

Newsletter 7  
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Phoenix Community  
Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a positive, busy, and rather chilly start to 2026. We have launched our next whole-school topic, Maps, which will drive curriculum learning across the school this term and celebrated in a whole-school assembly at the end of term. During the final week, children from each class will be invited to share with the rest of the school what they have discovered and enjoyed throughout their learning. We will, of course, share highlights with families through the newsletter.

Our whole-school assemblies are also becoming more sharply focused on our school values and how we live them out every day. At Phoenix, we grow individuals who are **respectful, aspirational, resilient, kind, and curious**, and we are helping children understand what these values look like in practice, both in school and beyond.

Alongside this, we are exploring how our school values align with the Fundamental British Values, which include **democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance** of those with different faiths and beliefs. We are approaching this work through the lens of our own unique community and the lived experiences of our children, ensuring these values are meaningful, relevant, and clearly understood in everyday life.

Underpinning all of this is our school rule: **Respect yourself, respect others, and respect your own and others' property**. This simple principle guides expectations, behaviour, and relationships across our school and supports children in becoming responsible, thoughtful members of the Phoenix community.

We know that you will support us in promoting and modelling these values with your children, both at home and in the wider community, and we thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Thank you  
Mrs Dawes



# Let's celebrate! Stars of the Week

EYFS	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	

Our current  
word count  
is:

6,605,455



Highest percentage of  
play this week:

Lara  
Year 3

Our top Doodle  
Class is:

Henry  
Year 4



doodlelearning



## Diary dates

You can find our term dates [here](#)

21st January 26	Young Voices
10th February 26	Safer internet day
16th February to 20th February 26	Half term
25th February 26	Year 4 Singing Event
5th March 26	World Book day
13th March 26	Mothers day stall
18th March 26	Parent consultations
24th March 26	NO swimming
3rd April to 17th April 26	Easter holidays
11th May to 15th May 26	Year 6 SATs tests
18th May to 20th May 26	Year 6 Residential trip
25th May to 1st June 26	Half term
10th June 26	Sports day
11th June 26	Class photos

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Attendance Matters!



**Whole School Attendance Target: 100%**

Absent messages - If you need to report your child absent please leave a message on our 24-hour answer machine or email us at [office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk)

Attendance this week: 94.3%

Attendance year to date: 94.6%



**Best attendance this week:  
Robins with 97.3%**

Remember, learning builds every day – each lesson connects to the next. Missing school can leave gaps that are hard to fill.

If your child's attendance falls below 95%, our attendance officer will make contact with you to offer support and guidance.

As a school, we expect good levels of attendance and parental support to ensure this.



If your child arrives on time then they can help themselves to a free, hot, buttered bagel.

**SCHOOL DAYS ARE PACKED WITH MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER AND CONNECTION.**

SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE' ON THE EDUCATION HUB

**MOMENTS  
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ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

HM Government **NHS**



## September 2026...

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2026 you will need to apply for a place via [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#) .

You will need to apply between 7<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and 15<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Spaces will then be offered out by Kent Admissions on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

We are offering viewings for anyone thinking of applying to Phoenix - please contact us to book a tour.



## Wrap around care



- Breakfast club and Owls club are both open for anyone who needs to use these services; please book your places via ParentMail; choose accounts then club then chose the dates required.

- **Owls and breakfast club prices –**

- Breakfast club pre-booked is £2 per child per day
- Late or same day breakfast club is £2.50 per child per day
- Owls club pre-booked is £7 per child per day
  - Late or same day Owls is £8.50

£5 additional charge for every 10 minutes after 5.45pm



## School Meals

Our meals are provided by Caterlink. They cost £3.05 per day payable via ParentMail.

If your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 they are entitled to a FREE school meal.

You can find the current menu [here](#).

## House points total

Air House = 523



Earth House = 397



Fire House = 365



Water House = 393



# JOIN OUR PRIMARY PTA!

## TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

### CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS! WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Phoenix Community  
Primary School

Do you want to help make our school an even better place for our children?

Join the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and get involved in fun events, new ideas, and community spirit!

#### What we do:

- Organise school fairs, discos, and fundraisers
- Support teachers and children with extra resources
- Build a warm, welcoming school community

#### Why join?

- Meet other parents and make new friends
- Have your say in school projects and events
- Make a direct impact on your child's education experience

Get involved today!

No experience needed – just enthusiasm and a smile!

Email: [natalie.james@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk](mailto:natalie.james@phoenix-primary.kent.sch.uk)

**Together, we can make great things happen!**



Earrings cannot be worn for PE. Please remove them before school or send your child with tape to cover them if they cannot be removed.



## Reminders...

In PE this term we will be doing gymnastics. Barefoot is considered best practice for gymnastics and provides the most natural and effective connection to the ground and equipment, allowing the children to perform with maximum control,  $\rho$ , and safety.



