Rooted in Faith; Enriching Young Minds

GREAT FINBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

November Newsletter 1

We're certainly noticing the difference now the clocks have gone back!

DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WEEK (AUTUMN)!

Every term we designate a week to Design Technology. Our Design Technology curriculum is underpinned by the high-quality planning and resources produced by the DT Association.

All topics follow the format of: **Research & Investigation, Focus Tasks, Design, Make and Evaluate.**

As the children progress through the school, they build on their knowledge and skills and increasingly take ownership of their designs and products.

Year 5 & 6

Every child made and cooked their own curry from scratch!

Curries from Morocco, Thailand, Japan, India and China!

They looked and smelt delicious... Mr Dodd was disappointed he didn't get to taste them as he loves a good curry and they looked and smelt like the perfect curries!

Food/ Cooking (Celebrating Cultures and Cuisines)







Mechanical Systems (Pneumatics)





Year 3 & 4

A BIG thank you to Grant, the organist, from St Mary's Church in Ixworth for providing the children with the opportunity to explore and understand how the Church organ uses Pneumatics to make it work.

The children loved playing the Church organ too!









Mechanical Systems (Levers & Pulleys)



Year 1 & 2

Based on classic fairy tales, the children created their own moving pictures/ scenes using levers to move different parts of their products.

The children enjoyed making their fairy tale characters move.



An initial design!

Royal British Leigion & Remembrance Day

National Memorial Arboretum Gardens, Staffordshire

It was an early start (6:00am) for Year 6 last Friday as they headed off, with Mr Dodd, Mr Cotton and Mrs Hartley, to the National Memorial Arboretum Gardens in Staffordshire for the day.

The visit enabled the children to explore the different ways societies have 'remembered' people and events through time. The Year 6 children then explored the site by land-train visiting a large number of the over 400 war memorials.

An important part of the day was the opportunity to visit the Royal British Legion's Field of Remembrance where the children planted one cross for every name on the Great Finborough and Buxhall war memorials as a mark of respect and appreciation of the ultimate sacrifices they made for us.

The afternoon focused on visiting key memorials, including the memorials of the youth movements many of our children belong to such as Brigade and Scouts. Other key memorials included 'The Christmas Day Truce', 'Shot at dawn', 'The Evacuee Association' before ending our day at the main memorial remembering those who have fallen in service since World War II. Some of the Year 6 children looked for names of family members on this memorial.

Educational visits are a key part of the life and work of our school, some visits are adventurous, active and fun, some are to help reinforce our understanding of the topics we are studying and others, like this visit, are an opportunity for reflection, understanding and appreciation of the service of others.

Well done Year 6 on conducting yourself impeccably at the National Memorial Arboretum Gardens – we are all hugely proud of you and the maturity and respect you demonstrated.









It was lovely to see so many of you at St Andrew's Church at our Remembrance Service.

The whole school observed a 2 minutes silence and Oak Class placed a wreath on the village war memorial.

All the children have produced a cross and poppy for our 'We Will Remember Them' area of reflection in the playground.





SPORTING NEWS!

Well done to our U11 Dark Blue Football Team…. they are through to the Sport Partnership Finals Next Week!

Final Tournaments & Festivals of 2026!

U11 Dodgeball- Tuesday 1st December- Thurston High School

U9 Dodgeball- Tuesday 8th December 2026- Thurston High School





Helping Others! Helping Others! Helping Others!

Children in Need 2026
Non-Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need 2026!

We raised…. £151.78



In addition to the clubs already on offer this half-term (Pokemon, Dance, Coding Club & Multi-Sports), we are offering 3 additional Christmas themed clubs (Years 1-6) and a Christmas Movie Sleepover (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6).

Christmas Shakes & Bakes	Christmas Shakes & Bakes	Christmas Cake Baking & Decorating	Christmas Movie Night & Sleepover
Year 1 & 2	Year 3 & 4	Year 5 & 6	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 27th November 2026 (3:20pm-5:00pm)	Friday 4th December 2026 (3:20pm-5:00pm)	Friday 27th November & Friday 4th December 2026 (3:20pm-5:00pm)	7:00pm Friday 11th December to 8:00am Saturday December 2026