



National Nurturing
School Award
2026

Newsletter 10

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Phoenix Community Primary School

Respectful Aspirational Resilient Kind Curious



Dear Parents and Carers,

Could spring be on the way? We have certainly enjoyed the warmth of the last few days this week, and it has been lovely to see a little sunshine around the school.

It has been a busy start to Term 4. On our first day back we launched our whole-school theme of 'Travel' during assembly. We shared with the children what each year group, from EYFS through to Year 6, will be exploring over the coming weeks. At the end of term we will once again come together to celebrate our learning. We tried this for the first time last term and it was a real pleasure to see such a wide variety of impressive work presented by every year group.

Year 2 enjoyed a workshop last week focused on their current learning, while Year 4 had a lovely time at the park for their well-earned Dojo point treat.

Sporting events have also kept us busy. Last Friday and again this week we have taken part in a football tournament. Our boys' team reached the semi-final last week and only narrowly missed out on a win – a fantastic effort. This afternoon our girls' team are taking part and we look forward to hearing how they got on.

The highlight of this week has, of course, been World Book Day. I am seriously impressed by the effort the team here put in to making this a truly magical day for the children, transforming the school environment and planning an immersive day of learning to celebrate our love of reading. I was also in awe of the wonderful costumes – thank you so much for your support with this. I know that it can take a lot of effort!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Dawes



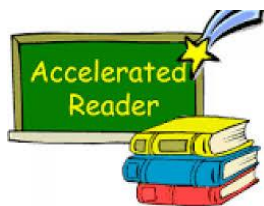
Top 2 children in
each class this
term are:



Year 2	Jaiden and Boy
Year 3	Evie and Joseph
Year 4	Alessandra and Lyla
Year 5	Elise and Leo
Year 6	Dishita and Freddie

Our current word
count for the year is:

9,663,416



doodlelearning



Our top Doodle Class is: Ravens

House points total this year:

Air House = 2562



Earth House = 2670



Fire House = 2010



Water House = 2300





Diary dates

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

10th March 26	Year 5 and 6 cinema trip - packed lunches needed please
11th March 26	Year R to Year 4 cinema trip
13th March 26	Mothers day stall - £2.50 per gift. Please send your child in with their money in the morning.
18th March 26	Parent consultations
20th March 26	Red Nose day - come to school wearing red for £1 donation
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: 96.3%

Attendance year to date: 94.6%



**Best attendance this week:
Pelicans with 99.2%
Outstanding achievement**

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

HM Government

NHS

**MOMENTS
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World book day award winners



Boys football team tournament Runners up; well done boys



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.



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](#).

[New price between 01.08.26 to 31.07.27](#)

The cost of a child's school dinner will increase to £3.10 per day as from 01.08.26



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

Parent consultation meetings -18th March 2026

Make sure you book your appointment via Parentmail or contact the office staff.
Appointments available between 8.40am and 6.20pm.

To help improve the flow of families on site and further strengthen safeguarding arrangements, we will be making some changes to our drop-off and end-of-day collection procedures for the remainder of the term.

These changes will begin on Tuesday 10th March.

The arrangements during the trial will be as follows:

Morning Drop-Off

- Years R–4: Please use the old front doors, where members of the Senior Leadership Team will be present to welcome pupils.
- Years 5–6: Drop-off will continue at the usual gate.

End-of-Day Collection

- Year R: Please collect from the gate next to the family hub that leads round to Monkeys (the usual parent entrance).
- Years 1–3: Collection will be from the old front doors (in the circular area)
 - Years 4–6: Collection will take place at the side gate.
- Year 6 pupils will head to the right towards the car park to allow space for other year groups.

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

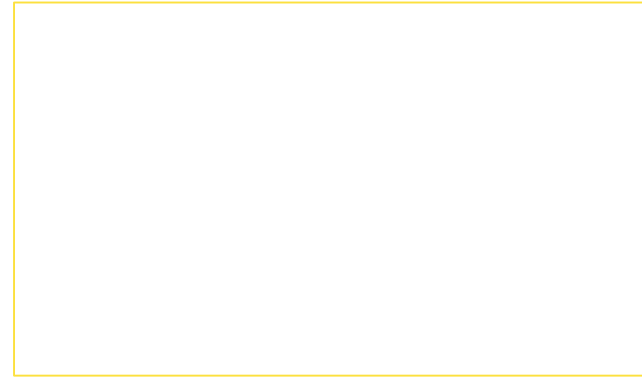


Reminders...

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/>



The next parent consultations will be taking place on 18th March 26.
Appointments available to book via Parent Mail.

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

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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.