is introduced to our year 6 children through an online platform called Linguagenut.

This digital tool can also be used to support to reinforce learning in French.



Help Needed

To support our language curriculum, we would like to purchase 15 sets of headphones with microphones- estimated cost £300.00.

If you know of a company, or if you can personally, help towards the cost of a purchasing these resources, please email the school office

admin@finboroughprimary.co.uk

Willow Class Forest Schools

Willow Class have made an excellent start to their weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Hyett our trained Forest School Lead.

Sessions initially start on our school field before moving to Woodpecker Hill Woods.

Our Forest School programme provides our children with regular, child-led outdoor learning experiences in natural woodland settings that support holistic personal, social, and physical growth.

We are making some changes to how our older children (years 1-6) access the programme- look out in future newsletters for information.



After School Club Survey!

In addition to Breakfast Club and the childcare After School Club, we offered 19 after school clubs last academic year with **86%** of our children taking part in at least 1 provision on offer.

This half-term, in addition to Breakfast Club and the childcare After School Club, we have offered Boxercise, Dance & Choir.

We are looking for ideas for us to consider for the year ahead. What clubs appeal to your child?

We are sending home a paper copy of an 'After School Club Survey' later this week- please can completed surveys be returned to the school office by 5:00pm on Friday 16th October 2026.



The school photographer will be in school on...

Tuesday 20th October 2026

(Individual Photographs)