



National Nurturing
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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a wonderfully productive and enriching final two weeks. Last weekend marked the beginning of the revamp of our Forest School area, made possible through the generous support of Rotary and Ms Hills. Work has begun on relining and redesigning the pond, and we are excited about the transformation taking place. This development is part of a wider commitment to outdoor learning, and by the end of this school year, every class will be taking part in Forest School sessions led by a trained specialist. Forest School offers children valuable opportunities to build confidence, resilience and independence through hands-on, nature-based experiences. It supports physical development, teamwork, problem-solving and emotional wellbeing, while fostering a deep respect for the natural environment. We are very much looking forward to seeing the positive impact this will have across the school.

On Tuesday, we came together as a whole school community to celebrate our learning from this term, centred around our theme of *Maps*. Through videos, photographs, demonstrations and shared work, it was a pleasure to see the breadth and depth of learning that has taken place. The pride shown by the children in sharing their achievements was evident.

Yesterday, we welcomed Ian, who delivered engaging sessions on road safety and Bikeability across the school. These sessions provided important, practical learning to help keep our children safe and confident when travelling.

Throughout the term, we have also been exploring and embedding our school values. I wonder if your child can tell you what these are, and how we live them out each day at Phoenix? Our values underpin all that we do and remain central to our school culture.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

With best wishes,
Mrs Dawes



Top 2 children in
each class this
term are:



Year 2	Arthur and Boy
Year 3	Evie and Archie
Year 4	Ayaz and Omar
Year 5	Rosie and Annie-May
Year 6	Dishita and Debanjali

Our current word
count for the year is:

8,693,833



Our top Doodle
Class is:

Robins



doodlelearning



Diary dates

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

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: 94.4%

Attendance year to date: 94.5%



**Best attendance this week:
Ravens with 96.2%**

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.



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](#).

Spaces will then be offered out by Kent Admissions on 16th April 2026.

Colouring competition: Thank you for your support. We had some amazing entries.



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 = 2090 

Earth House = 2103 

Fire House = 1439 

Water House = 1726 

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/>



World book day - 5th March 26.
The theme for this year is
Traditional Tales.



Parent
Consultations

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

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



Term Dates

School Term Dates 2025/26

Term 1

Term Starts	Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Term Ends	Thursday 16th October 2025
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 1st September 2025 Monday 29th September 2025 Friday 17th October 2025

Term 2

Term Starts	Monday 27th October 2025
Term Ends	Friday 19th December 2025

Term 3

Term Starts	Monday 5th January 2026
Term Ends	Friday 13th February 2026

Term 4

Term Starts	Monday 23rd February 2026
Term Ends	Thursday 2nd April 2026

Term 5

Term Starts	Monday 20th April 2026
Term Ends	Friday 22nd May 2026

Term 6

Term Starts	Tuesday 2nd June 2026
Term Ends	Tuesday 21st July 2026
Staff Training Days – No Children	Monday 1st June 2026 Friday 3rd July 2026

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

Our Community Noticeboard



**STRONG
MEN LIFT
WEIGHTS
STRONGER
MEN LIFT
EACH OTHER**

WELCOME TO THE HUDDLE

A MEN'S SOCIAL MOVEMENT BASED ACROSS KENT

The Huddle exists to give men (18+) a place to connect, talk, and belong. Through shared experiences and open conversation, we're changing what support looks like.

THIS ISN'T THERAPY OR COUNSELLING.
It's about easing loneliness, navigating life, and building genuine friendships — together.

We meet 2-3 times a month across Kent.
FREE TO ATTEND. NO SIGN-UP. NO PRESSURE.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON:
CALL US ON 07875 346868 OR EMAIL US AT
thehuddlemensmovement@yahoo.com**



Polite Request from the Eco- Council



At Phoenix Community Primary School, we're committed to doing our bit for the environment. To help us with this, we kindly ask that when dropping off or collecting your child(ren), vehicle engines are switched off, rather than left running while you wait. Thank you for your support with this.