



National Nurturing
School Award
2026

Newsletter 9

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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we leave January behind us, it has been a really positive few weeks at Phoenix, with many opportunities for learning, reflection and celebration. Our Year 6 pupils were visited by the Mizen Project, who delivered a powerful session highlighting the impact of bullying and the importance of empathy and respect. In addition, the St Giles Trust spent time working with pupils in Years 5 and 6, providing valuable learning experiences that support personal development and resilience.



There have also been some wonderful moments beyond the classroom. Our choir had an unforgettable experience performing at Young Voices at the O2 – as always, it was a fantastic night enjoyed by everyone involved, and the children represented our school beautifully. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Hills, Mrs Davis and Mrs James for giving their time to support the trip. Our girls' football team continue to train with commitment and enthusiasm, taking part in local matches, gaining experience and, most importantly, enjoying their football.



Finally, I am very pleased to share that we have been successful in achieving the National Nurturing Schools Award (NNSA). This award recognises that our school has embedded a nurturing culture that responds effectively to the social, emotional and mental health needs of our pupils. I would like to thank all staff, children and parents who have supported us on this journey. It is not always easy, and there are challenges along the way, but we do not give up. It is wonderful to have formal recognition of the care, dedication and nurturing approach that underpin everything we do here at Phoenix.

Best wishes, Mrs Dawes



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Let's celebrate! Stars of the Week

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

Our current word
count for the year is:

7,64,860



Highest percentage of
play this week:

Dillion
Year 4

Our top Doodle
Class is:

Parrots



doodlelearning



Diary dates

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

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
23rd March 26	NHS Hearing and Vision for children in Penguins
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

Attendance this week: 91.9%

Attendance year to date: 94.6%



**Best attendance this week:
Flamingos with 97%**

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

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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 7th November 2025 and 15th January 2026.

Spaces will then be offered out by Kent Admissions on 16th 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 = 852



Earth House = 694



Fire House = 669



Water House = 790



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

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 best practice for gymnastics and provides the most natural and effective connection to the ground and equipment, allowing the children to perform with control and safety. If your child needs to wear socks please send them in with anti-slip rubber socks.



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...

School uniform.


If you need to purchase some new uniform please check Parentmail first to see if we have your item in stock. If not you will need to order via the link below:

<https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/school/PH5341DS/>



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.
The theme for this year is
Traditional Tales.




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



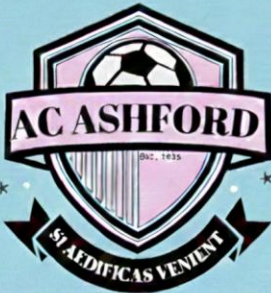
Our Community Noticeboard

School Term Dates 2026/27	
Term 1	
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
Term 2	
Term Starts	Tuesday 3rd November 2026
Term Ends	Friday 18th December 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 2nd November 2026
Term 3	
Term Starts	Monday 4th January 2027
Term Ends	Friday 12th February 2027
Term 4	
Term Starts	Monday 22nd February 2027
Term Ends	Friday 25th March 2027
Term 5	
Term Starts	Monday 12th April 2027
Term Ends	Friday 28th May 2027
Term 6	
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
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PART OF ENGLAND FOOTBALL

KIT SPONSORED BY:
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EST. 1935
SUAEDIFICAS VENIENS

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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