Please do not park in the drop off zone or the disabled bays unless you have a blue badge; these spaces are needed constantly.



## Every School Day Matters

School and future success starts with good attendance!

Going to school helps children to:

- ✓ Learn
- ✓ Have fun
- ✓ Make Friends
- ✓ Get new experiences
- ✓ Increase their confidence and most of all....
- ✓ Have the best start in life

### DAILY LATENESS

*equates to...*



5 MINUTES LATE  
15 hours of lost learning

10 MINUTES LATE  
30 hours of lost learning

15 MINUTES LATE  
50 hours of lost learning

Education is important - don't miss out!

100% **PERFECT**  
100% Attendance

98% **IMPRESSIVE**  
Equates to 4 school days off each year

96% **GOOD**  
Equates to 7 school days off each year

95% **NEARLY THERE**  
Equates to 9 school days off each year

94% **NEEDS TO IMPROVE**  
Equates to 11 school days off each year

90% **DANGER ZONE**  
Equates to 1 month off each year

80% **EXTREME IMPACT**  
Equates to 2 months off each year



## Reminders...

Young Voices trip on 21st January 2026. If your child is going on this trip please check Instagram for updates on the time they are due to arrive back to school.



Parent  
Consultations

The next parent consultations will be taking place on 18th March 26. Appointments will be available in March.

World book day - 5th March 26. We will let you know soon the theme for this years World book day.



Named water bottles - please ensure that your child has a named water bottle with them in school every day.





## **Message from Phoenix Governors**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the compliments of the season.

I promised to keep you updated about our Board and I am pleased to be able to say that we now have two new governors that have filled our co-opted vacancies. David Gordon-Young, one of your local councillors and Davina Bynoe, a Specialist teacher with a lot of SEND experience. Both bring to the Governing Board their skills that enhance those of the current governors.

During the year much of our role is taken up with visiting the school and over the last two terms we have been in school seeing for ourselves how well staff and children are getting on. We would like to share with you that the children are well behaved and enjoying their learning. From our classroom visits we get to see the 'learning' in action and can say that the children are not only enjoying their own learning but are happy to help out those who need just a little extra help. Watching the children sharing information with their classmates is one of the areas that shows just how inclusive an environment Phoenix provides for our community. It is not only us that have complimented Mrs Dawes on the behaviour in school but visitors too agree that Phoenix is a delight to visit.

Did you get to go to the wonderful Christmas Fair put on by the also wonderful PTA! These are generous volunteers, who give their time and energy to putting on events for the children to enjoy and raise funds for the school. We know that they appreciate your support in attending these events but we appreciate them too and thank them for all that they do. Thank You PTA.


It's that time of year again so our annual Nativity play was top of the list of events to attend. This year as with those in the past, the younger children provided us with a wonderful experience only matched by the enjoyment of yourselves, the audience. There were smiles, laughter, lots of clapping at those songs the children sang with full gusto, and tears of joy mixed with so much pride as you watched the performance. We must thank the staff that spent time encouraging the little ones to give their all but also to our talented 'performers' who were a delight to see. Thank You Staff and Thank You Children.

Lastly, thank you all for being part of our school community, we wish everyone a wonderful break and a positive start to the New Year.

**Phoenix Governing Board**

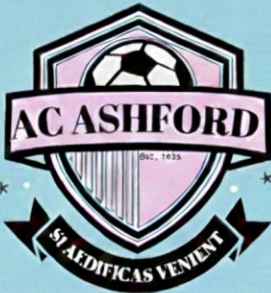
# Our Community Noticeboard

School Term Dates 2026/27	
<b>Term 1</b>	
Term Starts	Thursday 3rd September 2026
Term Ends	Friday 23rd October 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Tuesday 1st September 2026 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
<b>Term 2</b>	
Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18th December 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 2nd November 2026
<b>Term 3</b>	
Term Starts	Monday 4th January 2027
Term Ends	Friday 12th February 2027
<b>Term 4</b>	
Term Starts	Monday 22nd February 2027
Term Ends	Friday 25th March 2027
<b>Term 5</b>	
Term Starts	Monday 12th April 2027
Term Ends	Friday 28th May 2027
<b>Term 6</b>	
Term Starts	Tuesday 8th June 2027
Term Ends	Wednesday 21st July 2027
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 7th June 2027 Friday 2nd July 2027



**ACCREDITED CLUB**  
★  
PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

**KIT SPONSORED BY:**  
**DHANDA STORES**




## AC ASHFORD ACES


**WHERE EVERY PLAYER SUCCEEDS**

**SCHOOL YEARS R & 1**  
**THURSDAY EVENINGS- 17:30-18:30**  
**STARTING DATE TBC**

- QUALIFIED COACH WITH 15+ YEARS EXPERIENCE
- FULLY SPONSORED KIT (AFTER MEMBERSHIP IS PAID)
- OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS
- NO EXORBITANT FEES



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